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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 270

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

On this day in 1825 George Stephenson's "Locomotion No. 1" becomes the 1st steam locomotive to carry passengers on a public rail line, the Stockton and Darlington Railway in England

Dear Parents and Friends,

## SCHOOL RESULTS

The latest publication from the DFE has made comparisons between last year's Year 6 and the rest of the nation, and our good results now appear EVEN BETTER! Another child has been awarded 'a Higher Score' in the Grammar test, and progress results in Reading and Maths are confirmed as 'Well above average'. Our writing results are also the best in 4 years. You can see all the figures here – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-results/>

These measures give us confidence that our approach to teaching and learning provides children, whatever their starting points, with the firm foundation they need to make the most of their secondary education, and enhance their life-chances for a successful future.



- Reading Meeting for parents in Class 1 & 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 3:30
- Reception – our Welcome Service is Friday Worship, 4<sup>th</sup> October. REMEMBER YOUR STONES!
- Parent-Teacher Meetings – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN! See below.**
- Christmas Carol Service – Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6:30
- Please return the annual data collection sheets

## BREXIT and SCHOOLS

We have been asked by the government to "Inform any staff, parents or carers of pupils who are EU, EEA or Swiss citizens that they need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020. Irish citizens' right to live in the UK will not change when the UK leaves the EU. Irish citizens do not need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme, but their family members, who are not Irish or British citizens, will need to." Read more on the EU Settlement Scheme here –

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

## DATA SHEETS

Please return these as soon as possible. Thank you!

## PARENT-TEACHERS MEETINGS (PARENTS' EVENINGS)

Our on-line booking system for parents' evenings (14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October) is now OPEN. Please read the GDPR 'note' on this web page. If you previously used this system you might be 'remembered'. CHOOSE THE 'SETMORE' login if you want to use an email/password combination. (This prevents 'Email address already in use' error when signing up as if for a new account.)

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/appointments/>

Please call at the office if you do not wish to use the online system.

## PANTO

Thanks to our fantastic fund raisers, FONNS is sending the whole school to a production of Cinderella at the Everyman in Cheltenham. This is an afternoon performance on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and we anticipate a return to school around 5:30 p.m. All children will need a packed lunch. Details to follow.

## FAMILY PHOTOS

It's our turn to host the photographer and we are open from 8:30 on 24<sup>th</sup> October for family groups involving younger siblings. Thereafter we will work our way through the school making groups with brothers and sisters as well as individual photos. Please ensure your child comes with smart uniform and a hair brush!

## SCHOOL MEAL CENSUS

Parents might recall that the uptake of cooked school meals on the annual census day can affect the school budget. This year census day is THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER. Please help us to ensure a high uptake OF INFANT SCHOOL MEALS on this date. (The spaghetti bolognese is particularly popular!)

## FONNS CHRISTMAS FAYRE! BOOK THE DATE!

**North Nibley  
Christmas  
Shopping Evening**

**£2**  
per ticket  
including  
entry to **prize  
draw!**

**Friday 8 November  
6.30pm - 9pm**  
North Nibley  
Primary School

**FONNS**  
Christmas  
Shopping

Raising money for  
Friends of North Nibley Primary School (FONNS)

**CAN YOU HELP?** Class 2 have no parent volunteers at the moment to hear children read. If you have a spare 30 minutes or more Miss Tyers would appreciate a discussion with you.

Several classes are requesting the kind donation of tissues as we enter the season of coughs and sneezes.

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

"When we treat people merely as they are, they will remain as they are. When we treat them as if they were what they should be, they will become what they should be."

Thomas S. Monson

**RECYCLING**

Two items of news – we can now recycle old plastic pens / felt tips etc. There is a box for this in the lobby area. Please do not tie crisp packets into knots or fold into triangles – we have to untie them before sending them away!

**CLOTHES RECYCLING**

Mrs Kirby has organised another opportunity to recycle used clothing. Please 'hang on' to items you might be considering discarding until our collection date of 18<sup>th</sup> November. Further details to follow.

Mrs Kirby has also provided a list of 'nearly new' uniform on the front door of the school, which might be of interest.

**'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!

- SDC News – the magazine of Stroud District Council, details two great statistics – we send the least amount of waste to landfill in the country! We also have the highest recycling rates in the South West! You can read more here –
- <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/about-the-council/communications/sdc-news>
- This week's tip - look at what food you throw away this week. Aim to reduce it by a third by eating leftovers and shopping more carefully – using a list and planning your meals really helps!

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

**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.

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

## 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 Valleys Walk, on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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/>

The full list for Charity support for 2019-20 is as follows:

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

DATES	
OCT Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reading Meeting for parents in Class 1 & 2
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Assembly for Reception children
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	To 11 <sup>th</sup> – London Residential Class 4
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	& 15 <sup>th</sup> – Parent-Teacher meetings
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival from 9:15 in St. Martin's Church. Open to everyone!
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sibling and individual school photos
NOV Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN DAY – for those looking to join in September 2020, earlier or later!
DEC Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	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
<b>CORRECTED - Term 2 05/11/2019 – 20/12/2019</b>	
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	
These are decided in November's Governor Meeting	
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