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NEWSLETTER 360

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FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18.24

Dear Parents and Friends,

COVID UPDATE

It's been over a week since our last confirmed positive test. The short, sharp 'pause' in face-to-face lessons for KS2, whilst inconvenient and difficult in many circumstances, seems to have worked and I am grateful for all your understanding and forbearance. Thank you to everyone who persisted with LFDs and PCRs as necessary, and kept themselves and our community safe in other ways too. Of course, your active vigilance continues to be required.

NEW JOINER'S SURVEY

Around this time each year we ask those who have joined us in 2021 (mostly Reception but also older children joining 'in-year') to complete a quick survey. The information you provide helps us to plan for improvement. <https://forms.gle/KDLqFuiRVvdES3on8>

POPPY APPEAL ~ £150.08 raised for the British Legion. Thank you everyone.



PANTO UPDATE

Please can we have your panto 'Yeses' and 'Nos' by Monday at the latest.

WHEN WE ARE SHORT-STAFFED (as we are at the moment) it's really helpful if you leave a message when there's no one in the office to take your call. We do listen to them and respond as necessary.

SCAM!

We regularly get told of police 'incidents' from around the county ('stranger danger' etc). This one is odd! 'The incident took place outside Innsworth Infant School yesterday. Two people, a well-dressed lady with glasses on a beaded string aged 45 – 55 and a stocky gentleman with mousy brown hair 35 – 45, wearing purple lanyards were asking parents to take part in a survey about a new school in the local area. The parents were being offered a £5 reward for taking part in the survey and the couple were taking their email addresses. The survey that was then emailed out to parents finished by asking parents to provide their bank details. Don't get caught out!

SCIENCE

You might recall that this year we are giving a higher priority to teaching and learning in science.

CLASS 3 - VOLCANO EXPERIMENT!



On Wednesday, Class 3 enjoyed making their own volcanoes erupt on the playground.

"We did this experiment to learn about lava flow," said Thomas. "We had to mix together washing up liquid, red food colouring and bicarbonate of soda into a plastic bottle and then we had to squirt in lots of vinegar and give it a shake up! This is what made it erupt!" explained Imogen. "I enjoyed when the lava flow came down and we stepped in it!" laughed Billy.

Anna added "It didn't go everywhere. It was only a little eruption!" Calum thought the experiment was safe, but fun. "If a real volcano erupted, you'd have to run but we didn't have to!"

CLASS 4 - HEARTFELT LESSONS



As part of their studies on living things, Class 4 witnessed the dissection of a cow heart and other body parts. Rufus now knows that cow's heart has 4 chambers. (He added that many of the Year 6 girls found it difficult to watch!) Harriet thought it was really disgusting but great fun. Catrina learnt that the aorta is a large tube and that the heart was surrounded by fat. Elodie added "Although it was quite disgusting, I enjoyed stretching the breathing tube called the esophagus."

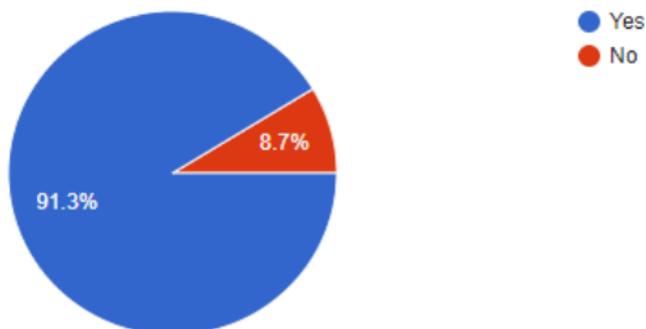
CHRISTMAS CAROLS UPDATE

In the light of changing circumstances, we are planning an outdoor event on - TUESDAY 14th DEC, in the playground, but we now need to determine a 'best time' to start. You can complete a survey here -

