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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 319

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SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

Each value in our assembly programme is introduced with an acrostic!

Spending time on others
Enjoying giving help
Responsibility in action
Volunteering willingly
I second, you first
Committing to a task
Everyone offering their talents and gifts

Dear Parents and Friends,

MATH-MAGICIANS! (Times Tables Rock Stars)

Last week the school entered the national competition in Maths Week England.

We are pleased to announce that every single KS2 child took part in the TTRS competition that ran last week. That in itself is incredible. Due to all their hard work, we managed to secure the position of the 3rd highest scoring school in Gloucestershire with a total of 3,462 correct answers. We also had two children (Amelie and Finn) who managed to make it into the top 20 highest scoring children in Gloucestershire! In the Maths Week England competition we managed to come in **69th position out of 3,887 schools** which is a huge achievement! A total of and 433,924 pupils took part, answering a total of 441.93 million questions correctly. Every single North Nibley child who took part played a vital role. Well done to you all!



THE DIFFERENCE IS CLEAR

Way back in issue 146, this 'Reception pupil' featured in our Newsletter with our new world map. Mrs Adeline has kindly provided transparent acrylic sheets which

enable us to write over the map and improve its use as a teaching resource. Thank you!

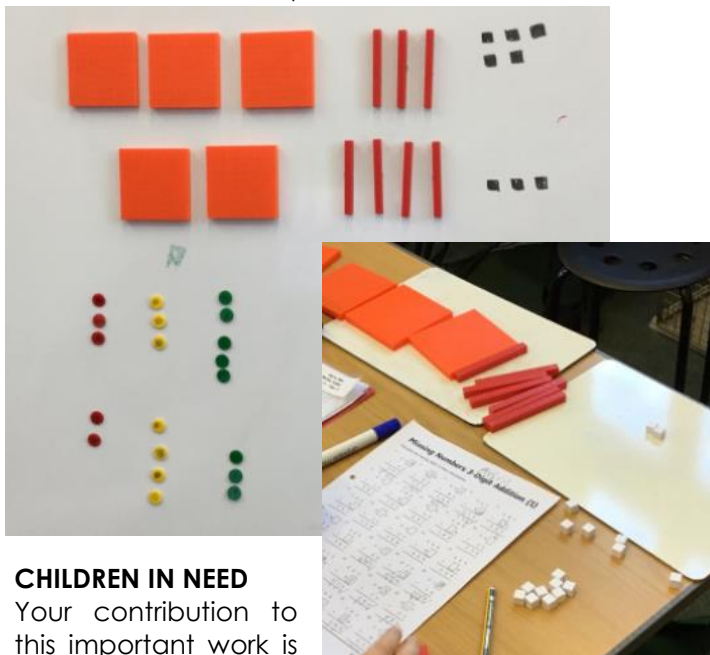
Thanks also to Mr Romero Brown for cutting back brambles in the car park.

LUNCH TIME UPDATE

Staff are generally happy that our new 'staggered' lunchtime reduced risk in the hall. Classroom time, however, has become more complex as a direct result.

THANK YOU, FONNS!

FONNS have recently agreed the kind donation of funds to support the curriculum. In Maths we've bought new 'manipulatives' to help children understand hundreds, tens and ones!

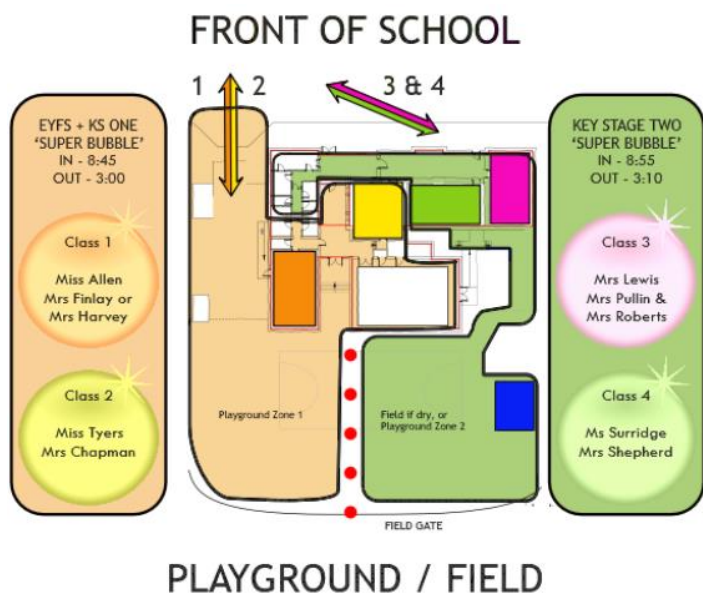


CHILDREN IN NEED

Your contribution to this important work is now closer to £200.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

