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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 335

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## COMPASSION IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.'  
Isaiah 54:10

Dear Parents and Friends,

### LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Salix, the team responsible for replacing the lights throughout the school, have completed their work and the school is now brighter, more efficient and – crucially – saving money! It may seem like a small thing, but in Victorian classrooms and corridors, improving working conditions improves well-being for pupils and staff alike. With new heating on the horizon, we'll soon be warm too!



### RED NOSE DAY

Late donations and a generous gift have now taken the school's contribution to £213! I did notice that two of the jokes broadcast on the TV that night were the same as those in our own joke-a-thon video. If you haven't seen this yet (and why not?) it is available on Class Dojo.



### STAFF UPDATE

Many of the staff were able to take advantage of an invitation to 'use up' end-of-the-day surplus vaccinations. This had the unfortunate side-effect of rendering 3 class teachers unwell on the same day! With Mrs Dixon out on statutory paediatric first aid training too, we've been in a tight spot this week. Fortunately, our student teachers have been an immense support and learning carried on. The student teachers in Classes 3 and 4 leave us this week, having done really well in very strange circumstances. Our immense thanks to them both and best wishes for the future.

### STAFF VACANCY

Please spread the word widely, our Vacancy Application Pack is now available for download here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancy-ta-2021/>

### COMPASSION

As we come to the end of our term celebrating 'Compassion', here's the acrostic poem we use to explain our school value:

Compassion is...  
Costly Caring  
Offering help  
Making a difference  
Putting others first  
Always listening  
Sensitive to suffering  
Service in action  
Interested in others  
Offering care and concern  
Noticing a need

### OFFICIALLY WELCOMING THE CURRENT (BUT 'NEW') RECEPTION CHILDREN

Long-time readers will be aware that we usually welcome our new cohort in September with a special feature in our whole school assemblies. Sadly, that has not been possible so far, but we are now planning to close the year out with a belated welcome, during which time Reception children will add their marker stones to our school collection. As in previous years, parents and friends will be welcome to join us 'live' in the school hall when it is safe to do so. Our feeling is we would rather do this right, at a later date, than a 'make-do' approach now. We will publicise the date well in advance, once we have decided.



### SWIMMING

From the first day back we are able to take Class 3 and a number of Year 6 to the pool for swimming lessons. There are fewer lessons in the 'block' (just 3) but the lessons are longer (45 minutes). A letter will be sent shortly.

## HELP WANTED

1) Are any of our community conversant in Sharepoint / One Drive & Teams, able to advise the school on the best way to realise our ambitions?

2) Does anyone have a scheduled visit to the tip/recycling centre lined out. The monitors offered over the last few weeks have yet to find a home.

## PARENT EVENINGS

Most parents have now met virtually with teachers for this term's parent's evening (or have booked time to do so). If you have yet to make contact, we will be chasing you! Parents have told me that the virtual meetings worked well.

## I DIDN'T KNOW I'D MISS...

To tie in with World Poetry Day last Sunday, I asked readers to think about life post-home learning and end a sentence beginning "I didn't know I'd miss..." I planned to blend them together to create a poem in response to the pupil's poem published on 12<sup>th</sup> March. I anticipated a few sentences (you may choose to only send a single sentence) but nothing has arrived yet! Use the form here - <https://forms.office.com/r/fVvti4GnTD>

## SCHOOL TEAMS & THE 'TOKYO' CHALLENGE

Don't forget – having 'reached Tokyo' once with our exercise challenge, we are attempting to repeat the challenge, but as individual school teams. You'll need to select the right team when you log on to record your exercise. Adults can 'play along' too and add their walks, swims, rides and runs to the pupil teams.



### 'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

A return to our regular series on the actions we can take to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some practical tips and ideas you may want to think about at home.

Discuss these with your children too!

Turn your central heating thermostat down by 1°C.

Bonus: Turn your central heating down to 18°C. Wrap up with a jumper rather than turning up the heat.

## PIN BOARDS

Amongst the turmoil of the lockdown, my notes on those who requested the last of the free pin boards has been lost. Please identify yourselves!

## TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead: (Did anyone spot last week's error?)

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 4	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Term 5	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April *	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Term 6	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 1	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
Term 2	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Term 3	Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan <b>2022</b>	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb <b>2022</b>

\* May 3<sup>rd</sup> = Bank Holiday

## COMING YOUR WAY – All About The Family

We are pleased to be able to provide a digital copy of a new magazine – All About The Family – via Class Dojo. I hope there will be something of interest for all the family.

## FONNS NEWS

The next FONNS meeting is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm. This is most likely to be a zoom meeting and details will be circulated in due course, including via the FONNS Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/351692605004997>

## FONNS EASTER TREATS SALE

Watch out for the FONNS FLYER!



## FONNS NEWS

As reported last week, FONNS have agreed to fund each class a generous £275 for the purposes of class trips out or special visitors in. Class 3 have sorted their treat – an expert in Egyptology will be visiting the class at the end of April!

Please continue to support FONNS initiatives.

Stay well and have a great weekend.