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PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance."
Samuel Johnson

Dear Parents and Friends,

TERM 6 UPDATE

This week's government announcement that we stick with covid-restrictions until the final week of term has implications for many of our planned activities. Our Christmas lunch is 'off' as we can't all eat together so it will be roast chicken as normal. Regular school uniform / PE kit is expected please (no Christmas jumpers!) 'New' reception induction (parents) will take place online. 'New' reception induction (children) on site as per last year.

We are working hard to 'rescue' some form of sports day and Summer production, but absolute compliance with the restrictions we impose will be expected of all parents **IF** we are able to accommodate you.

Measures under consideration include –

- Confirming the existence of a recent negative Lateral Flow Test
- Social distancing and minimal movement from designated seating areas (so no 'podium' photography by parents!) You will be required to stay seated in your family bubble 2 metres away from other families and at some distance from the children.
- No attendance by children under school age (they'll want to run around)
- All the regulations prescribed by the relevant authorities re performance and sport will be in place

However – The Year 6 Leaver's Service takes place on 20th July AFTER the so-called 'Freedom Day'. I'm getting emotional just thinking about it! As always, watch this space!

GOVERNOR NEWS

Coming home soon is a proposal for a four-year strategy and your views are invited. Please read this document carefully!

TESCOS TOKEN – RESULT!

Tescos have written to us to say...

"Thank you for your application to the Bags of Help programme and I am pleased to tell you that North Nibley C of E Primary School have received an award of £1,000.00."

Well done to Mrs Loveday who has masterminded this piece of fundraising. Now, what to do with all those blue tokens...

FINANCIAL HELP

I understand that in these strange times many families are under financial stress. Please, please, please consider applying for Free School Meals, even for children in Classes 1 & 2. Children who are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant would be entitled to free school meals whatever year group they were in **BUT ALSO**, around £1,345 would be paid to the school which we could use to benefit them in many ways, including Teaching Assistant help, uniform, the costs with swimming etc and visits such as the London residential. Even better, this benefit would stay with them and the school, being paid for 6 more years even after their family ceased to qualify.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals? Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

NEXT YEAR

Letters regarding the class structure for next year's Year 1s have been sent by email to parents of the current Reception year group. Please respond by the deadline. Please ask if you can't find what we've sent!

- From September, Class 3's teacher Mrs Lewis will be referred to as Miss Parker.
- Mrs Roberts will be taking up additional hours in Classroom 3. These hours will become permanent after the 'Covid-Catchup' money runs out.
- Mrs Pullin will be taking up additional hours and working alongside Ms Surridge in Classroom 4. These hours will become permanent after the 'Covid-Catchup' money runs out.

HATS AND UNIFORM

It has been hot this week. Children **MUST** have a hat (any sensible type) at school please. Any orders for new uniform can be made to Linela before 1st July for free delivery to school on 16th July. Linela do the free delivery to school as a favour to us so please stick to the 1st July deadline.

<https://www.linelashop.co.uk/product-category/schools-embroidery-for-uniforms/north-nibley-c-of-e-primary-school/>

Afterward 1st July it can be delivered to your home (this will cost you more) or collected from Linela directly.



'Uncle Matt' and the 'NY2L' (New York to London) team has completed 23% of 'the world's most dangerous row'. Their Twitter feed (@RevivalOcean) includes a lovely moment when the team learn that England are ahead in their Euro match against Croatia! Follow the team's progress on the Ocean Revival website - <https://oceanrevivaladventures.com/> Whilst there, watch the 'Plastic Ocean' video and find out why we must ALL play a part in saving the world.

EURO 2020

Mrs Dixon has led an initiative across the school whereby children are encouraged to follow the progress of a randomly drawn team, helping to further their interest in sport. Similar systems were run very successfully here in the past, during World Cup Cricket, Rugby and Football. Just in case your child gives you the wrong impression, children are asked to take an interest in the results. We are NOT giving them permission (as one child has erroneously claimed) to watch every match and stay up beyond their bedtime!

'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!

CLOTHES RECYCLING

You can recycle unwanted clothing on 24th June.

Just bring it in any plastic bag at drop off time please. Any bedding / large material should be separate and can be left in another pile by the gate(s).

REPORT WRITING

As teachers continue to write reports late into the night, I need to remind you that school has a legal obligation to supply a copy to all those with 'parental responsibility' for your child. If you know of anyone who qualifies, for example living at a different address, who may not be on list, please confirm contact details with Mrs Kirby in confidence.

DID YOU KNOW

WHEN PARENTS ARRIVE ON A RNLI LIFEGUARDED BEACH THEY SHOULD TAKE THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN TO THE LIFEGUARD HUT WHERE THEY WILL EACH BE GIVEN, FREE OF CHARGE, A WRISTBAND. THE PARENTS MOBILE NO. CAN BE WRITTEN ON WRISTBAND IN WATERPROOF INK BEFORE IT IS AFFIXED TO THE CHILD.

THE CHILD SHOULD BE TOLD TO GO TO THE LIFEGUARD HUT IF 'LOST' AND LIFEGUARD WILL PHONE MOBILE NUMBER.

ALL RNLI LIFEGUARDS ARE DRB CHECKED.



TOKYO UPDATE

The Olympic city of Tokyo welcomed our first 'Team' home last week. Fire made the (virtual) distance first, by logging their walks, rides, runs, dances and swims on the Challenge website - <https://www.getset.co.uk/>

Air, Earth and Water are just a little further behind, so if you want to see your team on the podium soon, start logging those activities!

TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 6	Mon 7 th June	Tues 20 th July
Term 1	Thurs 2 nd Sept	Fri 22 nd Oct
Term 2	Tues 2 nd Nov.	Fri 17 th Dec
Term 3	Weds 5 th Jan 2022	Fri 18 th Feb 2022
Term 4	Mon 28 th Feb 2022	Fri 8 th April 2022
Term 5*	Mon 25 th April 2022	Fri 27 th May 2022

*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday



FONNS SPRING RAFFLE

£826.00

Amount Raised

This a stupendous achievement so well done to everyone involved. Many thanks for continuing to support FONNS.