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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 365

(One for each day of the year!)

Friday 4th February 2022

FORGIVENESS IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"I don't forgive people because I'm weak, I forgive them because I am strong enough to know people make mistakes." Marilyn Monroe

Dear Parents and Friends,

LOOK OUT, A CLEAR IMPROVEMENT IS COMING!

Governors continue to work behind the scenes to improve school for the benefit of all children. Just one year after their successful bid to replace the heating systems throughout the school, they have won a transformational grant to replace all external windows around the main building. Thanks to huge support from parent governor Fiona Yarrow, the grant is worth many tens of thousands of pounds! The Finance and Resources committee hope that the work will be started and completed within the summer holiday. Inadequate single-glazed windows will be replaced with thermally efficient modern windows which will keep all our 'new' heat sensibly within the rooms where its needed.

COVID UPDATE

Following a few weeks of increasing uncertainty (and anxiety) the numbers of positive cases are falling again. And once again the staff have pulled out all the stops to cover gaps and keep school running smoothly. Please remember to inform track'n'trace when a positive test is recorded. (And I heard a lovely story of Class 4 children thanking the supply teacher for her support this week – what lovely manners some have!)

PREPARING FOR 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
- Our Facebook page -
<https://www.facebook.com/northnibley>
- The FONNS Facebook page –
www.facebook.com/groups/351692605004997/
- Twitter (follow @NibleySchool)
- Local radio

ICE PACKS

We have a shortage of ice packs in school. If you have any at home, we'd appreciate their return, thank you.

CLOTHES RECYCLING

Our next date will be 14th March – please start saving.

NEW JOINER'S SURVEY

Thank you so much to the 9 responders who shared their thoughts on joining the school in 2021 (in any year group). Your kind words have meant a lot. (P.S. To the parent writing "Questions 4 to 7 were missing" – you only got to see those if you answered 'Yes' to the previous question! The form will now make this clear!)

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 unexpected volunteers on site meant that the soup and rolls barely went round!)

I hope to repeat this event on **Saturday 5th March** from 9:00. This time I am asking you to book ahead in advance, so I can plan refreshments accordingly! You can sign up on this new webpage - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/can-you-help/> where you can also find the list of tasks requiring attention. When you sign up you can also choose to arrange a preliminary visit, for some of the more specialist jobs. Choose this option too if you think I'll need to get some tools or resources for you 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.

'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!

REUSE YOUR...MILK BOTTLES!

You may have taken part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. Why not transform an old milk bottle into a novelty bird feeder? A project to take on, perhaps, if you are isolating?



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

There are still a few school families out there who will remember a certain Chris Tomkins, whom I appointed to his first teaching position, here at North Nibley, in September 2010. I'm sure you will be thrilled to hear that he has secured a Headship of his own, at a school not too far away! I hope circumstances allow us to work together at some point in the near future.

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 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

BEST MOMENT OF THE WEEK?

To be told I'm part school teacher, part Ninja, by a child in Class 3. I'll take that!



The next meeting for FONNS is on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30pm, in the school hall. Please add this to your diary! Rebecca Price has also added a zoom link so you can join in on the meeting via zoom.

Topic: My Meeting

Time: Feb 9, 2022 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/2904757942?pwd=dmdZYzhXeDJsRkh1YVcyaVNSQ2FQZz09>

Meeting ID: 290 475 7942

Passcode: wJeq65

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 spilt 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