



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!



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On this day in 1820, the tomato is proven to be non-poisonous by Colonel Robert Gibbon eating a one on steps of the courthouse in Salem, New Jersey.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Open Assemblies / Collective Worship

Collective Worship on Friday 5th July - 'Music Festival Friday' - is moving to the MORNING. Please join us at 9:00. There will also be an opportunity to buy the 'Nibley Nibbles' cakes etc on the morning. Please ask if you want a birthday celebration to be deferred until another occasion. There will be NO Collective Worship on Friday 12th since FONNS have organised a FUN DAY (more on that in book bags today). Classes 1 & 2 will be holding their 'Showcase' assembly on Monday afternoon, 15th July, starting at 2:40. All missed birthdays will be celebrated then. The final assembly of the year is the Leaver's Service, from 9:15 a.m. in St Martin's Church on the last day of term, Friday 19th July. You are all welcome to join us in saying goodbye to a remarkable year group! Traditionally we also cover 'Summer Holiday' birthdays for any of our leavers. The rest have to wait until September!

'Scarlet Fever' We have a few cases of this at the moment. Please be alert. Initial symptoms usually include a sore throat, headache and a high temperature (38.3C/101F or above), flushed cheeks and a swollen tongue. A day or two later the characteristic pinkish rash appears. It usually occurs on the chest and stomach before spreading to other areas of the body, such as the ears and neck. If a child of yours is diagnosed with a contagious illness, please inform the school at the earliest possible moment. Your information may add to a picture already building, and we have to consider the welfare of pupils and staff.

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HOPE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death."
— Robert Fulghum, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten: Uncommon Thoughts On Common Things

'Just keep swimming, just keep swimming'

A 'North Nibley Dad' has, as part of a team, swum the English Channel, which is an incredible achievement. Ella and Oli Thompson's father was part of the team. Also in the group was 'uncle' Matt Mason, who was raising awareness for the 'Plastic Oceans UK' charity which we have been supporting this term. If you wish to make a contribution to the fundraising for the Farrier's Foundation (<https://www.justgiving.com/farriersfoundation>), please follow this link - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/duncan-thomson7>

'Would you tell me about your close inspection?'

I've been told that the final Inspection report should be with the school in 15 (working) days from the date of the inspection, so hopefully well before the end of term. Having spent the day talking to children, staff, parents, governors and myself, attending pupil-led collective worship and immersing herself in class books and school documents, we are looking forward to reading her conclusions!

'This is about love, it's about forgiveness'

At most assemblies a child is given the task of evaluating our worship and reflecting on the content. Collated over the Spring Term, these are the thoughts of children who were given this task.

- We could forgive people more even if they don't help us.
- Respect people like the people of Jerusalem respected Jesus. (Palm Sunday).
- It has changed my thinking by helping me learn more about the Bible.
- In my life... I felt sad when I was lost.
- God is like a shepherd and we are his sheep. (Good Shepherd Project.)
- Remember that God loves us like we are his sheep. (Good Shepherd Project.)
- We might trust people more.
- We should not leave anybody behind or out at break.
- We should forgive people more often.
- If we forgave people more often the world would be happier.
- Always say "Thank you."
- Don't forget about someone who helped you.
- Accept more apologies and forgive them, don't hold a grudge.
- Forgive and be hopeful, whatever the weather.
- I think God does not want us to be mean to each other, like in slavery. (The Story of John Newton)
- Forgive more people.
- To forgive people when they did really bad things like when they need to give lots of money back to the king.
- Think of others and how they might feel. (Saying sorry and showing sorry – KS1).
- I wonder why, even though we've come so far as a species, we still can't learn to live in peace.
- That people can change. God loves us no matter what.
- We should give others another chance no matter what they've done.
- If others think like this the world might be happier because they would forget about the bad things.

'WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN'

Jacob S - We learnt lots of things and we got to come to school in an Egyptian costume or as an archaeologist.

Grace - It was really funny because the lady (Dot) was being cunning and tricking William. I liked coming to school in costume and seeing what everyone looked like.

Maya - My favourite part was when we learnt how they mummified people in Ancient Egyptian times.

Lily - It was interesting and fun because we had to do research about Egyptian topics using information boards.

Jacob M - We did lots of activities, for example decoding hieroglyphics.



'Run, rabbit, run, rabbit, run, run, run!'

