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# NEWSLETTER 367

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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

"Everyone makes mistakes. Don't expect others to forgive you if you can't forgive them." Anon.

Dear Parents and Friends,

### **WHETHER THE WEATHER BE HOT...**



Children in Classes 1 & 2 have been learning about the weather, and also the names and locations of the British Isles. This knowledge was combined in videoed weather forecasts. Let's hope the weather improves for half-term next week. Children return on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### **BUBBLES!**

Providing the number of Covid cases remains low, we relaxing the following measures after half term:

**Soft start** – children to the classrooms first, as usual please

**Entry to the school** – All children through the front door

**Assemblies** – Full school assemblies

**Friday Assemblies** – Visitors welcome BUT we reserve the right to cancel at (very) short notice in response to any outbreak

**Playground** – undivided!

**Buddies** – Year 6 will be able to spend some time with their 'buddies'.

**Lunches** – A return to eating together

**Visitors working with children** – If you were a 'reader' we would love to have you back. However, changes to safeguarding mean you and I (Mr B) have to have a chat before had, and there is some paperwork which we will help you complete. You may choose to wear a mask, if wanted, and suitable for the activity you support.

**Governor visits** – Governors are keen to 'catch up' on happenings in school, and are beginning to arrange visits.

**Clubs** – A small selection of clubs will begin from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March (2<sup>nd</sup> week back).

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATIONS**

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we will hold our next Parent-Teacher meetings. These will be held face-to-face with catch-up meetings via Zoom at a later date for any unable to come into school.

## **VACANCIES**

We are looking to expand our staffing number once again and are recruiting for a part-time Teaching Assistant (Class 1) together with Mid-Day Supervision duties. Please share this with any who you think may be interested and suitable. Mrs Kirby can provide further details and an application pack by email.

## **CLASS DOJO - UPDATED**

It has been brought to my attention that at least one parent has not been receiving the updates we provide on Class Dojo. Updating the phone app solved their problem. Uninstalling and reinstalling the app is also an option. Class Dojo messages are broadcast to 145 parents and 16 members of staff. The average number reading the posts is 95, so please check your app and see if an update is required.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION - UPDATED**

Making North Nibley Greener – what do you think?

29 parents have already shared their thoughts on the proposal to allow bottle-green polo shirts as part of the regular school uniform from September 2022. The Governors would like to hear what the parents think of this proposal. Please complete this very short survey, by Friday 14th March. The results will be published around Easter time. Make your views known here - visit <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/consultation/>

and choose ONE of the following:

- Only allow bottle green polo shirts
- Only allow white polo shirts
- Allow green and white polo shirts as a phasing in period, but only green polo shirts will be allowed from September 2023
- Allow both green and white polo shirts for the foreseeable future

## **PREMISES DAY - UPDATED**

2 parents have signed up (Thank you). Please consider donating some time if you are available. You can re-read full details on the last two newsletters, which are available on Class Dojo, in your email inboxes and online here- <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/newletters/>

## **WORLD BOOK DAY - UPDATED**

We are planning to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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! It is helpful to give the poet's name and poem title as part of your video, please.

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.

## **CLOTHES RECYCLING**

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

## **WEBSITE**

Numerous changes to report:

Multiple policies have been updated, mainly in response to the latest 'Keeping Children Safe In Education' guidance from the government.

Changes have been made to:

- Allegations Management Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Child Protection Policy and Safeguarding Procedures
- First Aid In School Policy
- Medical Conditions Policy
- Safer Recruitment Policy
- Staff Conduct, Discipline and Grievance Policy
- Volunteer Policy

The determined Admissions Policy for 2023-24 can be found here too. <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/Curriculum>

We have reorganised our pages explaining what we do and what we expect for our learners. Some parents may be unaware that we post the topic plans and other guidance, for example on national tests and homework here – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-curriculum/>

Surveys  
The recent 'New Joiners' survey has been uploaded here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/parent-surveys/>

Governors

Information about our governors, including attendance data and the approved minutes from recent meetings of the Full Governing Board can be found here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governor-minutes/>

We continue to 'carry' a Governor vacancy and would be please to hear from anyone in our community who may be interested in this role.

## **PHONES**

We are now fully restored, a corrupted switch box having been repaired.

## **LIBRARY**

Some of your children may well have started bringing library books home. Please note that in the early days of this new initiative, some your children may need help remembering to return their books!

## **YOUNG VOICES RETURNS**

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

## **PARISH COUNCIL PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION**

Last week we sent home 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 -

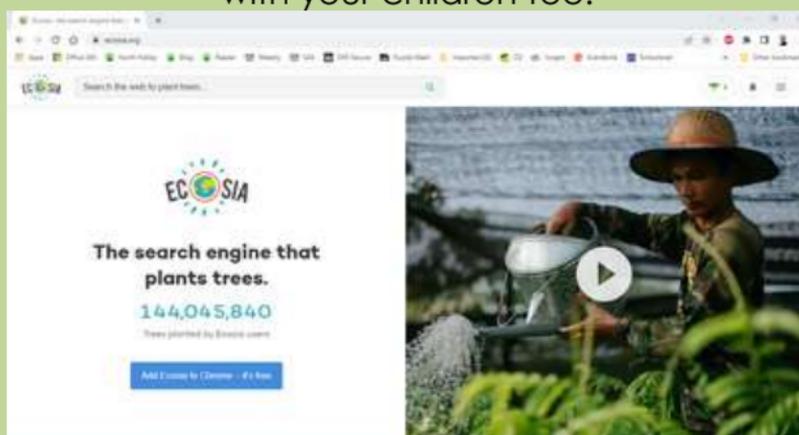
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FVLRNG>

## **CRISP PACKET RECYCLING**

The company that runs the crisp packet recycling scheme has notified us that the scheme will be closing. Thank you for your support so far. Mrs Kirby will soon supply a 'final' total and we will advise you of any alternative schemes / sites when we know them.

## '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... ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

School parent Mrs Simpson has pointed me in the direction of "Ecosia" an internet search engine that plants trees. Join 15 million users who use this site regularly. My first use required a 5 second delay, but thereafter it was seamless. Try it out! (And watch the video too – a great spot. (<https://www.ecosia.org/> )

If any other parents want to send me tips and recommendations for sustaining our 'Nibley Green' credentials, just email [newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk)

### ICE PACKS

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

### 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 <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



Join other parents for a self-serve tea or coffee in Classroom 2 whilst your child boogies in the disco tonight 5:45 – 6:30 / 6:45 – 7:45! (Donations welcome!) This will be available for both disco sessions for parents to use whilst needing to wait for their child. A tuck shop will be available at the end of each session on exiting the hall. All treats will be charged at 50p.