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FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

From The House at Pooh Corner by A.A. Milne:

"Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind.

"Pooh!" he whispered.

"Yes, Piglet?"

"Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's paw. "I just wanted to be sure of you."

Dear Parents and Friends,



SHIP SHAPE AND BRISTOL FASHION

Last week Years 1 & 2 went to visit the S.S. Great Britain, as part of their history topic on Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Brunel was a Victorian engineer and one of the main architects of Britain's industrial revolution. He was famous for his pioneering work on Britain's railways and ships. He built railways and designed bridges, tunnels, viaducts and passenger ships. Children said "I liked exploring the ship". "The colour of the ship was nice" I noticed that the mattresses on the beds were thin and dirty." "I learnt that the doctors they had on the boat had to do operations." "We learnt that Brunel made a bridge and we drove under it too." "We learnt that the propeller spins around at the back of the ship and it pushes it forwards". "The ship's biscuits had really gross weevils in them!" Thank you to staff and helpers for arranging and managing this wonderful activity.



BIKEABILITY

Our Year 6 pupils completed their bikeability training last week. Some said... "It was fun learning about different road signs." "I learnt the rules for cycling word-for-word!" "I learnt how to signal and how to position my bike on the road at junctions."

I happened to overhear the leaders praising the children for their politeness, kindness and work ethic, as they worked together to develop their skills. Year 6, you made your head teacher proud!

OPEN DAY

I was pleased with the number of visitors who joined us for Open Day, and I am grateful to governors and FONNS for attending in order to share their observations about the school and 'school life'. The Year 6 tour guides were complimented on their confident and articulate work as school ambassadors. If you know of parents who missed out, I will arrange additional tours before 15th January!

ARMISTIC DAY (REMEMBRANCE)

At 11 o'clock on the 11th November the pupils, staff and a few visitors joined us on the playground for a short act of remembrance. Keeping 'the silence' is very hard to do when you are only 4 or 5, but the whole school was wholly respectful as we joined the nation in remembering the lost, and those who keep the peace today.



We should have finished with the following prayer, which you may wish to spend sometime thinking about –

“Finally, Lord, we pray for ourselves and the future of this troubled world.

Lord, help us - the children and friends of North Nibley School - to be the peacemakers in our world. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus, the Lord of Peace. Amen.”



WORKS DAY – SATURDAY - POSTPONED

I understand that a small group are able to help on Saturday. However, many parents would have appreciated more notice to have been given, which I understand. I am therefore postponing this event until the Spring. Thank you for your consideration and hopefully I'll see you then.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photo proofs should be coming home today. Online orders by Sat 20th November please – that's NEXT WEEKEND. Details within each pack.

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.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

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

COVID UPDATE

To support the schools' vaccination programme, further drop in sessions are being held in the county. <https://covid19.glos.nhs.uk/vaccinations/covid-19-vaccination-for-12-15-year-olds/>

Hear from Professor Sarah Scott, Executive Director of Public Health and Adult Social Care at Gloucestershire County Council about why it's so important young people get jabbed.

Link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvnPSBxj5uE>

CONSULTATION

We are launching today a full public consultation on a new version of our Admissions Policy. This vital document has been re-written to improve clarity but it also introduces some key changes, on which your views are sought. You can find out more here –

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/consultation/>

SCHOOL WEBSITE UPDATE

A number of changes in recent days –

The Wishlist has been overhauled and seems better. Apologies that as part of the edit, it appears I initiated most of the ideas!

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wishlist>

The new Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum appears in the Long Term Plans on our Curriculum page-

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-curriculum/>

Our Governor Page has been amended to recognise that Greg Smith, a long-time parent and an associate member, able to advise governors in the specialist area of buildings, has stepped down after many years of service, most often in a background. We 'warmly' thank him for all his work, including supporting the school's bid for funding to replace our heating system.

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governors-register-of-interests/>

Before Christmas I will remove more 'old' newsletters from the Spring Term of 2019.

'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!



CUTTING EDGE RECYCLING

Do you know someone who shaves? We will NOT be managing a collection of razor blades at school (!) but on the sales stand in larger branches of Sainsburys you can find pre-paid envelopes which Gillette are sponsoring, which will recycle the used razor blades of ANY manufacturer by free post. You can also sign up for free here and order your own pre-paid envelopes - <https://www.gillette.co.uk/recycle.list>

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.

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	Determined soon	Determined soon

FONNS

FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

TONIGHT!

NORTH NIBLEY SCHOOL

Shopping Evening

Come along to a festive shopping evening.
Raising Money for North Nibley School

Local stalls selling beautiful gifts

Refreshments room serving
fizz, teas, coffees and homemade treats

Friday 12th
November

6pm - 8.30pm

£3.00 per head entry -
include entry into prize
draw

🎄 Children's Christmas Fair ~ Friday 3rd December

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. MARTIN'S
CHURCH,**

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



TESCO TOKENS

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