District Sports 2 - There was a great turn out from children and supporters alike on Wednesday night at KLB, and the weather held long enough for 44 races to take place. Eight schools took part, split into large and small schools, where each could compete against a similar setting. Around a third of our Junior children (30%) represented the school and strong performances from our runners and 'skippers' saw them top the podium in more than half the events - from Year 3 to Y6 they threw everything into their races. They all did well, pushing themselves, supporting others and enjoying success.

'Money makes the world go around'

To the parents of Year 6 Leavers - please ensure your ParentPay balances are settled before Friday 12th.

'You win again' The Year 3 & 4 boys played at cricket at Frocester. Here are some of their thoughts.

"We won all of our matches against other schools."

"We played against Leonard Stanley in the finals. We beat them 288 to 243 runs."

The captain said "We played well as a team."

"I was great at being the wicket keeper."

"We played as well as well could, and it worked!"

"I was pleased to get a few 6s when I was batting."

"We've been given a bat and a ball as a prize."

"There was no rain and I think we played really well."



'MUSIC IS MY FIRST LOVE'

We have some spaces for children wanting to take up woodwind instruments after the summer holidays. Please refer to the yellow music note sent home last week, which explains more or ask at the school office.

STAFF NEWS - UPDATE

A Teaching Assistant has been appointed to work in Classroom 3 from September 2019. We will be saying 'Goodbye to Mrs S Shephard, Miss Breen and Mrs Griffin in her role as Teaching Assistant.

GOVERNOR NEWS - UPDATE

As well as significant contribution to the SIAMS Inspection, governors have met to consider appeals for admissions, safeguarding paperwork, updating policies and reviewing progress on the School Improvement Plan. Work continues on the planned restructuring of the committee system.

From last time -

Exciting news from the Governors. Please make sure you read their newsletter which you can also find online here

- <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governor-newsletters/>

'Robin Hood, Robin Hood, Riding Through The Glen'

Prepare to 'make merry' now that the name of the Summer Production has been revealed. We are after some help with props and materials. Please could anyone supply white or green curtains, curtain linings, duvet covers or old sheets, which we can convert to our stage backdrop? Please see Mrs Lewis or Ms Surridge.

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

Another item in our regular series on the actions we can take to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some practical tips and ideas you may want to think about at home. Discuss these with your children too! If you have a suggestion for inclusion in this part of the newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!

GREEN FINGERS!

Miss Breen has been working with a group of children on Friday lunchtimes, growing vegetables.



Class DoJo

A parent has reported being able to 'see' when a child other than their own is rewarded with Class/Team/Monster points. If you are finding the same, please delete the app completely and reinstall using the code that the class teacher can provide. If there are still problems please let us know and we will contact the company for further advice.

FONNS News

On Sunday 23rd a group of parents and children attended the Berkeley Show, face painting and selling various items to raise funds for the school. Congratulations to Mrs Stamatopoulos, Mrs Meyer and a selection of children including Calum, Lucy, Harvey and Finn who worked so hard on the show 'wheelbarrow'. We were delighted to come away with the first prize!



DIARY DATES	
Mon 1 st , 1:30	An afternoon of Music. Come and hear our instrument players and celebrate their progress.
Tues 2nd	Class 4 to the Titanic Museum.
Weds 3rd	Mini-Tennis School Sports Day (take 3) This is the 'Traditional' variant. We hope to see many of you there, cheering on your team. SPORTS CLUB IS OFF (whatever the weather)
Thurs 4th	Miss Allen meeting parents of current Reception children.
Fri 5th	Sportability Festival SHS Induction Day (Y6) Rednock Open Morning (Y5) Head Teacher 'drop-in' from 1:30
MONDAY 15th	Class 1 & 2 'Showcase' Assembly - find out what our younger classes have been learning. At school, 2:40 start. All are welcome.

EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY, 2020 HAS BEEN MOVED BACK TO FRIDAY 8th MAY, TO COINCIDE WITH 75th ANNIVERSARY OF V.E. DAY (VICTORY IN EUROPE).

For the latest Term Dates 'Poster' - visit
<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

SUMMER 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING 2020 – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days
Term 5 23/04/2019 – 24/05/2019	Term 1 04/09/2019 – 25/10/2019	Term 3 06/01/2020 – 14/02/2020	Term 5 20/04/2020 – 22/05/2020
Term 6 03/06/2019 – 19/07/2019	Term 2 04/10/2019 – 20/12/2019	Term 4 24/02/2020 – 03/04/2020	Term 6 01/06/2020 - 17/07/2020



The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday.
 In it this week - • Governor Newsletter

Supporting the school:

Here's an idea which could raise a lot of money for the school - AmazonSmile.

You can find all the information about using this FREE service reprinted on our website page here -



<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>