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NEWSLETTER 369

Friday 4th March 2022

FORGIVENESS IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
Anon." The Bible, Colossians 3:13.

Dear Parents and Friends,

BOOKFLIX



The children looked wonderful, dressed as book characters on Thursday. Book reviews followed, and these will soon be available in the hall. World Book Day is not a charity as such, so we didn't collect any money, but partners at Books For Africa will be happy to take another book or two if you are wondering what to do with heaving bookshelves at home.

We will also be taking part in "Wear A Hat Day" on Friday 25th March 2022!" As the culmination of Brain Tumour Awareness Month, this fundraising event is a great way to raise vital funds for Brain Tumour Research.

THE MASKED READERS

You can play along (guessing who's behind the mask!) on the links published on Class Dojo.

A big thank you goes out to all the parents and children who worked to make it happen.



SOFT-START EXPLAINED

I have been asked why, given that the children are now mixing throughout the day, the school has stayed with a 'soft-start'. It is our view that a soft start provides a much better start to the school day, with children in the classrooms and engaged in learning activities on arrival, albeit in a more relaxed atmosphere. With lost-learning time (due to the pandemic) still a concern for many children and parents (and children still missing school due to positive testing) we remain in catch-up mode. In addition, children are not arriving into the classroom bothered, stressed (or elated) by the happenings in (for example) a playground football match.

CLUBS

Mrs Dixon will be hosting a 'Multi-skills' Club for Class 3 on a Thursday after school (until 4:15), from 17th March. No PE kit required.

Mr Batchelor will continue Coding Club on a Thursday lunchtime.

The 'before school' Running Club will 'run again' in Term 4.

REMOTE LEARNING

Of the 230-ish schools which closed on Friday 18th, 77 gave out information about the 'remote learning' they were putting in place, and named the platform they used. 2 minutes' work garnered the following information about their platform of choice:

Class Dojo	20
MS Teams	19
Google Classroom	13
Satchel	8
Seesaw	7
Tapestry	7
Purple Mash	3

WEBSITE

Even more changes to report:

We have improved the page on phonics, to be more compliant with the 'new' approach and resources – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-curriculum-phonics/>

You can download a summary of the current School Improvement Plan here

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/improvement-plans/>

I have also added a page with details of the DVDs and videos we have in stock, from previous nativities and summer musicals. They list who was in each, to make your task easier! Please complete the form if you want one:

<https://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/orders/>

We have revised the Early Years Foundation Stage to reflect national changes in baseline assessments. We have also added a policy on working with parents who live separately from their child and we are required to publish a 'Privacy Notice' which informs you of the data we collect, store and use at school.

You can find all these here –

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/>

CLOTHES RECYCLING

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Following a democratic process, pupil councillors were elected in Classes 3 & 4 and attended their first meeting on Tuesday. They will be working to establish a new set of rules and expectations for the playground.

PREMISES DAY - TOMORROW

12 volunteers (a mix of children and adults) have signed up and ordered soup and roll for Saturday. Another 8 or so may be able to attend slightly later. Thank you). Please consider donating some time if you are available. We starts at 9:30. You can re-read full details on newsletters 366 and 367, which are available on Class Dojo, in your email inboxes and online here- <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/newletters/>

SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION - UPDATED

Making North Nibley Greener – what do you think?

43 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. 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

Many completed the ANONYMOUS survey in under 15 seconds (with 4 seconds being the fastest!). One parent took 24 minutes – I suspect they were multi-tasking!

VISITORS WORKING WITH CHILDREN – If you were a previously 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.

PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

On Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd 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.

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... CARBON FOOTPRINT

For those that can, walking to school brings many benefits aside from a positive environmental impact. As the weather improves, perhaps you could park further away and walk the last part together? Certainly we no longer need to leave engines running whilst we wait!

If any parents want to send me tips and recommendations for sustaining our 'Nibley Green' credentials, just email

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 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
Term 3	Weds 4 th Jan	Friday 17 th Feb

*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday. Dates

FONNS
FUNdraising for North Nibley CE Primary School

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.

DISCO

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