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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 274

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On this day in 2016, Republican Donald Trump is elected President of the United States of America, defeating democrat Hillary Clinton, who actually received 2.9 million more votes!

Dear Parents and Friends,



From first days, through special days, via days they'll never forget!

Please spread the word. We'd love to meet and greet a good number of interested families on TUESDAY MORNING, 12th NOVEMBER 2019.

MATHS

I have just seen the most exciting Maths session! Children from Class 3 demonstrated their skills with Times Table Rock Stars, the new resource we have been able to provide from Year 2 upwards. In an AWESOME display of mathematical recall and fluency one year 3 child completed 81 calculations in 60 seconds, with only 1 error! The software allows for live results to be displayed on the big screens at the front of the class, and plenty of the children were cheering their classmates on. We also get to see how we compare to other local schools, so it's going to get competitive! Children will be able to use this resource in 'Maths Passport time' but obviously any additional time at home spent perfecting their tables will result in improved progress overall, and better understanding of division and fractions.

TERM DATES

Last night Governors approved terms dates for 2020-2021. I am not intending to print copies for each family this year – the dates can be found in full online here <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/> and you can, of course, print your own. Dates are also repeated at the bottom of each newsletter.

TAKEOVER DAY

Children, I am planning to run another 'Takeover Day' on Friday 29th November. Tell me how you'd like to be in control on that day! (We last did this in 2011!)



GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 6th November all the girls from Class 4 went to the local school's tournament, held at KLB. There were four teams. Larger schools Blue Coat and British sent one team but we sent two. Girls from Team B said "We played British first and drew, 1:1, then we were against North Nibley A. We lost 0:4, but the match was enjoyable. We also lost 0:4 to Blue Coat. At the end we came joint 3rd. The Pitch was much bigger and quite slippery. It was cold, but running around kept us warm. Girls from Team A added "It was a challenging tournament. We came second overall. It was really cold, especially without our fleeces on, but it was fun when we got into it."

BOXERSISE

We are thrilled to offer a new sporting experience to children at school. Deb Harvey (Superstars After-School Care, and Teaching Assistant) is also a qualified 'Boxercise' coach. She is going to run sessions until Christmas. The children were incredibly attentive and some boys said afterwards "It really put you through your paces." "Great fun." "It's good for stress management too." "And it builds your muscles up!"

WEBSITE NEWS

The school website is just over 9 years old. At some point soon we'll reach visitor number 100,000. Do let me know if it's you!

CAN YOU HELP?

We have a number of odd jobs around the school. Might you be able to help? We are seeking...
Someone with carpentry skills to drill a hole through a 5 bar gate, and fit a plinth to a step.
Someone with 'pest control' skills – wasp and fly nests!
I am planning another premises party for the Spring Term and I have posted a growing list of jobs online here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/works-requiring-attention/>

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL OR CLUBS

Absences from school or non-attendance at a club must be notified to the school office by a Parent. We cannot accept this from a child, even a sibling, or the child themselves for safeguarding reasons.

ROTARY SHOEBOX APPEAL

We have partnered with the Rotary Club for their shoebox appeal. Please help yourself to the boxes next to the lost property 'wicker basket' in the lobby.

SCHOOL POLICIES

A slight edit to the website URL means that you can now find the policies we are required by law to publish here –

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

This includes the newly revised First Aid Policy and a policy entitled 'Supporting Children with Medical Conditions'.

'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!

- Defrost your fridge and freezer to maintain efficiency. Allowing space for air to circulate will also help them to run more efficiently.

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

RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other."

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

WANTED

Miss Allen is in need of a desk for Class 1 (for teacher use). If you know of any suitable furniture, preferable with drawers, please get in touch.

PREMISES WORK

Over the half-term break a number of improvements were made to the water system within the school. Hot water storage systems within the classrooms were replaced with 'instant', and redundant pipes from around the school (including the office) were removed. Portable Electrical Appliances received their annual PAT tests to ensure compliance with safety regulations. Outside fibre optic cabling was laid along 'The Street', so we hope to take advantage of this as soon as possible!



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The Rotary Club have provided details of an exciting photography competition. Please ask for details.

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 18th November (by 9am).

DIARY DATES	
Sat 9 th	2 nd Cross Country Race – 9:30am at KLB
Mon 11 th	WHOLE STAFF Child Protection training
Tues 12 th	OPEN DAY – for those looking to join in September 2020, earlier or later! FONNS meeting 7:30 – ALL WELCOME
Weds 13 th	Divali Workshop – Classes 3 & 4 Hi-5 Netball, Governor Strategy Group
Thurs 14 th	Tea Towel portraits – deadline today
Fri 15 th	Year 1 & 2 trip to SS Great Britain
Mon 18 th	Clothes Recycling – see above.
Weds 20 th	Key Stage 1 Multi-Skills
Fri 22 nd	Sports Hall Athletics
Tues 26 th	StemWorks K'Nex Challenge Class 4 KS2 Swimming Gala
Fri 26 th	Sports, Special Presentation in Assembly NO MORE AUTUMN TERM CLUBS
DEC Weds 4 th	YEAR 7 Mince Pie Feedback. Annual questionnaires out this week.
Thurs 5 th	PANTO – Thank you FONNS
Fri 6 th	FONNS Christmas Fayre Infant Nativity DRESS REHEARSAL
Sat 7 th	Cross Country Race number 3, KLB 9:30
Mon 9 th	Infant Nativity AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE
Tues 10 th	Infant Nativity EVENING PERFORMANCE
Weds 18 th	Christmas Dinner in school, CAROL SERVICE, 6:30 at St. Martin's Church
Thurs 19 th	Christmas Party afternoon (details soon)
Fri 20 th	Last day of term.

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

AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days
Term 2 05/11/2019 – 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
Wednesday 2 nd September to Friday 23 rd October
Tuesday 3 rd November to Friday 18 th December
NEXT SPRING 2021 – Pupil days
Tuesday 5 th January 2021 to Friday 12 th February
Monday 22 nd February to Thursday 1 st April
NEXT SUMMER 2021 – Pupil days
19 th April to 28 th May (May day 3 rd)
7 th June to 20 th July (INSET 2 nd July)