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NEWSLETTER 280

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On this day in 1890, Journalist Nellie Bly beats the fictitious journey of Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg, by travelling around the world in just 72 days.

Dear Parents and Friends,

YOUNG VOICES 2020

Once again the children put on an amazing performance at the NEC in Birmingham, at the Young Voices concert. Joining around 6,000 other Primary School aged children (and roughly the same number of proud parents and staff) our children sang and danced through pop medleys, songs from musicals and other cultures. Tony Hadley, The Shires, Urban Strides and other celebrities entertained us well, but the children were the real stars! Many thanks to Mrs Shepherd for co-ordinating and motivating us all, and to Mrs Saunderson and Mrs Naef for their enthusiastic support.



INFANT NATIVITY DVDs

These are available now, from the school office, for those who placed an order by the original deadline. Those belatedly ordering will have to wait a while as other priorities are met. If you still wanted to order one, do so BY 7TH FEB and I will attempt these when my personal circumstances allow.

TEACHER PLANNING

For a good while now teachers have been working on a curriculum audit, sequencing plans and ensuring that the progression we plan for (in all subjects) is relevant and coherent. This has resulted in an overhaul of our 'thematic overview (topic webs) with which you are familiar. These new documents print at A3 and therefore we have made them available online. (See <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-curriculum/>). The regular class letters will continue in their current format and you should have received yours last week.

VISITORS IN SCHOOL

It has been a pleasure to welcome new visitors into school. In recent weeks these have included our local Neighbourhood Warden, who spoke on environmental matters (and described the children as a credit to us all), a sheep, a radiographer (and skeleton), a bearded dragon and hundreds of smarties! We've had help from a dentist and many others – thank you all. You can read more on **Class Dojo**.

Class Dojo is a fantastic app which connects you with what's happening in class (including a video showing a Year 1 phonics group using dance to learn the 'ow' sound). If you've not signed up yet, please ask your teacher how to join.



RESPONSIBILITY IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

““Why did I walk through the crowds of fellow-beings with my eyes turned down and never raise them to that blessed star that led the wise men to a poor abode.”

The Ghost Marley from A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens.

INDEPENDENCE REMINDER

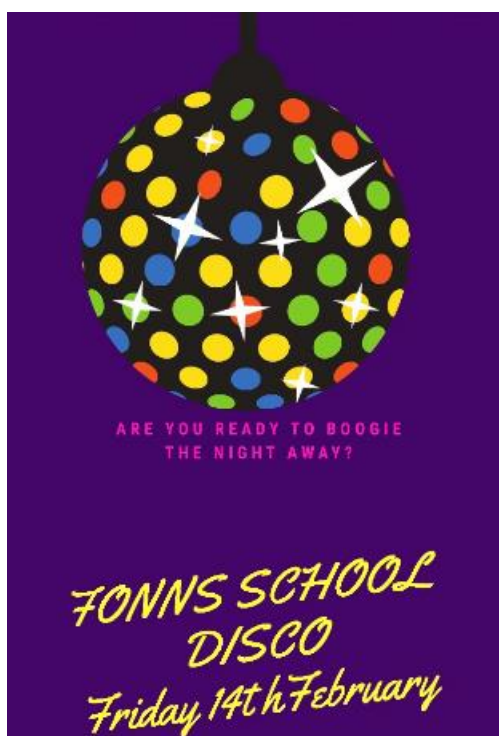
Our systems have evolved over many years to help children develop their independence, and part of this is responding on a daily basis to the question “Do you have anything for the office?” You can support this development by giving all notes for the office to the children to give to their teacher and reminding them

that they have something to hand in. As an added bonus, you won't need to join the queue for the office!

The LENGTHS some people go to!

Thank you to our amazing 'Open The Book' team. They find creative way to bring Bible stories to life, with props, ad libs and moments of audience participation to delight our weekly gatherings of children, staff, parents and friends. In this picture, Sue Devine has transformed governor Peter Hall into the Philistine's champion' Goliath.

Facing him in single combat was 'Young' David, played by a Year 1 pupil. The phrase "David and Goliath" has taken on a more popular meaning, denoting an underdog situation, a contest where a smaller, weaker opponent faces a much bigger, stronger adversary. There is never a shortage of children wanting to take part in Open The Book. Our 'David' said "It was great. I beat the giant man".



FONNS PUPIL DISCO – Friday 14th February

Classes 1 & 2 - 5:45 until 6:30

Classes 3 & 4 - 6:45 until 7:45

The disco is held in the School Hall. £2.00 per child to include crisps and squash. 'Glow-stick' bracelets will be sold on the door.

PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

We have set Monday and Tuesday 10th and 11th February for the Spring Term meetings. Watch out for booking forms (in paper form) coming home. The online link has been taken 'offline'.

TESCO TOKENS

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

CLUBS

I would love to add Country Dancing to the club menu. A Country Dance Festival is on the horizon! Please see Mr Batchelor if you think you can help.

'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!

We receive nearly 4 billion items of direct mail per year, one third of it unread (Direct Marketing Association). Register your home under the Mailing Preference Service to stop wasteful junk mail. Call 0845 7034599 or visit www.mpsonline.org.uk Bonus idea: Request electronic bills and statements to save paper and postage.

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

DIARY DATES

From 3 rd Feb	Student teachers welcomed into school
Tues 4 th Feb	Assembly by Wotton Climate Action group
Weds 5 th Feb	FONNS meeting 7.30pm
Thurs 6 th Feb	No coding club
10 th & 11 th	Parents meetings
Fri 14 th Feb	FONNS disco

For the latest Term Dates 'Poster' - visit

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

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