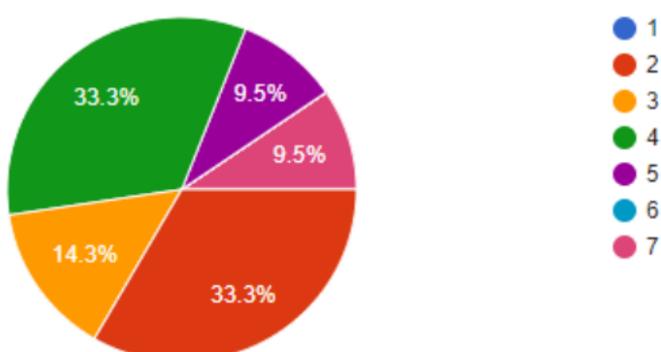
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The survey asks 3 questions: Based on 23 replies so far, the answers are as follows. Please complete this a.s.a.p.

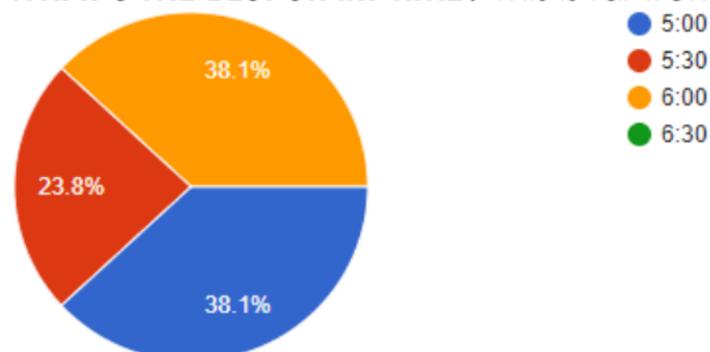
WOULD YOU COME?



HOW MANY WOULD YOU BRING? (75 and counting)



WHAT'S THE BEST START TIME? This is far from conclusive!



It will be cold! If you plan to attend this voluntary event, pupils will be supervised by parents and everyone needs to wrap up warm. I hope to confirm the start time via Class Dojo on Monday 6th. (So vote now!)

REDUNDANT RADIATORS

When it was clear that the heating works would not be finished in time, four brand new, but temporary radiators were bought for the school. Two months later they were removed. We are able to sell these on. They are white, measure 145 cm by 61 cm by 11 cm and are complete with wall brackets and valves. Please ask if interested.

'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!



SAUCE PANS AND FRYING PANS

The high street chain 'Lakeland' are currently advertising a recycling scheme for old or under-used kitchen pots and pans.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Back in Newsletter 353 I reported on a vacancy on the Governor Board. At Tuesday's meeting this week Mary Blogg completed her final piece of work on behalf on the school, guiding us to the completion of the governor's 4-year strategy. Mary is to be thanked for her commitment and oversight, including work on securing improvements to the IT infrastructure.

Those interested in taking up a place 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.

SCHOOL MEANS MENU

We are reverting to a choice of two main meals (with the least popular having been removed on each day) for the rest of the term. Click here for the new menu <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-meals/> (The page name has also undergone an edit. Please report any broken links.)

CONSULTATION

Please don't forget the full, public consultation of our new Admissions Policy. It has been re-written to improve clarity and introduce some key changes, on which your views are sought. You can find out more here – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/consultation/>

WE MUST BE CRACKERS!

Mrs Kirby will be organising a display of home made Christmas crackers to brighten the front of the school. Please bring your crackers to the school office on Monday.

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



Sadly, the planned Children's Christmas Fayre has been cancelled. Much of the fayre has to be planned (and supplies bought) in advance, so for logistical reasons, and the uncertainty caused by current difficulties, the fayre has been cancelled.

🎄 Christmas Raffle 🎄

The Christmas Raffle tickets are still available

Amazing prizes to be won, £1.00 a ticket

Additional books can be requested, please let Becs or Mel know. Raffle Draw will take place on 15th

December. Thank you for your support.

Sold ticket 'stubs' can be returned to the school office
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.