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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 342

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## PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,"  
Hebrews 12:1

Dear Parents and Friends,

### NATIONAL TESTS (SATS) and a PICNIC!

Having worked hard on 'mock' SATS this week, Year 6 and their Year 5 'guests' went off-site for a picnic and games up at the Tyndale monument. Whilst the SATS were unofficial, following this year's cancellation by the government, we felt that some formal assessment in test conditions would help the school gauge the success of our recovery plan and, more importantly, give Y6 children an authentic Y6 experience which helps prepares them for the future.

Year 5, the government intends that you will have your turn from Monday 9 May to Thursday 12 May 2022!



One said "We had a fantastic time, building dens and getting stuck in."



For the 'birthday boy' there was a special treat of being serenaded by his peers!

## **FROM THE GOVERNMENT:**

“Contact tracing over May half-term

Schools and colleges continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils, students and staff. We recognise the challenges of this responsibility during holidays, but this remains vitally important in the continued national effort to limit the spread of the virus.

Where pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms more than 2 days since being in school or college, no action is needed. Staff, young people, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils, students or staff test positive having developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school or college, you are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school or college.”

North Nibley families are asked to follow the guidance above. Please use the admin@... email address to report positive tests within two days of being in school.

## **TERM 6 CHANGES?**

Some weeks ago we alerted families to the changes we HOPE to make regarding the pandemic. The LA have stressed that we must not relax our bubbles and other restrictions until we are given clearance. So the staggered collection at the end of the day remains in force, as do face masks etc at the perimeter. Once again, we are having to begin ‘new’ Reception induction and our class structures for Year 1 as we did last year. Thank you for your understanding and continued compliance.

## **OTHER NATIONAL TESTS**

In 2022 a compulsory national ‘multiplication tables check’ for Year 4 will be introduced. Like the Phonics Checks in Years 1 & 2, children will be tested and the results used to inform inspectors and parents on how well the school is doing. Unlike the phonics check, this check takes place online. We have chosen to trial the optional 2021 tests. These take place in June, so keep practising Times Table Rock Stars (and emphasise accuracy over speed. You have a full 4 seconds for each question!)

## **TESCO'S TOKENS**

Tesco's are once again issuing ‘blue tokens’ for a community vote, to support fundraising. FONNS were ‘in the pipeline’ pre-Covid. Please continue to stock pile your blue Tesco tokens for use when we come to the top of the list!



**REMINDER:** We need to be a NUT FREE SCHOOL. This includes all snacks, packed lunches and cooked lunches too. This is a health and safety requirement of the HIGHEST PRIORITY for 2 children.

**SUPERSTARS** is up and running and places can be booked through the details on the card –

Email [northnibley@super-stars.co.uk](mailto:northnibley@super-stars.co.uk) or call 07983 979877

## INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

The new high speed cable now terminates 3 cm from our network! Once we are configured we can plug it in and switch it on. That may happen tomorrow (Friday) As before, please don't rely solely on email for urgent messages.

## HAVE YOU GOT...

If you happen to have any of the Maths Passport Parent Guides at home that you no longer need to support your child, please send them back! Thank you.

## 'ALL ABOUT FAMILY'

With this email you should also find the latest issue of 'All About Family'

"In this magazine you will find editorial from Ofsted, Fire Chiefs Council, NSPCC, CSE, Sugar Intake, Family Fitness, Internet Safety plus more."

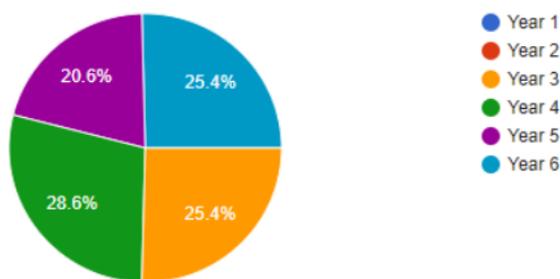
## SNACKS

Please can I ask parents to take a common sense approach to school 'snacks'. Our Parent Handbook states "Healthy snacks are allowed at morning break." There is a little difference between, say, a Tracker Bar and an 'Snickers bar', but many snacks now appearing are pure confectionary. Pots of fruit are encouraged!

## HAVING A VOICE

Children in Classes 3 & 4 have completed an e-safety questionnaire, enabling me to direct next year's teaching to specific issues arising from their use of technology. All children in the school will also get a chance to have their 'voice' heard in our Pupil Survey 2021. In addition to regular questions on favourite subjects, the support they receive and behaviour, we've introduced a few questions on wellbeing. In an anonymous format, their evidence supports our self-evaluation and informs our preparation for any inspections on the horizon!

1. Which year are you in?



## USING YOUR VOICE!

I am in discussion with iSingPop to reschedule the project which should have taken place in the summer of 2020. Hopefully we'll have news soon of an autumn 2021 project and concert date!

## ADVANCED NOTICE – CLOTHES RECYCLING

The next opportunity to recycle unwanted clothing is 24<sup>th</sup> June. Please save anything that can function as a dust sheet for our work over the summer break, replacing the ancient heating system!

## '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!



Only use your washing machine when you have a full load. Run your washing machine at 30-40°C. Run at maximum spin to reduce drying times and avoid using a tumble drier.

## STAFF LEARN TOO!

Last week the staff were taught how to use the new data loggers which FONNS had generously bought for the school. Also in recent days, staff have attended training in paediatric first aid, the teaching of maths and the future direction of education in Gloucestershire. We've attended dyslexia and dyscalculia training. We are booked on training for the new Early Years Foundation Stage and hope to add another round of safeguarding



training before the end of the summer term.

Governors have attended training on being a 'new' governor and reviewing the Single Central Record (Safeguarding).

# FONNS

FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

🍷 Wood Fired Pizzas 🍷

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

- ★ The Priors, 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 Priors ~ 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. Please spread the word!

Many thanks for continuing to support FONNS

## TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
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>
Term 4	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb <b>2022</b>	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> April <b>2022</b>
Term 5*	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>2022</b>	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May <b>2022</b>

\*May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 = Bank Holiday