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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 356

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## FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

The Bible, John 15:12-15

Dear Parents and Friends,



## FONNS FIREWORKS

Thank you to everyone who supported at the recent fireworks night, especially those who helped in any way. There is a video of the spectacular display [HERE](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pta-fonns/) – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pta-fonns/>  
Check the FONNS item below for a financial update.



## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Most of our Class 4 girls were in action this week in the girls' Football Tournament. We were able to send two teams to the event, with many taking part in inter-school football for the first time. We even got to play one match of North Nibley Vs North Nibley! One said "Although the Nibley 'greens' played well, eventually the 'yellows' played better, winning 8-0."

Of our second match, one said "It was a much harder game against Trinity, but we did try our best." Against the British School's 'yellow' team, we won 8-0. One of our players scored 5. She said "It was an easier game. I was pleased with the shot that hit the post and went in." Against the 'British blues' we lost 4-0. One said "Even though we lost it was my favourite game as there was a lot of action in defence and I felt I contributed well." Other comments included "I had a really fun time." "I got more confident the more I played", "I worked hard for my team" and "I enjoyed playing for my new school." Well done to all our players.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Before we welcome you back as a visitor or helper, 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.

## **ARMISTICE DAY**

Remembrance Day Poppies will be on sale from now until the 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **SCHOOL PLACES**

A 'new' child has joined our Year 6 group. For the first time since 2010 the school has at least 15 children in each year group. (15 is our Published Admissions Number). Please make our new family welcome.

You can find out about places at school here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-places/>

## **WORKS DAY**

Two years ago we held a 'premises day' where a large group of parents and friends of the school donated time on a Saturday morning to tidy up the site and attend to a good number of maintenance issues, for which we were very grateful (and slightly embarrassed! The number of volunteers meant that the soup and rolls barely went round!)

I hope to repeat this event on Saturday 13th November from 9:00. If you are able to confirm your willingness to attend, in advance, (head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) I will plan refreshments accordingly!

The list of tasks can be found here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/works-requiring-attention/>

Please let me know which you feel able to tackle in advance, so that we don't all, for example, turn up with an oil can for the gates! Some jobs might appear suitable for a specialist, some require forethought so please get in touch in advance.

Looking further ahead, there are regular opportunities for a skilled 'handy-person' to be employed on an irregular basis to support our on-going drive to improve our site. If this is your line of work (and you have public liability insurance) we'd love to hear from you.

## **DIDN'T THEY DO WELL!**

On the first Sunday of half-term, three members of staff took part in a half-marathon, raising money for FONNS. It was everyone's first time at that distance, and all three finished within 2 hours 12 minutes! It's not too late to pledge some money!



[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fonns?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=nEvBjBdXY&fbclid=IwAR0Rp2AhPiHCUjxVi4RhA2VCgzyr7q10DhTtk9NvFlgmOOVthMm7ePvEvCc](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fonns?utm_id=1&utm_term=nEvBjBdXY&fbclid=IwAR0Rp2AhPiHCUjxVi4RhA2VCgzyr7q10DhTtk9NvFlgmOOVthMm7ePvEvCc)

## COVID UPDATES

Sadly, we have decided NOT to re-start clubs this half-term, and we are keeping an open mind on other measures such as staggered starting and ending times. As always, your prompt attention to updates issued via ClassDojo is appreciated.

## FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

For the time being we are limiting parents to just those whose children are celebrating birthdays that week.

## GENERAL PERMISSION SLIP – RE-ISSUE

I am requesting, for all children in Year 1 and older, a quick review of your 'permissions' slip. I ask that you return yours as soon as possible (one per child) in order that what we do in school might better match your own preferences.

## UNCLAIMED DVD SELL-OFF!

**AS WELL AS LAST SUMMER'S MUSICAL (Years 4, 5, 6, & 7)** at £5.00 each, 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)

### **'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!



#### **HERE'S A TIP!**

When I boil a kettle at home, any spare boiled water is poured into a flask nearby. The water can still be hot enough to wash up in around tea time!

Save energy, reduce greenhouse emissions and save money too! (Even better, only boil the amount you need!)

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,  
\*\*\* TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DEC, 6:30 \*\*\***

## 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.rotaryshoobox.org](http://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.

## TESCO TOKENS

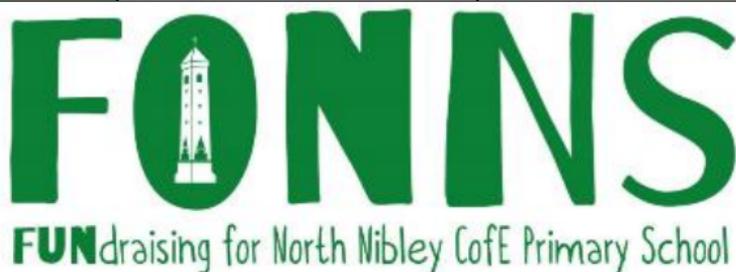
Do keep collecting the supermarket tokens – we think we'll be allowed a second shot at the Tesco grant soon.



## 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 <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>
Term 1	Determined soon	Determined soon



## 💰 Money Raised 💰

The last few events FONNS have ran:

🏍️ Motorcross at LDR Lee Dunham Racing raised £365.64 This includes the donation back from LDR and the refreshments we sold on the day

🎆 Fireworks raised £453.41 which is double what we made on the last fireworks nights in 2019. As we paid a Professional company to do the fireworks, this is a fabulous total.

🏃 Stroud half Marathon - Miss Parker, Miss Allen & Mrs Chapman raised a total of £831.00 for FONNS - a massive Thank you for running for FONNS charity. A great achievement.

👉 Clothes Collection – today's collection raised £182.32

Total amount raised for all 4 events £1,832.37 ★

A great big thank you for everyone's involvement and support.

## NEXT EVENTS:

🛍️ Adult shopping evening ~ Friday 12th November

🎄 Children's Christmas Fair ~ Friday 3rd December