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On this day in 1940, four teenagers, following their dog down a hole near Lascaux, France discover 17,000 year old drawings now known as the Lascaux Cave Paintings

Dear Parents and Friends,

THANK YOU!

In September we received delivery of around 400 new books which FONNS had bought to support learning to read. Your hard work and generosity has raised funds which have been spent on a genuine area of need. Staff worked with FONNS to ensure that the resources matched our own priorities, and together we secured real value-for-money. These new books will provide progression - a ladder up which your children will climb - and each has a handy guide of questions and prompts to support you as a parent. Over the next few days these new books will be coming home. You will recognise 'a FONNS' book by the sticker inside. We are sure you will encourage your child to take care of our new books, and I'm hoping you will complete the final, most important step in the process - read with your child. Our Parent Guides to hearing children read can be found here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/supporting-learning-publications/>



- Clubs begin next week - **BUT NOT CHOIR** (23rd)
- FONNS meeting 18th Sept here at 7:30
- Tuesday 24th - 'London' meeting for Class 4 parents, 3:30.
- Reception - our Welcome Service is Friday Worship, 4th October
- Parent-Teacher Meetings - 14th and 15th Oct.
- **UPDATE** Christmas Service - Weds 18th Dec, 6:30
- When was the last time your children saw you reading a (physical) book? How do we model taking care of new books?

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

Having sat in during the four class meetings this week (where around 70 parents attended) I honestly came away with the sense that these are valuable additions to our annual programme of information and support. You should be able to download the PowerPoints from this page next week -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/special-presentations/>

Please make sure you get the 2019 presentations!

THE GOLD STANDARD

We are delighted to hear that North Nibley school has been re-awarded the Gold Standard for Sports by School Games. This is in recognition of high quality PE, our successes in intra and inter-school competition and also in various School Games festivals. This is an award recognised nationally by the "Department of Culture, Media and Sport", "Sport England" and the "Youth Sports Trust". The criteria upon which we are judged included the amount of P.E. (including competitive sports) enjoyed by all children across the school, the extent to which children develop as leaders in sport and the participation rates we achieve, which are well in excess of what you might see elsewhere. Congratulations to Mrs Dixon, the team and all our athletes!



SOUTH CERNEY 2019



School took Year 6 on the annual water sports day as part of a large group of Tyndale Cluster Year 6 pupils (nearly 70 of them!) Zac said "The water was as cold as ice! I went in a canoe with Nathan and Joe. I also built a raft. Our group's raft fell apart in the water! We all fell in!" Poppy said "It was fun. The best part was going down a slide in a kayak. I went forwards but some people went backwards. When I hit the water it was scary but exciting too."

LOBBY PHOTOS

Do take a moment to watch some of the 700+ photographic highlights of 2018-19, plus this year's South Cerney trip, displayed on the lobby monitor.

AUTHOR VISIT

As part of our on-going work to inspire the children as young writers, we invited author C.S. Clifford in to school. First he led a whole-school assembly and then he worked with the classes. He was highly complementary about the pupil's behaviour and engagement. Class 2 were highly inventive with their ideas, and Class 3 took on his teaching "like a sponge!" He wanted to stay and teach Class 4, whilst Class 1 were adorable!

CHARITY WORK

(or 'Courageous Advocacy' as the SIAMS Inspection framework calls it!) This is the year that we invite parents to join with staff who are walking all or part of the 5 Valley's Walk, on Sunday September 29th, in support of Meningitis Now. I've sent a separate letter which I hope you will read, and there is plenty more information here - <https://www.meningitisnow.org/support-us/events/fundraising-events/events-by-location/five-valleys-walk/>

This is also the SCHOOL YEAR when we will celebrate 'Red Nose' Day (rather than Children In Need) and I am hoping the School Pupil Council will come up with some amazing ideas for RND. The full list for 2019-20 is as follows:

Meningitis Now (Five Valleys Walk)
Stroud Food Bank
British Legion
Christmas Shoebox (NEW COURIER)
Shelter (Homelessness)
St. Martin's Church
Christian Aid
Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
Pupil Choice 2020 – Yet to be decided

CLUBS

You might have seen on the Club 'sign-up sheet', but there are opportunities for parents to support clubs, including Table Tennis and Chess. Do please contact us if you feel able!

NUT FREE

I would like to remind parents that we are 'nut free'. **THIS INCLUDES PACKETS FOR RECYCLING WHICH HAVE CONTAINED NUTS.** Please comply with this since there are children with allergies in the school, and this is a critical issue for two of our children currently at school.

ROBIN HOOD DVD - LAST CALL

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 non-newsletter friends, especially parents of 'the old' Year 6 who have now left. The profits go back into the school fund.



END OF YEAR REPORTS

You might recall that we requested the return of the Parent/Carer Response slip that accompanied your child's end of year report. Staff do read these with interest, and it's not too late...

Parents of our Year 6 Leavers were also given an 'exit' survey. Again, these make thoughtful reading, so please return what you can.

THANK YOU

We are very grateful to the Perry family and Dursley Rugby Club for the kind donation of Tag Rugby belts. Who will win the world cup?

RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

In their first 'Pupil-Led' act of worship, Year 6 shared the following acrostic with the school. Which aspect of RESPECT did your child think the most important?

- R - Readiness to listen**
- E - Everyone being valued**
- S - Showing appreciation**
- P - Praying for people**
- E - Expressing opinions sensitively**
- C - Caring for our environment**
- T - Treating property carefully**

MUSIC LESSONS

We have spaces for children wanting to take up a woodwind instrument. 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!

- Cook food in a microwave. They use significantly less energy than a conventional oven. When you need to use a pan always use a lid to preserve heat when cooking – this will also cook your food faster.

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

DIARY DATES

Weds 18 th	NSPCC 'Stay Safe' assembly & workshop
Mon 23 rd	Y6 Cycle Training begins
Tues 24 th	LONDON – Meeting for Y5&6 Parents, 3:30
Weds 2 nd Oct	Reading Meeting for parents in Classes 1 & 2
Friday 4 th	Welcome Assembly for Reception children
Weds 9 th	To 11 th – London Residential Class 4
Mon 14 th	& 15 th – Parent-Teach meetings
Tues 15 th	Harvest Festival from 9:15 in St. Martin's Church. Open to everyone!
Weds 4 th Dec	YEAR 7 Mince Pie Feedback. Watch out for the annual questionnaire
Weds 18 th	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	04/11/2019 – 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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