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NEWSLETTER 363

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FORGIVENESS IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"When you forgive, you don't change the past, but you do change the future." Bernard Meltzer.

Dear Parents and Friends,

Happy New Year!

North Nibley Primary was in the news this week – listed as one of the 'Top 10' hardest schools to get into, in Gloucestershire. Since 7 of these were secondary schools, that puts us in the top three primaries! This revelation was reported by the GloucestershireLive website, using publically available statistics from the 2021 application round. However, we also know that we continue to be dependent on factors such as the number of siblings in the school, and the number of children looking for places in our area, and these can change each year. We know we are not perfect (yet!) but do please spend time reflecting on, and sharing, those aspects of care and education we do get right!

<https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/gloucester-news/primary-school-application-deadline-hardest-6463217>

SCIENCE PRIZE

Having entered the poster competition we set about deciding upon a winner from a strong field. Under Miss Allen's leadership, the eventual winner was declared, and receives a bird box for her garden. Runners up each received a packet of seeds to create a wild flower garden.



YOUNG VOICES

Sadly, the organisers of YV have postponed the performances to which we were so looking forward. We have been told that new dates have been secured, but schools have not been allocated to these yet. We will let you know what happens next! YV/Choir club will only resume when we have updated information.

READING INITIATIVE

Miss Tyers, our English Curriculum Lead, writes "This week we launched a new reading incentive across the entire school. You should find a reading activity grid and a letter in your child's book bag, which will explain this in more detail.



We hope this will encourage all children to engage with a wider range of texts and motivate them to read regularly. Thank you for your support. Happy reading!"

Already children are coming to me (mostly in Class 3) to share newly discovered authors and stories. Don't forget, we have hundreds of books reviewed by North Nibley children here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/book-review-index/> and I LOVE reading your reviews! Did anyone get any books for Christmas?

FORGIVENESS IS OUR LATEST 'VALUE' IN THE SPOTLIGHT.

The Story Of The Prodigal Son will be our lead story.

In the Lord's Prayer we ask God to forgive us our sins or trespasses as we forgive those who sin against us. What a thing to ask! We are saying we wish God to treat us in the same way we treat other people! Forgiveness is the means by which damaged relationships are restored. It is an act of the will, motivated by love. Children and adults in school are helped to acknowledge that we all make mistakes and we all need forgiveness from God and each other. How are children and adults within the school community helped to acknowledge that we all make mistakes and we all need forgiveness from God and each other? How does the school help all members of the community to make amends for their mistakes? How does the school celebrate the idea that God's love is so great that forgiveness is always possible? How does the school foster the idea that forgiveness and acceptance of all builds the life of the school community?

NEW GOVERNOR

Rosie Casken, perhaps best known as one of our Open The Book leaders, has joined our Governing Board, and is very welcome. She has been appointed to our 'Teaching, Learning and Community' committee – TLC!



POLICIES

Updated policies include Medical Conditions Policy and a 'determined' Admissions Policy (for 2023-2024) following community consultation. The former can be found on the school's website, the latter is now sent to Shire Hall (GCC) for a final check.

PREMISES NEWS

Just before Christmas, under Governor Fiona Yarrow's leadership, the school submitted a bid to upgrade the windows around the school (so that all our lovely 'new' heat' is not lost through inadequate single-glazed windows). We are ever hopeful ...

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.

We've only had 3 responses so far! Please share your views. <https://forms.gle/KDLqFuiRVvdES3on8>

TABLE TENNIS

Opportunities to take part in a events organised by Stroud Table Tennis Club have been posted on the school's front door. Do take a look.

SCHOOL CENSUS – THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY 2022

The school census is when we send school data to the County Council which determines our funding for the following academic year. This happens 3 times per year.

A large part of this data is made up of the school meal returns. Because of this we are asking if every infant pupil could take a school meal on Thursday 20th January 2022. The difference this makes to our funding is HUGE.

The special meal available is :

Sausages or vegetarian sausages

With mashed potatoes and beans

Followed by a chocolate cookie or fruit

We would be extremely grateful if your son/daughter could take a school hot lunch on that day.

Juniors will also be offered this as a special lunch.

REDUNDANT RADIATORS – LAST CALL

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.

ENTRY SYSTEM

Next week we will hopefully receive our new electronic 'entry' system, in anticipation of the day when visitors are allowed back into school. The kit has been supplied free-of-charge by Soltech, our network managers.



MESSY CHURCH

Sue Convery of the chapel has got in touch to remind us that they are going ahead with messy church this Saturday. For further details, ring Sue on 01453 547939.

Further details can also be found here –

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/> and

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/church/north-nibley-chapel>



EMERGENCY CLOSURES?

There are times when severe weather or other circumstances potentially put the children and staff at risk, and an emergency closure must be considered. Any decision to close before school has opened will be communicated by 7.30 a.m. if at all possible.

When the school is closed, parents and carers will receive notification IN THE FIRST INSTANCE by a school-wide notification on Class Dojo.

The following channels of communication will also be used, dependent on time and signal:

- Gloucestershire Schools Closure site
<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>
(includes Twitter feed, follow @Glos_schools)
- Our website www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk
- Our Facebook page -
<https://www.facebook.com/northnibley>
- The FONNS Facebook page –
www.facebook.com/groups/351692605004997/
- Twitter (follow @NibleySchool)
- Local radio

TERM DATES

A reminder of the **pupil days** in the year ahead: Dates for 2022-2023 have been posted here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 3	Weds 5 th Jan	Fri 18 th Feb
Term 4	Mon 28 th Feb	Fri 8 th April
Term 5*	Mon 25 th April	Fri 27 th May
Term 6	Mon 6 th June	Tues 19 th July
Term 1	Tues 6 th Sept	Fri 21 st Oct
Term 2	Tues 1 st Nov	Friday 16 th Dec

*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday. Dates

'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!

RECYCLE YOUR...

Natural Christmas trees and non-glittery Christmas cards. I trust everyone found a friendly place for these?



RECYCLE YOUR...

Soft, flexible plastic. Many superstores, including the Wotton Co-op, have recycling containers for all soft plastics. They'll take pet food pouches, biscuit wrappers, film wrap etc. Anything bar "hard" plastic. So if you have any of those Christmas chocolates left...