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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 267

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

On this day in 1666, after St Paul's Cathedral and much of the city had been burned down, the Great Fire of London is finally extinguished.

Dear Parents and Friends,

## WELCOME BACK!

Wednesday was very exciting. We met the new children and their families and made good progress establishing our expectations and sharing our ethos across the school. It was great to catch up and hear about your summer adventures. We're off to a flying start!



- Meet the Teacher Evenings – see below
- Parent-Teacher Meetings – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Swimming – Class 3 start next week!
- Year 6 – South Cerney – please read your letters
- FONNS meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Sept here at 7:30
- Reception – our Welcome Service in Friday Worship, 4<sup>th</sup> October
- **UPDATE** Christmas Service – Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6:30
- Reading with your child is the most important (and fun) thing you can do to support learning.

## BREAKOUT SPACE

Obviously the biggest and most visible change to the school is the breakout space. Work is entering its final stage and we are hopeful for completion at the end of next week. I've been asked if there will be a grand opening. Watch this space!

**STAFF NEWS** Claire Pullin has been appointed to the role of Teaching Assistant in Classroom 3. I am sure you will make her welcome.

Also supporting the children this term are four trainee teachers. Please introduce yourselves at the gate.

Ms Edmonds (Class 1)  
Mr Webb (Class 2)  
Ms Peters (Class 3)  
Mrs Boulton (Class 4)

## NUT FREE

I would like to remind parents that we are 'nut free'. Please comply with this since there are children with allergies in the school, and this issue will be critical for two children on roll in September.

## SEPTEMBER - SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to start the Autumn Term with a renewed commitment to seeing children in school uniform as described in the schools Prospectus and Parent Handbook (you can find this here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/prospectus-and-parent-handbook/>)

In particular, socks should be white, grey, black and plain. Hair bands and other hair accessories should be simple and in school colours. Skin 'stickers', tattoos and nail varnish are not appropriate.

**NEWSLETTER NEWS** Having decided to cease using MailChimp as a service for distributing newsletters, we have reverted to using our own distribution lists. There are issues here for the 9 parents who subscribed to MailChimp. You might want to cancel your subscription and remove your personal contact details. We cannot do this on your behalf! Readers tell us that the A4 sized .pdf version of the newsletter required plenty of side-to-side scrolling on smaller mobile devices, such as mobile phones, if the text is to be large enough to read, so I am hoping that the 'slim' format will be helpful to all. Do let us know!

Additionally, we will be providing paper copies and experimenting over how best to make these different versions without creating additional workload.

As before, you can download newsletters from <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/newletters/>

We will also provide Facebook and Twitter users with links.



## ROBIN & THE SHERWOOD HOODIES - THE DVD

Please place your order for copies in the office or on the school's Facebook page. £5 per copy. Adding your name will be taken as a definite order as they are made to order! Please share with non-Facebook and newsletter friends, especially parents of 'the old' Year 6 who have now left. The profits go back into the school fund.

## 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 – (Click the picture)

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

**HARVEST THANKS GIVING** – Our own service is on Tuesday 15th, starting at 9:15. As well as a 'thought for the day' from Rev. Peter Marsh, and a song or two, we would like to make a presentation of items of food, either fresh or in tins/packets. Perishables will be auctioned by St. Martin's at their Harvest Supper. Other donations will be sent to Stroud Food Bank. If you could be so kind as to send your child to school on the 15th with an item, either fresh or packaged, we will make a grand presentation of all the donations during the service. You are welcome to attend. The service will start just as soon as we can register the children and safely cross over the road.

**RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.**

As Moses approached the presence of God in the burning bush, God said to him: "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." This scene captures something of the essence of 'reverence' and 'respect'. Respect for God extends to respect for all creation, including all people, animals and our environment. In school children and adults are expected to show respect for each other, their belongings and their environment. Reverence takes this response a step further and will include aspects of worship such as awe and wonder, surrender and sacrifice. We should reflect on the following questions: How are pupils given the opportunity in school to experience feelings of awe, wonder and mystery? Are there places and objects around the school that are considered 'holy or sacred', which help children reflect and wonder at the nature of God? What special words, sacramental actions or religious symbols are used to challenge and inform children's understanding of God? How do children show their respect for each other and adults in the school community? How are children encouraged to value and respect their own and other people's belongings? How do policies and practices in the school engender respect for all members of the school community?

**ILLNESS**

Can I remind parents that children **MUST** be kept from school if a period of 48 hours after sickness and diarrhoea? This is to keep all other children from coming down with the same.

**FONNS NEWS**

An amazing team of volunteers supported FONNS at the Tortworth Lake 'Teas' and it was great to see so many 'new' parents joining in the fun.

Thank you, the children will benefit from your donated cakes and hours. Next week's Newsletter will bring you some very special FONNS news! The next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> Sept here at 7:30.

The FONNS Facebook page can be found here -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/351692605004997>  
I remind 'new' parents and 'old' that you can all apply to access the closed group on this page too.

## THANK YOU

We are very grateful to Mr Holland who has cleaned the Class 1 carpet, and Mrs Woodward for storing it for so long over the summer.

## MUSIC LESSONS

We have some spaces for children wanting to take up woodwind instruments Please ask at the school office.

### 'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

Practical ideas 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 tips and ideas you may want to think about at home. Discuss these with your children too!

- Remove one light bulb from your home and live without it for the next month. This will decrease your energy use and act as a reminder of what you are trying to do.

If you have a suggestion for inclusion in this part of the newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!

### DIARY DATES

Tues 10th	Year 6 to South Cerney – Be here for 8:45!
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	Author visit – All children
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - A chance to learn what's in store for the year, and how you can support. Weds 11th                      Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Class 1 at 6:00                  Class 3 at 6:00 Class 2 at 6:30                  Class 4 at 6:30
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC 'Stay Safe' assembly & workshop
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Cycle Training begins
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Reading Meeting for parents in Classes 1 & 2
Fri 4th	Welcome Assembly for Reception children
Weds 9th	To 11 <sup>th</sup> – London Residential Class 4
Mon 14th	& 15 <sup>th</sup> – Parent-Teach meetings
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival from 9:15 in St. Martin's Church. Open to everyone!
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	YEAR 7 Mince Pie Feedback. Watch out for the annual questionnaire
Weds 18 <sup>TH</sup>	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 6:30 at St. Martin's Church

For the latest Term Dates 'Poster' - visit

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

### AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days

Term 1 04/09/2019 – 25/10/2019

Term 2 04/10/2019 – 20/12/2019

### SPRING 2020 – Pupil days

Term 3 06/01/2020 – 14/02/2020

Term 4 24/02/2020 – 03/04/2020

### SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days

Term 5 20/04/2020 – 22/05/2020

Term 6 01/06/2020 - 17/07/2020

### NEXT AUTUMN 2020 – Pupil days

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