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NEWSLETTER 354

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FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." The Bible, Philippians, Chapter 2, verse 3.

Dear Parents and Friends,

FOOTBALL

Inter-school sports returned this week with our boys team taking on a small number of local schools. Our roving reporters (and photographers) wrote this report:

"On 14th October North Nibley took part in a football tournament at KLB. We played 7-a-side matches against Kingswood, British, Trinity and Hillesley schools. In the first match we won 4-0. They were a sporting side and the match was closer than it appears. We tried to keep our goalie bored and the action at the far end! The second match was a tough and physical game. We went ahead 1-0 but then conceded the next 3 goals. Not to be outdone, we scored the next 3 to win 4-3 to us.

The third match it was nailbitingly close. We eventually lost 1-2. In the final match we competed against the smallest school and were 8-0 up at half-time. We eventually won 13 or 14 – 0 (Mr Batchelor lost count!)"

My personal highlight was seeing the sportsmanship on the pitch, with players keen to share the glory and setting up chances for one another. Everyone tried their best and some noticeably grew in confidence and ability as the afternoon progressed.



HARVEST

We had a wonderful time at St. Martin's for our harvest thanksgiving. You can find a photo of all your kind donations over on our Class Dojo app. However, surely the highlight of the morning was seeing Rev Peter Marsh transform himself into a deep-sea diver, via a special moment when he wore his socks on his ears! You had to be there...



THE BATTLE OF NIBLEY GREEN

As we approached the 550th anniversary of this local, historical event, North Nibley Primary were to take on one of the Berkely schools (at football) in a friendly commemoration / re-enactment of the last battle fought on English soil between private armies. That was the spring of 2020, and we all know why that didn't happen! However, historian Afam Dolling has organised a guided walk (approx 3 – 4 miles) for around 3 hours, at a cost of £5 for non-members of the Battlefields Trust. Please contact Adam on 07968 722973 if you are interested in joining them. Sat 23rd October 10:30 at St. Martin's Church.

DID YOU KNOW...

We have our own defibrillator? It's located in the school office. It was bought some years ago, so there's no reason why you should have known about it, save that a parent wanted to add it to the school's WISHLIST - <https://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wishlist/> Governors have agreed to review this list in their 'Finance and Resources' committee meeting on a termly basis, with certain and appropriate items being suggested to FONNS for consideration afterwards.

The wishlist, however, seems to be having some problems, displaying properly on some devices but not others. It's on my to-do list! Do feel free to email your idea - newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk works!

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.

'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!

FOILED AGAIN!



Did you know that recycling machines cannot 'pick out' the foil you recycle if it is less than a tennis ball sized lump? It's best to save all your foil for recycling until you have sufficient to add 'a ball' to the collection.

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.

WELCOME...

to Miss Brown who has joined us as part of her teacher training. Miss Brown will mainly work in Classroom 3.

ONGOING TRAINING

As on-going teacher training (Continuous Professional Development – CPD) returns, you may find that the usual Classroom Teachers are out and about, attending courses either in person or online, from the distraction-free confines of their own homes. Governors were keen in the strategy document to recognise that a well-informed staff are best equipped and empowered to deliver the best for your children. Each staff member will be attending courses that meet immediate needs or strategic aims for the school. Wherever possible, we try to use supply staff known to the children.

GOVERNOR NEWS

We now have a second vacancy on our Governing Board, due to the resignation of Junior Fowlin, due to an escalation of work, resulting in an inability to attend meetings or complete required reading. He will be missed, though we may still see him around the school attending to maintenance once in a while. 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

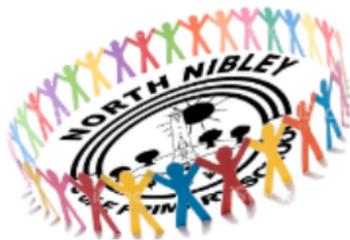
I am making enquires about how parents might access a bursary to support with music lessons. At first glance it looks like a child would qualify if the household income is £27,000 or below. Please ask for details.

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.

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.



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!

ROTARY SHOE BOX APPEAL

This year the Christmas Shoe Box appeal collection will be on Wednesday 10th November. It's a bit earlier this year to enable their safe delivery overseas. Please let Mrs Kirby know if you would like a box to fill.

Please bring your shoe boxes in to school on Wednesday 10th November. The boxes will be collected by The Rotary Club and distributed in Eastern Europe. Thank you to Yate Supplies for their help in coordinating the delivery of these boxes.

Details of how, what and why are overleaf and on this link: www.rotaryshoobox.org

You can decorate the shoebox if you would like to though please leave the lip unwrapped so they can distribute them without spoiling the decoration. Please attach £2 to the box lid.

If you are unable to fill and return a box, please return the empty box for use next year. Thank you so much for filling a shoe box for a child in need.

OPEN DAY 2021

If you've not seen it yet, our Open Day video it 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.



FONNS

FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School



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. **IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN AROUND THE SCHOOL, I WILL CONDUCT A TOUR!**

Nomination forms for the FONNS officers must be handed in for the AGM – ASAP.

