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NEWSLETTER 282

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On this day in 2018 American snowboarder Shaun White wins an unprecedented 3rd Olympic halfpipe gold medal (previous 2006, 2010).

Dear Parents and Friends,



A SPORTS REPORT FROM THE Y5 TEAM

"We won our first match against Foxmoor. We conceded early but showed great character to bounce back. Our second goal came from a set piece and the third was a spectacular effort from the half-way point. One striker said "I was thrilled with my hat-trick. A defender added "I was pleased to improve my play, when compared with earlier matches. My positioning was much better."

We played two more games, drawing 1:1 against Birdlip (the eventual champions) and 2:2 against Blue Coat. One said "My favourite game was the game that we played against Blue Coat because they represented a challenge." Our goalie said "I really enjoyed playing alongside my team mates." Another said "I was really pleased that we came second overall." Against older boys and bigger teams (with a greater number of substitutes) Mr Batchelor was very proud of the contribution each player made to the team's success."

OLD PE MATS, free to good homes. 1st come, 1st served.

LAUNCHING... THE PARENT SURVEY 2020

In December of 2018 we held our last wide-ranging Parent Survey. Governors and staff (and other parents!) are interested in finding out your views on a range of new initiatives, as well as seeing how your views on some 'traditional' questions might have changed. Question areas include swimming, reading books, parent meetings and assemblies, plus lots more. Last time we had 25 responses – that's less than a third of our 77 families. Please complete the survey – your views will inform our decision making. Find it here –



<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/parent-surveys/>

The online form will be closed on Friday 6th March at 10:00 p.m.

(Please can I remind parents of Reception that their separate 'Joining' survey will be collated 6th March.)

ROWING

Another exciting new development this year, we have the opportunity to teach rowing with a rowing coach. Children will work in small teams, in half-class groups during regular P.E. lessons. We are also developing this as a new club opportunity, and will be inviting in the first instance, those in Classes 3 & 4 who are not committed to a Sports Club. This will run throughout Term 4 on Wednesdays, including after school.

RESPONSIBILITY IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"You may believe that you are responsible for what you do, but not for what you think. The truth is that you are responsible for what you think, because it is only at this level that you can exercise choice. What you do comes from what you think."

Marianne Williamson

NIBLEY FESTIVAL VILLAGE TICKET SALE 15-29 FEB 2020

The online ticket sale for villagers will be from 15th to 29th February.

Please use the following weblink: <https://nibleyfestival.co.uk/tickets/playdough>

Please note:

- You can buy at any time in this two-week period. The links will not be active before or after these dates.
 - The card you pay with must be registered to your Nibley address. If you do not live in the village we will check you have a genuine Nibley connection.
 - If you do not have access to the internet, there is a laptop at the Hub you can use for free.
 - As in previous years, villagers can buy a reasonable number of tickets for their family and close friends. However please do not share the link with them!
- More information including ticket prices for 2020 can be found at: <https://nibleyfestival.co.uk/tickets/>
If you have any questions, please email info@nibleyfestival.co.uk

RUNNER BEANS?

There will be a special SPORTS RELIEF MENU on 10th March. Watch this space for details.

FURTHER PREMISES WORK

We are having some extra computing work carried out in the school over half-term, which should improve how we work. How exciting!

MUSIC FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

As you know, the Music Festival is a major opportunity for fundraising, but FONNS need a lot of support. The 'sign-up sheet' is available now, so act quickly to get your preferred 'slot'. Please help.

Nibley Music Festival is Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th July.

DVD ORDERS

The final batch of DVDs for the Infant Nativity is available for collection, with payment please. These were made to order, so please collect yours without delay!

CAN YOU HELP?

I'm after a digital copy of the lyrics for around 150 popular / traditional children's songs. These need to be found online and copied to a word document. I have the list, so if you could do 20, 40 or even 60 ish please let me know.

'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!

Fill your kettle only with as much water as you need. If everyone boiled just enough water for their cuppa, the energy saved could power over three-quarters of the UK's street lights. Bonus idea: When replacing a kettle, choose a more efficient model.

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

FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade Fortnight: 24 February – 8 March 2020

The Wotton Fairtrade Town Group is organising an event for Fairtrade Fortnight 2020. There's not going to be a separate day for schools this year but they will be holding a "Wotton in the World" event on Saturday 29 March from 9.30 – 12.30 at Wotton Baptist Church Hall.

There will be activities and storytelling, as well as a Fairtrade chocolate cake bake competition – with prizes for children and adult bakers.

The Wotton Fairtrade Town group is working to encourage more people to think about what Fairtrade means - in terms of fair prices, decent working conditions and local sustainability - and to consider it in their shopping choices.

TESCO TOKENS

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

THE SCHOOL WISHLIST

We would very much like parents, teachers, and governors to contribute to the list. Thoughts and ideas of things that may be needed around the school, in the curriculum or with our resources would be welcomed. These can be small or high value items.

It is intended that by publishing this list and working transparently, the whole community can be unified in achieving the resource ambitions of the school.

You can find the wishlist here -

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS AND SAFEGUARDING

You can read more about the steps we take to keep children safe here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

Some of these measures have been modified and re-issued. I am beginning a programme of 'catching people up' with the changes, as a condition of continued support.

DIARY DATES

Mon 24 th	Swimming continues, Netball Finals Gov's Finance & Resources committee
Tues 25 th	Goblin Club begins
Wes 26 th	Rowing Club begins
Friday 28 th	DEADLINE for PARENT ELECTIONS
SAT 29 th	Cross-Country County Championships!
MARCH 2 nd	Gov's Teaching & Learning Committee
Friday 6 th	DEADLINE for Parent Surveys
Friday 13 th	Sports Relief, details to follow inc. 5K run!
SAT 14 th	FONNS BINGO 4:00 p.m. See flyers

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 8th**)

Term 6 01/06/2020 - 17/07/2020 (**INSET 3rd July**)

NEXT AUTUMN 2020 – Pupil days

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October

Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 18th December

NEXT SPRING 2021 – Pupil days

Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 12th February

Monday 22nd February to Thursday 1st April

NEXT SUMMER 2021 – Pupil days

19th April to 28th May (**May Day 3rd**)

7th June to 20th July (**INSET 2nd July**)