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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

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On this day in 1963, the assassination of American President John F. Kennedy.

Dear Parents and Friends,

DIWALI WORKSHOP



The school had invited a visiting teacher to hold a Diwali workshop with some of the children. Catriona said "We got to learn about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, by acting out the story. Isabella added "It was a lot of fun. We did lots of things including a Diwali dance.

SS GREAT BRITAIN

Last week Years 1 & 2 travelled to Bristol to explore the SS Great Britain, which ties in with their History topic on the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The children were very impressed with its size. Tyler described it as 'Huge' and Thomas agreed – 'Gigantic!' Xander remembered that it was around 100m long. Josh added 'It was also smelly!' Kiera liked the kitchen area. "I liked seeing the cat, and there was a mouse in the cupboard," she said. The boys I spoke to were unanimous in the choice of their favourite room – the engine room.

TESCO TOKENS

Do keep collecting the supermarket tokens – my understanding is that we could be 'up' before Easter!

WHAT A HEALTHY BUNCH!

Our staff achieved an incredible 99.7% attendance rate last year – only a few days were lost to illness.

CRISP PACKETS / CAT FOOD POUCHES

We are gearing up for our first collection (and contrary to any rumours you may have heard, we are definitely still collecting!) Might you have any LARGE boxes that you can spare – we are running out!

RAGS TO RICHES

Mrs Kirby has also been busy organising another opportunity to recycle used clothing. Early indications are that this has raised another £160 for school funds! Thank you.



STAMPS!

This week we were visited by the Rev. Ray Avent who told the children all about the CRY charity. We are still collecting stamps for www.cry.org.uk so please bring your British and foreign stamps to the lobby area and look for the blue box.

SMILE – AND RAISE MONEY FOR FONNS!

Here's an idea which could raise a lot of money for the school, especially in the build up to CHRISTMAS – Amazon Smile.

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

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pta-fonns/>

Basically, if you nominate North Nibley School PTA as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price!



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

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!)

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!

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 page includes consultation on a policy for Newly Qualified Teachers and for Children in Care.

BOXERSISE



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/>

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

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.

'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!

- Wrapping up: Investigate how you can better insulate your home – cavity wall, solid wall, floor and loft insulation – in some cases this can be subsidised and will help with Home Information Pack and Energy Performance Certificates for landlords and home sellers: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/
- Bonus idea: Encourage your workplace to wrap up too.

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.

"We need to reject any politics that targets people because of race or religion. This isn't a matter of political correctness. It's a matter of understanding what makes us strong. The world respects us not just for our arsenal; it respects us for our diversity and our openness and the way we respect every faith."

Barack Obama

WANTED

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

Does anyone have any road cones which we can use to 'zone' the playground? Ours are wearing thin.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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

DIARY DATES	
Tues 26 th	StemWorks K'Nex Challenge Class 4 KS2 Swimming Gala
Fri 29 th	Sports, Special Presentation in Assembly FROM TODAY, NO MORE 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.

DRONE

I think I remember a child stating they had a drone for a birthday last year. I am planning a promotional 'movie' (made by the children) and wondered if that family could get in touch please.

TERM DATES 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.

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 (May Day 8th)
Term 6 01/06/2020 - 17/07/2020 (INSET 3rd July)
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 3rd)
7 th June to 20 th July (INSET 2nd July)