"The link for the just giving page for Miss Allen, Miss Parker and Mrs Chapman, running Stroud Half Marathon is below. This is such a lovely think they are doing- it shows we are all part of FONNS."

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fonns?utm_id=1&utm_term=nEvBjBdXY&fbclid=IwAR0Rp2AhPiHCUjxVi4RhA2VCgzyr7q10DhTtk9NvF1qmOOVthMm7ePvEvCc

The amount raised is nearly £500! Please donate if you can.

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

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

FONNS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING, HERE IN SCHOOL, Friday 12th November

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

Friday 5th November - in return for hamper donations for Christmas. Please support this awesome fundraiser.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. MARTIN'S
CHURCH, TUESDAY 14th DEC, 6:30 ***



TERM DATES

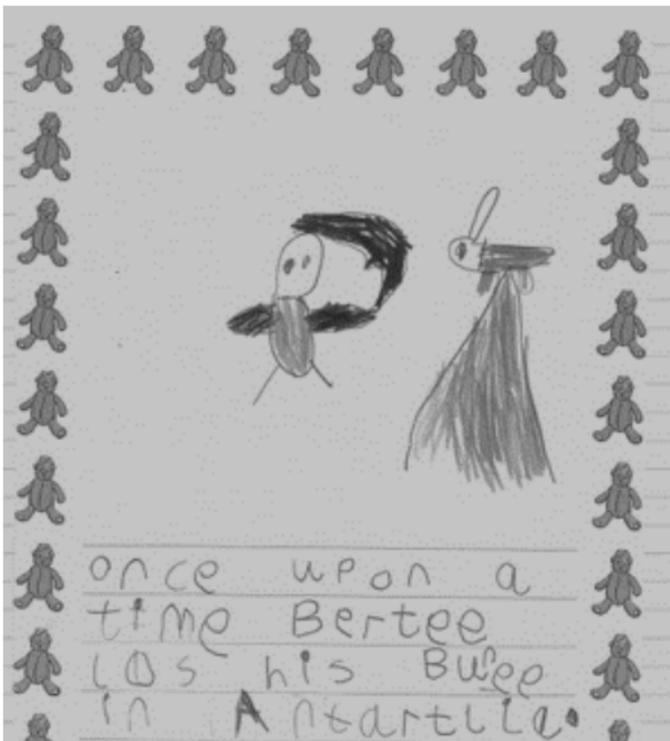
A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead: *May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday

	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

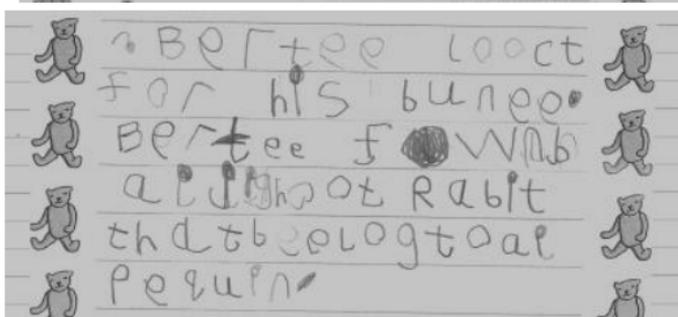
SUMMER PRODUCTION 2021

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 problems reported.

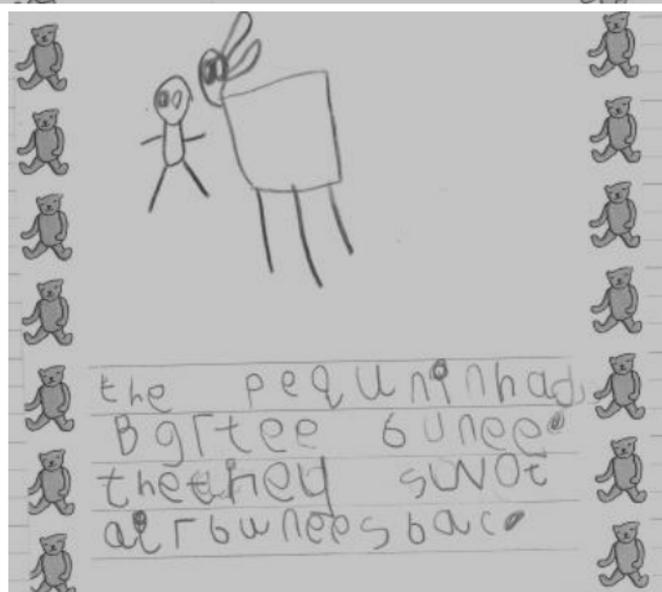
STORY TIME! BY REX (Year 1)



“Once upon a time Bertie lost his bunny in Antarctica.”



Bertie looked for his bunny. Bertie found a giant rabbit that belonged to a penguin.



The penguin had Bertie's bunny. Then they swapped their bunnies back.”

Great story, Rex, and really impressive use of capital letters and full stops.