A quick reminder that we expect all Class 1 & 2 children here by 8:45, and all Class 3 & 4 children in by 8:55, with an earlier arrival permitted for siblings of younger children. Registration is at 8:45 and 8:55.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

**And FONNS is treating us all to a Pantomime!
(Oh yes they are!)**

"Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men"

Sherwood Forest is coming out of quarantine - even Ye Olde Tesco is open with a one-way-system and a plentiful supply of loo roll!! We will join our hero Robin of Lockdown Loxley (online) as he attempts to outwit the evil (but obsessively well sanitised) Sheriff of Nottingham. As well as robbing from the rich to give to the poor, can he romance the beautiful Maid Marion (from a suitable social distance of course) along the way?

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

But Christmas cards, sadly, will not be welcome in school this year. Children, why not draw a card and use Class Dojo to 'send' it to the class?

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

Send in a video 'Christmas Card'! The idea is that you gather as a household and video yourselves saying "Merry Christmas from the (?) family". Christmas jumpers, tinsel and a tree in the background are optional but possible as we edge closer to December. Send the video via Class Dojo and I'll stitch them together for public circulation. The deadline will be Thursday 10th December.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

We now have 24 volunteer households willing to 'display a window' during advent (the time which leads up to Christmas). Maps of the houses, and their selected days, are nearly ready for circulation. I do hope you'll be able to see the windows in all their splendour!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING....

Sadly, it looks like any mass gathering at the Church will be beyond us next month. Even if permissible (after this lockdown), many will personally find it a step too far / too soon. We are working towards a video of the Class 1&2 Nativity, and separately some Year 6 Christmas readings and a few more surprises. Watch this space!

PROMOTING THE SCHOOL

PLEASE SHARE OUR OPEN DAY VIDEO ON EVERY PLATFORM YOU CAN. Our Open Day video is now available to view – see our website, our Facebook page and this page here!

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/open-days/>

The video has been downloaded 216 times so far!

**Our next Open Day 'Zoom' meeting has been
scheduled for TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER at 7:00**

Potential attendees need to contact

admin@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk with their email address. Please spread the word.

NEW JOINERS' SURVEY

We invite those who have recently joined the school, either as Reception or in other Year Groups, to complete a New Joiner's Survey.

This can be found online here -

<https://forms.gle/gGTPXuBSz8V5Bf9y7>

After last week's false start, the survey is now 'open' and a second change has been to lockdown the results to maintain your anonymity. Results will only be viewable by staff.

'OLD' LEAVERS' SURVEY

We have written to the parents of last year's Year 6 leavers, asking them to complete a survey too. Please ask if you've not had sight of this invitation. Year 7s get their own survey too, which should have been sent this week.

MILD NOVEMBER... & JUMPERS

Children are shedding their jumpers and coats etc and time is being lost reuniting them with un-named items of clothing. In particular, where a family is benefitting from a 'past down' item, please make sure the current child's name identifies the item of clothing, and that previous owners have their names removed!

ARE YOU PLANNING A 'TRIP' TO THE TIP? (Recycling)

We have a number of small items near the main gate and would be grateful if you could add these to any pre-booked visit.

FONNS RAFFLE TICKETS – These are on sale now.

FONNS APPEAL

The Friends of North Nibley School (FONNS) are collecting 'goodies' for the Christmas hampers. Please use the box on the wall for your donations.

FONNS ONLINE CHRISTMAS TREAT STALL

Pre orders can be made via Facebook FONNS group & Nibley Parent, as well as on a sheet coming home.

Keep smiling (and remember the road 'up' from Stancombe towards the school is closed for 3 weeks from 30th November. Go careful along the lanes!)
Have a great weekend, Mr B

FREE MONEY! (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 PTFA as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price!



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