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NEWSLETTER 366

(And one for a leap year!)

Friday 11th February 2022

FORGIVENESS IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

““It takes a strong person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to forgive.” (Anon)

Dear Parents and Friends,

COVID UPDATE

WOW! No new cases for a week and ALL staff back and well. If numbers continue to be healthy we are minded to dismantle our bubbles and return as many 'school' normal' opportunities as we can after half-term. If we do, this will include a shared playground and whole-school assemblies once again, including the Fabulous Friday assembly with visitors.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - GOVERNOR CONSULTATION

“Making Nibley Greener – what do you think?”

From time to time, Governors have heard parents remark on how challenging the white polo shirts are to clean. Do you boil-wash, bleach, Vanish or even Napisan?

Is it time for North Nibley School to become even more environmentally friendly and move to (bottle) green polo shirts? The green polo shirts are possibly not as easy to find in the smaller supermarkets, but can be found online at the larger supermarkets and sometimes even in-store. Linela, the provider of our uniform with the school logo, will be able to provide embroidered green polo shirts for those that want them.

Before any decision is made, the Governors would like to hear what the parents think of this proposed change to the regular 'day' uniform. Any change would take effect in September 2022. Please complete this very short survey, by Friday 14th March, to inform us on what you would like. The results will be published around Easter time. Make your views known here -

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

ICE PACKS

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

YOUNG VOICES RETURNS

The choir will resume their practice for Young Voices on Tuesday 1st March, after school as before. (There will be no rehearsal on Tuesday 10th May).

CLOTHES RECYCLING

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

LIBRARY

Some of your children may well have started bringing library books home. This is part of an initiative from a few Year 6 girls to use our books more widely. It has certainly been popular in the last few days! The girls created their own instructions, reprinted below.

How to use the library

To Borrow a book, please follow these steps:

- 1) Pick the book that you want to borrow
- 2) Write your name in the Name Box
- 3) Write the date in the Date Box
- 4) Write the name of the book in the Name of the Book Box
- 5) Borrow the book
- 6) When you return the book tick in the Return Box
- 7) Add any comments about the book in the Comment Box

Thank you for borrowing books from the Library!

Please note that in the early days some your children may need help remembering to return their books!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We are planning to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. One activity we hope you'll take part in is 'The Masked Reader'. Quite simply, the children wear a mask, make a video of themselves reading a short poem, and send it in to school by Monday 28th February (try not to give away any clues in the background) and we'll share it. Viewers then try to guess who's in the mask!

The hall will have the displays updated to a book-related theme and pupils can wear a book-themed costume to school. If our bubbles are gone, then Classes 1 & 2 will need to bring in their P.E. kit on that day.

Our online book review system – recently updated with these titles - remains usable 24/7, all year round!

- Chinese Cinderella
- This zoo is not for you
- Kay's Marvellous Medicine
- Titanic Voices
- There's a werewolf in my tent

THE PHONES AND CLASS DOJO

I was disappointed to hear several parents say that they had phoned the school last week but we didn't seem to be answering. This means they had missed several Class Dojo posts about the phones being knocked out by a power spike. Please make sure that you check in on Class Dojo at least once a day. This may prevent any future misunderstandings. We have a temporary 'patch' in place at present, but no answer phone facility. Hopefully we can restore full functionality very shortly.

PARISH COUNCIL PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION

Coming home with this letter is a flyer about an exciting proposal about the development of play facilities on the field adjacent to the school. Please read it carefully and share your views here -

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FVLRNG>

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

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!

REDUCE YOUR... WATER USE

About three years ago I managed to change a bad habit – that of letting the tap run whilst cleaning my teeth. So easy to do, good for the planet, good for the water bills too. A tip – I found it easier to keep one hand on the tap throughout, so I was conscious of what I was doing, rather than on 'autopilot'.

Unlearning nearly 50 years of wasteful behaviour was a challenge, but I did it, and you can too!



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/>

I have also published **DRAFT DATES** for 2023 – 2024, and 2024 – 2025! These last two have yet to have the 5 days INSET applied to them and will therefore change slightly after formal adoption 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



The 'blended' approach to the last FONNS meeting – some face to face, others via video – seems to have worked really well. Thank you.

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

FONNS Tuck shop After school Disco



**Sweet Treats to buy after school
disco**

**Chocolate & sweets
Everything 50p**