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FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends." Proverbs 16:28

Dear Parents and Friends,



BULB PLANTING

On Friday last last week Mrs Adeline came to help the school get ready for next spring. She brought with her a sack of daffodil bulbs. One girl said "We dug the holes using small

spades and we wore our gloves." Another added "We planted a lot all by the edge of the fence."

"We turned the daffodil bulbs the right way round so they would grow." "And we watered them so they will grow and look nice." We look forward to seeing the results of your work. Thank you, team!



DIWALI DANCE

On Tuesday 19th October, Classes 3 and 4 had a Diwali Dance Workshop. They listened to Jodie tell the story of Rama and Sita and put together their own morning dance routine. After this, they got into groups and created their own dances for the three main parts of the story, followed by a routine that Jodie taught us including some Bollywood dance moves.

"In one of the dance routines, we got to be either a mythical creature or a real animal. The last part of the dance was fireworks," Martha.

"After that, we did a stick dance and it was fun," Oli.

"On the day we got to wear brightly coloured t-shirts because Diwali is the festival of light," Angelique.

"We had to do three parts of the dancing. There was a group A and B and we performed to each other," Oliver.

GENERAL PERMISSION SLIP – RE-ISSUE

For some of you, it will be many years since you completed the 'General Permissions' sheet we issue when a child joins the school, typically in Reception. In that time, your ideas about what you might permit could have changed. In addition, I think the form has evolved to ask better questions and remove areas of ambiguity. As the form has changed over time, this has led to a mixed and complicated arrangement of permission checking which is uneven across the school. I am therefore requesting, for all children in Year 1 and older, a quick check. I ask that you return as soon as possible, a revised 'General Permission' form (one per child) in order that what we do in school might better match your own preferences.

SAFEGUARDING

The restrictions in place around receiving visitors in school has provided an opportunity to take stock of our 72 current supporters – staff, governors, parents and community 'friends'. Before we welcome you back, school needs to have an up-to-date 'Annual Criminal Activity' declaration (self-certified) for each volunteer and be better informed of your history of living and/or working abroad. Letters are coming home. Please return them as soon as possible, or take the opportunity to withdraw from regular support.

TYING THE LYNCHGATE

The tradition of Tying The Lynch Gate by 'village children' at a wedding is alive and well. One-time 'Superstars' employee Ollie Tyne and his bride had to pay to be released from St Martins on Wednesday. A grand sum was raised for FONNS. This wide-spread tradition is known as far north as the Peak District and down through Somerset.



UNCLAIMED DVD SELL-OFF!

We have limited copies of the following. First come, first served! £2:00 each.

Currently in YEAR 6? Your child's year group were in

- Shine Star Shine (2016) (as Year 1)
- Busy, Busy Bethlehem (2017) (as Year 2)

Currently in YEAR 5? Your child's year group were in

- Shine Star Shine (2016) (as Reception)
- Busy, Busy Bethlehem (2017) (as Year 1)

Currently in YEAR 4? Your child's year group were in

- Busy, Busy Bethlehem (2017) (as Reception)

Currently in Year 3? Your child's year group were in

- Prickly Hay (2020) (as Year 2)

Currently in Year 2? Your child's year group were in

- Prickly Hay (2020) (as Year 1)

Currently in Year 1? Your child's year group were in

- Prickly Hay (2020) (as Reception)

ALSO AVAILABLE - 'Children' now in Years 7, 8 and 9

- Christmas with the Aliens (2014)
- Rock Bottom (2018) **with YEAR 10**

Young people now in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 (Lower Sixth!)

- Super Stan (2016)

LONDON

We are thrilled to announce that the London Residential is 'back on the cards', with dates now confirmed for Wednesday 30th March though to Friday 1st April.

GOVERNOR NEWS

We now have a second vacancy on our Governing Board. 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.

COVID UPDATES

Following the resolution of the UKHSA investigation last week, the necessary retesting advice has been issued and the previously issued statement by the UKHSA can now be rescinded. Schools should return to relying on PCR testing in their decision making.

- As soon as anyone becomes symptomatic, they should isolate immediately and arrange to have a PCR test to see if they have COVID-19. If the result is negative, they can return to school as soon as they feel well.

- Regular LFD testing of asymptomatic staff and secondary age students should continue. If someone tests positive on LFD, they should isolate and take a PCR test to confirm whether they are positive. If the result is negative, they can return to school.

- All close contacts of confirmed cases are advised to take a PCR test. If close contacts are under 18 years 6 months, are fully vaccinated, have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial or not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons they do not need to self-isolate.

- If someone has recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms, in which case they should isolate and arrange for a PCR test.

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.

THE FONNS AGM MEETING IN NUMBERS

£55,849

The amount raised for your children since 2017

150

The number of parents in our school

12

The number of FONNS members needed at an AGM.

12

The number attending on Wednesday, including:

4

The number of staff members

3

The number of parent 'new' to a FONNS meeting

2

Members of staff willing to take a committee position

134

The number of parents not attending,
nor sending apologies.

'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!

WE ARE STILL RECYLING... TOOTHBRUSHES!



So far we have managed to recycle over 400 dental products – tooth brushes, toothpaste tubes etc. Every particle of plastic, in every toothbrush you have ever used, still exists somewhere. Our box for donations is in the lobby.

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.

SMILE – AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL!

The same company, the same choice, the same prices, the same service, plus free money for school!

In the build up to CHRISTMAS you could easily raise some money through Amazon Smile. You can find all the information about this FREE service on our webpage here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pta-fonns/> Basically, if you nominate North Nibley School PTFA as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price!



<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

You can now access Amazon Smile through apps on iPhone and Android phones.

Full instructions can be found here –

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/b?ie=UTF8&node=17337655031>

ROTARY SHOE BOX APPEAL

This year the Christmas Shoe Box appeal collection will be 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.rotaryshoebox.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.

TESCO TOKENS

Do keep collecting the supermarket tokens – we think we'll be allowed a second shot at the Tesco grant next year.



ARMISTICE DAY

Remembrance Day Poppies will be on sale from now until the 11th Nov. We will hold a short act of remembrance, to include 'the silence' at 11.00 in the playground and you are welcome to join us.



iSingPop

If anyone has 'footage' of the recent concert I would be most grateful to receive a copy. Hopefully, after editing, we can make this available online.

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 Tues 9th November.

COOKIES

Sadly, not the edible kind. I've been working on our website to comply with recent changes in GDPR. You may notice a difference when you next visit. Thereafter, your browsing experiences on our site should improve.

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 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
Term 1	TBC	TBC



A RUN FOR YOUR MONEY!

Raising money for FONNS, the just-giving page for Miss Allen, Miss Parker and Mrs Chapman, running Stroud Half Marathon THIS WEEKEND is below. It has topped £600! Thank you so much to all their supporters. Please donate if you can.

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



NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

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

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