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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 340

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## PERSEVERANCE IS OUR NEW CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"The path from dreams to success does exist. May you have the vision to find it, the courage to get on to it, and the perseverance to follow it."

Kalpna Chawla.

Dear Parents and Friends,

### DURING THE EASTER BREAK

The 'Colourful' Shed / Swiss Shed has had a replacement roof fitted. Thank you if you helped to take items to the tip/recycling centre. All rain-damaged kit is now off-site. Classroom 4's back door has been slimmed down on both sides (because it no longer fitted!) and repaired at the base. It will be re-painted shortly.



### POND



Thank you to this young lady (and family) for clearing the pond of excess weed, and introducing weed-eating snails to manage the problem in the future.

### EVACUATION TEST

#### (FIRE DRILL)

I am pleased to tell you that the whole school were out and registered in 2 minutes and 9 seconds, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The alarm engineer on site at the time said "Anything under 3 minutes is excellent!"

### 'PLASTIC OCEANS'

Long-time readers might recall the boat that came to school to promote the work of the 'Ocean Revival' team. These ex-commandoes, including a North Nibley pupil's uncle, are raising awareness of polluting plastic by rowing across the North Atlantic Ocean, rowing a route that has never been completed before and one that is statistically the most dangerous and arduous ocean row to attempt. We can now track them online [www.oceanrevivaladventures.com](http://www.oceanrevivaladventures.com), and wish 'Uncle Matt' the very best. The team also have a Facebook page ocean revival 2020. The boat is in the water and they are keen to get going, most likely TOMORROW!

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

A new page on our website – <http://www.northnibley.glocus.sch.uk/school-uniform/> will be especially useful for our new families joining us this September. However, the time is right for a reminder of our standards. Whilst we were lenient in the early days following lockdown, the following is a list of 'trends' currently causing concern.

**Shoes** for non-P.E. days "should always be in a sensible style (no trainers)." We are also seeing a number of children wearing boots which are impractical at play times. Please return to regular shoes. Velcro fasteners are preferred since it makes changing so much easier.

**Socks** should be plain white, grey or black.

**Fitness trackers** If these are the size of a regular watch then they pose no problems. Some, however, are clearly over-sized or irregular (pointy) shapes. Children will be taking them off for PE, which is a shame. 'Smart' watches which can phone home or take photos must stay home.

**Long hair** Our policy states that hair should be tied back during PE. We also believe that long hair, tied back, suits the classroom as it does not hang over pupil's work (and may also limit the spread of head lice!) A supply of hair ties or clips could prove beneficial.

**Earrings** Our policy states that if ears are pierced (and do give serious thought to having this done only in the summer holidays) earrings should be of the sleeper/stud variety. We worry about the risk of damage, should a finger get caught in a hoop earring. Furthermore, pupils need be able to remove their own earrings for P.E.

**Leggings** Black leggings with black socks (and no other colour-mix) is acceptable, as are black 'cartwheel' shorts.



**ASSEMBLY TEAM** This term's team of Year 6s are very proactive and seeing them develop as they lead worship each week is a joy. This weeks hand-made placards and costumes helped bring the drama alive.

## INTERNET SAFETY

We have a document to the Safety Online page of our website

(<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/staying-safe-online/>) entitled "Internet Safety E-book for Parents – For Schools to Share with Parents", and you are invited to download and read this timely piece of advice.

## CAN YOU HELP?

- Do we have any friends of the school (parents, capable relatives / neighbours who might be willing to undertake some light maintenance work around the school (paid or unpaid)?
  - Do we have any contacts in the world of outdoor notice boards, who might cut us a deal?
- Please ask Mr Batchelor for details.

## PERSEVERANCE

Class 4 have completed this term's Worship board in the hall. Picking up on the story that Jesus told, of the shepherd who searched (without giving up) for the lost sheep, there are 100 sheep to find. 99 are on the board, but the 'lost' sheep can be spotted in a different part of the hall every day. Don't give up until you've found it!



# FONNS

FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

🍕 Wood Fired Pizzas 🍕

SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE Slots between 4pm - 8pm

- ★ The Priory, in Tetbury are coming to North Nibley
- ★ Place your order on their website ~ link below
- ★ Book a time slot to collect from North Nibley School
- ★ Profits made to the Priory ~ 10% donation is made to FONNS charity. <https://priorypizza.touchtakeaway.net/menu>

Anyone can order from this - so the more pizzas ordered the more money raised for FONNS.

Many thanks for continuing to support FONNS



## ☀️ FONNS Sunflower Competition ☀️

If your child took part in the non-school uniform day today, they will have received an entry pack for our FONNS Sunflower competition!

There are two prizes to be won:

- ☀️ One for the tallest sunflower
- ☀️ One for the largest head

To enter the competition, you will need to submit a photo - with a ruler/metre stick so we can verify the height/width to [fonns@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:fonns@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

We would love to see photos of you planting and growing your sunflowers, so please do post your photos over the coming weeks, EITHER on the FONNS Facebook page or for those who would rather not, email photos to

[FONNS@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:FONNS@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk)

Good luck everyone! Happy Growing ☀️

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

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!

We've recycled 151 batteries since we started offering this service. Mrs Kirby has been very creative, with all manner of packaging re-used to create collection points.



## TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
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 2022	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022
Term 4	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022