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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 374

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HOPE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." –
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Parents and Friends,

"HOPE WE DON'T GET LOST!"



On Thursday our Class 4 teams (everyone present!) took part in an Orienteering afternoon. One said "There were 4 primary schools taking part at KLB." Others said "I was really nervous before it started, but it was fun taking part." "I liked doing the activities." "There was lots of running." "I liked it when we put the keys in the special slots and it beeped at us if we were correct." My friend and I "scored 170, which was good."

HOPES FULFILLED...

Many of you will already be aware of our online wishlist - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wishlist/>

Three entries have received an update –

- 1) Additional utensils, pots and pans etc for Class 4 cooking – and FONNS! Plenty of items are now finding their way into the staffroom.
- 2) Have advice on money. Our recently adopted 'Wellbeing' Curriculum includes 18 lessons with content that covers:
 - Class 2 - My spending (Want or Need?), saving, keeping belongings safe.
 - Class 3 – Money: Where it comes from, what influences spending. Borrowing & consequences.
 - Class 4 - Being critical consumers, tricks advertisers use. Budgeting, poverty, tax & society.
- 3) iPads – 1:1 devices – Thanks to significant prioritisation from Governors, 20 new ipads will supliment our existing set of 12, enabling 1:1 for selected lessons across the school (just, not all at the same time!)

HOPE THIS MAKE SENSE!

New expectations for changing for PE, and running club, were posted on Class Dojo yesterday. ALSO we strongly prefer caps for P.E. (in green/plain colours). Hats with larger brims restrict the vision required for safe running.

HOPE IT'S NEVER NEEDED!

We had a fire drill test on Wednesday. Even with a visitor on site, everyone responded in the right way. Every room, cupboard and toilet was checked and every soul accounted for in our BEST TIME EVER! One minute 58 seconds. Well done to you all.



HOPE YOU LIKE IT!

Parent decorator Richard Willey has painted Classroom 4 over the Easter break, as a gift to the school. He even managed to get the paint for free,

seeing it was for 'a good cause'. We are very grateful.

HOPE YOU CONSIDER THIS

We have had one parent willing to stand for election – please see this week's 'special' letter and note the deadline, after which we will know if the position is contested. Uncontested nominees are appointed automatically.

HOPE YOU REMEMBER

There may be rare circumstances when a child needs to bring a phone into school. These must be handed in to the office for safe keeping, as per our policy.

HOPE FOR HELP

The School Council have been working on a 'definitive' set of playtime and lunchtime rules. There is space on the pages for illustrations and they are inviting children to submit drawings of children playing positively, by Tuesday 3rd May. Children may complete these on paper in any media. The winners will have their pictures added to the booklet, which will support children and staff alike. School Council Meeting minutes are now online too!



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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!

Our crisp packet collection has been discontinued. However, we have joined a new scheme which recycles cracker, biscuit and cake wrappers. Please see the posters which we will display shortly, for further details.

HOPE YOU NOTICED THIS...

Following consultation we have agreed to adopt BOTTLE GREEN tops, as an option alongside the white, from September 2022. However, we do want to retain some 'uniformity' to the BOTTLE GREEN tops, which should be a close match to the existing jumper colour. We will provide a 'model' colour in the school lobby to guide your shopping.

HOPE YOU GET THIS HIGHLY RATED THIS APP!



1-Minute maths is brought to you by the people behind the school's Maths Scheme, White Rose. It's GREAT because it's...

1. Excellent practice – with no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's FREE!

HOPE WE DON'T NEED THESE...

Newsletter 373(Last term) defined the latest set of Covid-19 symptoms and rules for our school. If you missed it, I've copied the content to this web page <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/covid-19/>

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON

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.

HOPE IT'S FINE / HOPE IT RAINS...sun hats and water bottles should be in school as 'standard' as the weather improves! Butt... We have a new waterbutt intalled, to aid watering the beds at the front of the school. We would appreciate the kind donation of any (pre-loved?) small, child-friendly watering cans so anyone can help – perhaps at the start of the school day before the doors are opened?

HOPEFULLY, NO CHANGES!

Dates for 2022-2023 have been posted here , plus VERY DRAFT DATES for 2023 – 24, and 2024 – 25!

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
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
Term 4	Mon 27 th Feb	Fri 31 st March

*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday.

HOPE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

Hope is a word that we use a great deal in ordinary conversation and has consequently lost something of its power. "I hope you can join me for lunch" or "The children hope that the school will be closed by snow tomorrow!" At another and a much deeper level, hope is a universal human phenomenon which sustains people in times of great personal difficulty. People hope for peace in time of war; for food in time of famine; for justice in time of oppression and this hope can sustain them and give them energy. Where there is no hope society spirals downwards. For some people, hope is so strong that it inspires self-sacrifice to turn their hope into reality. Christians see their hope in God's promise that love and goodness ultimately will (and already have) overcome all evil. This hope is manifested in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. So over the summer we will be asking ourselves how the school promotes a vision of a hopeful future? How does the school help children to understand that there is a chance of a new beginning and a fresh start in every situation? How does the school help the children to understand that they can play their part in creating a more sustainable environment and a better society? How does the school help pupils to understand that they are citizens of the world and that this citizenship brings challenges and responsibilities? It's going to be an optimistic term!

"Hope is called the anchor of the soul (The Bible, Hebrews 6:19), because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a 'wish' (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made." - RC Sproul

FONNS

FUNdraising for North Nibley C of E Primary School

**HOPE YOU CAN
SUPPORT US!**



FONNS & ST MARTINS CHURCH SPRING FAYRE



**Join us on the Jubilee playing
field**

Saturday 21st May

2pm - 5pm



Free family day filled with lots of stalls with
food & drink, fun games, afternoon tea served by the Church
Spring Raffle & lots more.