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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 351

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## FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed." The Bible - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Dear Parents and Friends,

### WELCOME SERVICE

The rear of the school provided a lovely backdrop to our Friday 'Celebration' assembly. After worship, led by Rosie Casken, we officially welcomed children who had missed out last year. The sun was shining and even the 'tech' worked well!

As part of our 'Year on Music' I will try to provide links, in advance, to the songs we will sing together, via Class Dojo. This will be of particular help to those not yet able to read fast enough to follow a song, so why not practise at home?



### iSingPop

Two days of 'learning' the new songs passed in the blink of an eye. Be warned, there are some tear-jerkers as well as fun and catchy tunes.



### ISINGPOP CONCERT UPDATE

Thank you for your recent returns. We believe we can accommodate all who wish to attend, **PROVIDING WE DON'T EXCEED THE NUMBERS YOU KINDLY SENT BACK.**

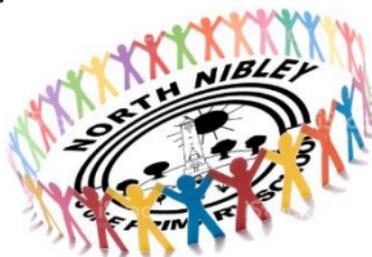
All visitors over 12 years old will need to wear a mask please.

We've learnt 7 new songs which, I hope, will be enjoyed for many years to come (just like the songs we learnt 8 years ago!)

**ASK ME**

← Prompts to ask your child!

Which song was their favourite and why?



### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Class 4 were out and about on Tuesday delivering flyers to our local community. Badged as 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning', we are pleased to be supporting this event again. The community is invited to the school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, between 9:30 and 11:30, to raise money to fund cancer research and support people living with cancer. Class 4 will once again be your hosts. **PLEASE COULD YOU SUPPORT US BY BAKING AND DONATING CAKE?** Thank you.

### **GOVERNOR NEWS**

At the last meeting of the Full Governing Board Sue Bradley-Jones was re-elected as Chair, and parent Mark Perry was elected to the Vice-Chair position. Peter Hall was thanked for his tenure as Vice-Chair in recent years. Peter remains on the governing board, serving in other capacities.

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

Following a period of reflection and self-evaluation, including a consultation with parents, two major themes emerging for the year include a greater focus on Science and Music. Expect to hear more about our work in these areas regularly.

### **NUT FREE**

I would like to remind parents that we are 'nut free'. **THIS INCLUDES PACKETS FOR RECYCLING WHICH HAVE CONTAINED NUTS.** Please comply with this since there are children with allergies in the school, and this is a critical issue for three of our children currently at school.

### **MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS**

Thank you to the many who found time to join the us. We all agree that these are helpful, but second best to being physically together. Let's hope next year will be better. You can download the Powerpoints used from <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/special-presentations/>

### **MUSIC LESSONS**

I am making enquires about how parents might access a bursary to support with music lessons. At first glance it looks like a child would qualify if the household income is £27,000 or below. Please ask for details.

### **FREE MUSIC LESSONS? FREE SWIMMING?**

Some of your children receive a special grant in school which is based on household incomes (The Pupil Premium). This is just a quick reminder that if you request it, we can use some of this money to pay for swimming lessons or lessons with musical instruments. Currently we offer violin. Please have a conversation in confidence

with myself about the Premium, or Mrs Kirby about the lessons.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEAL SUPPORT DURING OCTOBER HALF-TERM**

During the October half-term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to the Holiday Free School Meals scheme. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding and is separate to that of the mainstream free school meals. Please ask for details.

### **PLEASE HELP**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October is a 'census' date upon which a large portion of our school funding is based. Please order a school lunch on this day, especially if you have a child in Classes 1 & 2. This simple step (ordering a lunch) will be a real help to the school at a difficult time financially.



The Organising Committee of Nibley's own Music Festival, are appealing for new members. Many readers may be unaware that the festival 'grew' originally from the work of 'our' parents here at North Nibley Primary. The school has benefited by £68k with a further £250k making a difference to many other deserving causes. They are particularly in need of the following skills: IT/Technology, accounts, sponsorship, decoration/building, legal and good organisers. It can be hard work at times but hugely rewarding. To find out more please chat to current parent Dan Romero Brown or email the festival at [info@nibleyfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@nibleyfestival.co.uk)

#### **'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!

#### **GREEN SLEEVES?**



We have many hundreds of spare plastic A4 'sleeves' (hole-punched as illustrated) left over from our vast audit of historic school documents, as required by GDPR regulations. If you NEED these and it would prevent your home or business from buying new, please ask at the office.

#### **COVID-Related update**

School has produced an 'Outbreak Management Plan' You can find this under the 'news' menu on our website.

## CLOTHES COLLECTION

Mrs Kirby has organised another clothes collection, this time for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please keep hold of unwanted material until this date, which raises funds for school. Last time we raised £102. Thank you.

## HARVEST

Rev. Peter Marsh will lead a Harvest service for the children on TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October. We are pleased to join with St. Martins, once again supporting Stroud District Food Bank, and we are happy to act as a collection point for a range of items which we will circulate next week. Sorry, NO FRESH GOODS this year. Please bring in your contributions on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>, and join us in the church from 9:00 (-ish – after registration) for our thanksgiving service.

## LEARN WHILE YOU PLAY

These wooden blocks, which give great visual support to learning numbers to 10, and then number bonds making ten (as well as other totals) are £3 from Lidl. Highly recommended. Get them while you can.



# FONNS

FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

The FONNS AGM takes place on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm here in the school hall (with doors and windows open!) It's really important to get good representation from our families, old and new. Please, please, please come along. Bring a friend! FONNS makes a real, positive difference to what we can achieve in school for all our pupils.

**FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 1 AND RECEPTION, WHO HAVE PERHAPS NEVER BEEN IN SCHOOL, I WILL CONDUCT A TOUR!**



## TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

|         | First pupil day                        | Last pupil day                         |
|---------|--|--|
| Term 1  | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept            | Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct               |
| Term 2  | Monday 1 <sup>st</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>   |
| Term 6  | Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June <b>2022</b>   | Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July <b>2022</b> |

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