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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 371

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

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

"The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him." The Book of Daniel, Chapter 9, verse 9.

Dear Parents and Friends,

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

As part of our new School Council work, the pupils have started their own page on the school website, which you can find here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-council/>

Hopefully the chair of the school council will feature as the 'new voice' of the telephone answer machine!



### **COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE**

Preschool have arranged a collection on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March for items to go to Ukraine. The Lions Club are picking it up from the village hall at 10am. If people wish to, they can donate and drop of at preschool or give to Julie Dyer. (Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> by 10am).

Tinned foods

Dried foods

Baby toiletries and nappies

Bedding

Toiletries

Gloves and hats

**NO CLOTHES PLEASE.**

### **PREMISES DAY**

Last week I forgot to credit Mrs Prinsloo for the photos. Work continues – did you notice our new 'School Office' signs? I booked a 'trip-to-the-tip' (recycling centre) on Saturday. If you ever make a booking yourself, and have space, please ask if we have anything to dispose of! (Usually you can help yourself to anything by the 'bins' at the front of the school). The remaining list of jobs can be found here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/can-you-help/>

**YOUNG VOICES**, it's really important you turn up to all the rehearsals please. There IS one on Tuesday, even on Parents Evening...

## VOLUNTEERS

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.

### NIBLEY 'GREEN'

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!



Parent and Governor Jules Miller is running a Repair Cafe at the Village Hall on Sunday 3rd April 10 am - 1pm. The theme is garden tools and people are invited to come along with their rusty, blunt or broken garden tools and we will endeavour to get them repaired and ready for the gardening season at no charge. A great way to avoid waste and build community.

There will be cake and a craft room for children.

If any 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)

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

A celebration with

Rev. Peter Marsh  
St. Martin's  
Church 3 p.m.  
27<sup>th</sup> March.



## THANK YOU SUE

On Friday in assembly we had the first opportunity in a long while, as parents and children together, to thank Sue Devine who, during the summer, relinquished the task of coordinating the Open The Book Team for the school. We recognised this long-standing service – perhaps as long as 18 years! – with a gift of flowers.



**ALSO ON FRIDAY** we were able to enjoy the weather and put classes 1, 2 and 3 together in the playground, in mixed-aged pairings and trios, to share their reading books. It was glorious!

## VISITOR LANYARDS

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



### **WEAR A HAT day**

On Thursday last week the Year 6 Worship Leaders led us in an assembly on the wonders of the brain! This included a number of optical illusions which we all see differently! On Friday THIS WEEK we will be raising money for Brain Tumour Research (See

<https://www.braintumourresearch.org/fundraise/wear-a-hat-day>) by wearing a silly hat (home made or otherwise) to school. Donations on the door please.

### **SUPERSTARS**

SuperStars is an after school child care service. (As a general rule we rarely refer to this paid-for service as a 'club' to avoid confusion.) Parents wishing to use Superstars on Monday or Tuesday (even for the first time) are invited to have a conversation with Deb. Provided you have completed the registration papers and provided there is space, Superstars are open to new bookings. Copies of the forms are available in the office and with Superstars themselves.

### **ON THE STAGE**

On Sunday during term time, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School opens its doors to young people from across the South West who want to learn theatrical skills in a fun, creative and welcoming environment. We offer weekly classes in both performance and production, taught by our students at the height of their professional training.

The workshops are split across four age groups:

Upstage for ages 4 to 6;

Downstage for ages 7 to 10;

Stage Left for ages 11 to 14;

Stage Right for ages 15 to 18.

The BOVTS Young Artists term will start on Sunday 1 May and runs until Sunday 10 July 2022. Partial bursaries are available, and will be assessed via application on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. Anastasia Kudryashova

Student Recruitment and Marketing Team

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School

2-3 Downside Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 2XF

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### **POLICY UPDATE**

Governors have considered the annual review of the Special Educational Needs Policy, the SEND Information report and the Teachers Pay Policy, as required by law. These can be found on the policy page - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/> Governors also considered your responses to the question of a change in the school uniform, to allow bottle-green polo shirts. 55 of you shared your views (thank you). The outcomes of this consultation will be shared in the next Governor Newsletter.

### **SUNGLASSES**

Unless we have a special note otherwise, linked to a medical condition, we are not allowing the children to

wear sunglasses at playtime. The sun is not yet that bright and we have had a few near misses as children still race around, but with limited visibility.

## RECYCLING CRISP PACKETS

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. We can send away any packets received by March 31st.

## SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Mrs Kirby turned her talents to a 'floral' arrangement in the front window. 6 flowers each with a special significance. Do you know what they represent?



## 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/>

Also there, **DRAFT DATES** for 2023 – 24, and 2024 – 25! These will change slightly after formal adoption in the autumns of '22 and '23, when INSET days are added.)

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
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
Term 3	Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb

\*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday. Dates

## FONNS RECIPE BOOK

**FONNS**  
FUNraising for North Nibley Gift Primary School

**WE WANT YOUR RECIPES**

FONNS are creating a cookbook to share your favourite family recipes and raise money for our school.

**PARTICIPATION IS EASY**  
Simply submit your favourite recipes to:

[nibleyrecipes@yahoo.com](mailto:nibleyrecipes@yahoo.com)

Please include the following for each recipe:

- 1-Name of family/child submitting recipe
- 2-Number of servings
- 3-Cooking/preparation time
- 4-Ingredients and method

Feel free to include any pictures of your dishes!

**DEADLINE FOR RECIPE SUBMISSIONS IS 01/04/2022**