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# NEWSLETTER 364

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## **FORGIVENESS IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.**

"A true apology has 3 parts:

1. I am sorry. 2. It is my fault. 3. What can I do to make it right?"

Nelson Mandela

Dear Parents and Friends,

### **YOUNG VOICES**

We have a new date! Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. All audience tickets remain valid and we have those safe. Rehearsals restart after school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **READING INITIATIVE**

Don't forget our new reading incentive scheme. You should have found a reading activity grid and a letter in your child's book bag, which will explain this in more detail.



Looking for a recommendation? 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 children explored an acrostic poem in assembly:*

- F**orgetting the hurts
- O**ffering a new beginning
- R**estoring a friendship
- G**iven and received
- I**dentifying responsibility
- V**aluing the truth
- E**nding an argument
- N**ot holding a grudge
- E**ncouraging honesty
- S**tarting again
- S**aying sorry

### **STAFFING NEWS**

Emily Smith has been appointed to the role of Teaching Assistant. I am grateful for the support of Governor Sue Bradley-Jones and Miss Tyers, as well as 15 year 2 children, for their help in the appointment.

These past few weeks have been immensely challenging due to staff absences. We all appear to be 'on the mend' now, I just want to record my grateful thanks to all the team who have worked flexibly and taken on extra duties and cover in order to help us manage.

## PARENTAL ADVICE ON APPS ETC

From time to time parents ask me what I know about certain app (value, risks etc) Sadly, my knowledge isn't what it was and new tech changes so quickly. That's why I sign up to Alan Mackenzie's weekly SAFEGUARDING updates which are proving incredibly useful in keeping up to date with emerging IT concerns and the habits of young people. As parents, YOU CAN TOO! <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/>

I also highly rate Common Sense Media, a site which has reviews from other parents, children and educators to support you in making an informed opinion about the safety of apps. You can search their database for new or unfamiliar apps.

<https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/>

A recent question I was asked concerns Roblox. Common Sense Media have produced a guide that was very helpful (and potentially alarming.) I strongly recommend the "Parents' Ultimate Guide to Roblox" - <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-roblox>

## Stress-management resources

- When everything feels overwhelming, check out [tips for taking in rapidly changing news](#).
- De-stress together with [meditation apps for kids and families](#).
- [Apps, websites, and video games](#) that inspire running, jumping, and more to stay active.
- Get the blood flowing and elevate the mood with these [25 dance games](#) (you might need to buy a special control from Amazon).
- Don't forget to enjoy a [device-free dinner](#) or two.

## NEW JOINER'S SURVEY – LAST CALL

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>

## EMERGENCY CLOSURES?

Any decision to close before school has opened will be communicated by 7.30 a.m. if at all possible.

Parents and carers will receive notification IN THE FIRST INSTANCE by a school-wide notification on Class Dojo.

Dependent on time and signal, we will also try:

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

## CLOTHES RECYCLING

Our next date will be 14<sup>th</sup> March – please start saving.

## '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...BEDDING!



Dunelm have launched a Textile-Take-Back scheme to recycle unwanted bedding etc. They write "We'll accept all home textiles including duvets, pillows, bed linen, towels, curtains, cushion covers, cushion inners, bedding protection, and more.

All we ask is that it's in good, clean condition and is wrapped or bagged before being deposited in our collection box." For further details, see

<https://www.dunelm.com/info/about/take-back-scheme>

### 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/>

### AND

I have now published **DRAFT DATES** for 2023 – 2024, **AND** 2024 – 2025! Please note, these last two have yet to have the 5 days INSET applied to them and will therefore change slightly after ratification by Governors in the autumns of 2022 and 2023!

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

\*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday. Dates

**FONNS**  
FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

This week you've had the FONNS newsletter, with North Nibley Festival news, and also the 'Lucky Squares' lottery. Please don't forget, forms for the lottery need to be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> January (NEXT FRIDAY). Draws are open to all families, extended families and friends, with multiple entries also allowed. Thank you for your support.

It appears that some (most?) of the FONNS newsletter content was missing from the paper copy. The full version will be sent electronically, so please read past the first page!



*Disco*  
*Friday 18th February*

5:45PM - 6.30PM INFANTS -  
CLASSES 1&2

6:45PM - 7:45PM JUNIORS -  
CLASSES 3&4

SCHOOL HALL

£2.00 ENTRY PER CHILD  
THIS ENTRY COST INCLUDES DRINKS &  
CRISPS

# DISCO

**FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2022**

All children are welcome to come along to the FONNS disco held in the school hall.

Children can dress up if they wish, come along and enjoy an evening of music and games with their friends.

£2.00 per child entry  
Drinks & crisps provided per child within cost of entry.

We split the times so the hall isn't too full at one time.

Infants - Classes 1 & 2 - 5.45pm - 6.30pm  
Juniors - Classes 3 & 4 - 6.45pm - 7.45pm