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NEWSLETTER 353

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FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Just as lotions and fragrance give sensual delight, a sweet friendship refreshes the soul." The Bible - Proverbs, Chapter 27, Verse 9

Dear Parents and Friends,

There is a lovely buzz around the school at the moment, with children singing iSingPop and harvest songs as they move around the building!



GREAT NIBLEY CAKE-OFF!



For the second time last week, we were able to invite members of the local community to join with us (the first being the iSingPop concert). This time it was for a coffee and cake. On Friday 1st October, Class 4 provided the cakes for a successful coffee morning in aid of Macmillan.

Anya said "I think it was an amazing day, because we were raising money for a good cause, to help people with cancer." Finn added "I enjoyed working in the coffee shop, making teas, coffees and squash with my friends." Zac enjoyed "... being waiters and servers to the visitors. Just chatting together was very entertaining. Daisy "...got to talk to lots of lovely people." Ginny said "It was fun to have people around the school, for the first time in ages. I was really happy with the amount of money we raised." Elijah said "I even enjoyed clearing up because it meant we got to socialise."

Thanks to the generosity of Class 4 pupils, parents and the wider community we manage to raise over £700 in order to support the work of Macmillan.

COMMUNITY FOCUS

There are other opportunities to work together in the near future – a 'premises' day sometime in November, and in December we will be repeating our Advent Window project. Do get in contact if you want to take part at Christmas. The premises update will follow shortly.

WELCOME SERVICE – TAKE 2



Reception and one other were welcomed into the school last Friday. Helped by their Y6 buddies, they added stones to our collection plate and we promised to look after them and encourage them as they grow.

OPEN DAY 2021

If you've not seen it yet, our Open Day video has had a slight edit, courtesy of Mark Williams, of Clifton Cameras, who supported us with a drone 'fly-by' last term. The video can be viewed by anyone but is especially intended for those seeking a school place in Reception in 2022. Follow the link from the Welcome page on the school's website. Please spread the word, we will be holding our Open Morning for prospective parents on Tuesday 9th November.



'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!

DO YOU HAVE A GARDEN / ALLOTMENT?

We are pleased to be able to offer old 'fire guards' which provided protection around our old radiators. Apparently these can be used to keep pesky birds and other creatures off your growing plants and vegetables. Ask at the office if you think you can make use of these.

We STILL have many hundreds of unwanted spare plastic A4 'sleeves' If you NEED these and it would prevent your home or business from buying new, please ask at the office.

HARVEST

Rev. Peter Marsh will lead a Harvest service for the children on TUESDAY 12th 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 listed on the poster last week. Please bring in your contributions on the morning of the 12th, and join us in the church from 9:00 (-ish – after registration) for our thanksgiving service.

iSingPop

The video camera I was using to record the concert switched off after 20 minutes. If anyone has 'footage' of the second half I would be most grateful to receive a copy. Hopefully, after editing, we can make this available online to enjoy in perpetuity!

GOVERNOR NEWS

We have a vacancy on our Governing Board for a Foundation Governor. Those interested may like to contact the Chair, Sue Bradley-Jones, to discuss the role of Governor. Peter Hall can give further guidance on the 'Foundation (Church) aspect' of this Governor role".

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 based on your household incomes (The Pupil Premium). If you qualify, and request it, we can use some of this money to pay for swimming lessons, lessons with musical instruments, trips and other expenses. Please have a conversation in confidence with myself about the Premium, or Mrs Kirby about the lessons.

SUMMER PRODUCTION 2021

LAST ORDERS are now being taken (orders, with £5 cash, to the office please.) This year we have issued the production on a USB stick, with no known issues.

Clothes Collection - Mrs Kirby has organised another clothes collection, this time for Friday 5th November. Please keep hold of unwanted material until this date, which raises funds for school. Last time we raised £102.

*** CHRISTMAS CAROLS TUESDAY 14th DEC, 6:30 ***

FONNS
FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

 Oset Motor cross Day  **★NEW SESSION ADDED★**

1pm - 4pm available - Years 1,2,3 & 4

SUNDAY 24th October 2021

LDR - Lee Dunham Racing - is inviting children to book on to an Oset Motor Cross session. Based in lower Wick.

☀️Session: Reception, years 1,2,3 & 4☀️

9am - 12noon - BOOKED

We can take 8 children on this session.

Unfortunately, the bikes cannot take Years 5 & 6.

£40.00 per child ~ which includes the bike, helmet & body armour. LDR has kindly offered to donate £20.00 per person back to FONNS.

The Oset bikes are silent, there is no noise. They are completely safe and controlled by adjustable switches to keep the children safe. A great opportunity for children to have a great fun experience.

Food will be supplied to purchase on site and all money will be raised for FONNS.

If you would like your child to join one of the sessions, please comment on the recent Facebook post to book your slot.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/351692605004997/>

Another great fundraiser for FONNS kindly helped by local businesses.



**YOUR
SCHOOL
NEEDS
YOU**

The FONNS AGM takes place on Wednesday the 20th October at 7.30pm here in school (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!**

FONNS FIREWORKS

Friday 22nd October

Gates open at 5pm

Firework display at 6.30pm

Held at North Nibley School
family of 4 £10.00
or £2.50 per person
Pre School Children FREE

Food & Drinks can be purchased
prior to the display

TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 1	Monday 6 th Sept	Fri 22 nd Oct
Term 2	Monday 1 st 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
Term 6	Mon 6 th June 2022	Tues 19 th July 2022

*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday

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