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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 381

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## HOPE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief.

And I believe that love is stronger than death."

— Robert Fulghum, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten:  
Uncommon Thoughts On Common Things

Dear Parents and Friends,

## DISTRICT SPORTS



What a triumphant evening of track athletics we enjoyed on Wednesday, following an equally successful afternoon of 'field' events on Monday. In the first event, Harriet took part in the accuracy throw contest. "It was tricky – one of the beanbags was heavier so it was harder to throw!" Elodie represented the school in the distance throw. "I really enjoyed it," she said later. In our 22 track races, our athletes achieved an incredible 15 first places, including all 4 skipping races and the Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 mixed team relays. Joseph thought the event was "very competitive". Noah added "We were really nervous but we all did well." Miriam thought that Ellie-May was 'Amazing.' Izzah was "keen to compete with others" and Kiera found it "tiring, but I enjoyed it." Angelique summed it up – "Everyone did their best and we did really well." Doing well earned points which culminated in a grand total – and North Nibley were the winners of the small school competition!

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUBLILEE BOOK

We have received our allocation of free books and they are sufficient for 1 per family. Do take a moment to enjoy this together.

## NATURE QUIZ

Our Nature Quiz team should feel immense pride at competing in the County Semi-finals. It was a tough evening, which eventually saw us knocked out of the competition, but the organiser praised the team's commitment to nature and their knowledge (which goes well beyond that of the average adult! Which British bird has the nickname 'the butcher bird'?) Spectators commented positively on our team's 'sporting' nature, warmly congratulating the winning team despite their own disappointments. "It was a great opportunity if you love nature." "Despite disappointment we were still pleased with how far we got." "We had some 'wild' and lucky guesses too." "We worked well together as a team."



The team pose with the Local Area Champions Trophy.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL FRIDAY

With the welcome return of the Music Festival, arrangements for pickup have changed for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Open Worship begins the day (9:05) and there will be NO Nibley Nibbles on that day. A letter explains how you can avoid the worst of the traffic and aid a safe and efficient exit from school at the end of the day. **A RETURN IS EXPECTED FROM ALL FAMILIES PLEASE. THANK YOU.**

## OTHER DATES

We are now able to confirm the following:

Weds 29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> 'Stay-and-Play', Year R intake 2022  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June – 'New' Parents' Welcome meeting, 7:00  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – NO Nibley Nibbles. Open Assembly is moved to 9:05 to allow for greater flexibility over end-of-school pickup, because...

1<sup>st</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> July – NN Music Festival. See above.  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Stay-and-Play' for Year R intake 2022  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1:30 Summer Production (1<sup>st</sup> showing)  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 6:30 Junior Summer Production (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 6:30 Junior Summer Production (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Stay-and-Play' for Year R intake 2022  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – VERY PROMPT attendance at school, all of Class 3 and 4 in uniform please.  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> July 1:30 Year 6 Leaver's Service (St Martins). All welcome.

## LOST PROPERTY

Can I appeal to you to write or re-write names in every item of clothing, and even more important, remove the names of previous owners? Thank you.



### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The bottle-green polo shirt will be added to the supplier's online store shortly, should you want one with the school logo. Please check <https://www.linelashop.co.uk/product-category/schools-embroidery-for-uniforms/> regularly.

### **MONDAY'S SAFETY MESSAGE**

This week I reminded children of ... well, can they remember? Hint: Yellow, Red and Green!

### **MORE ABOUT HOPE**



I was browsing 'Purple Mash' – the online tool for which every child of ours has an account – and I came across 'The Book Of Hope,' written during the pandemic, by hundreds of children, in 3 age-appropriate bands. You can

find it here in the Reading zone.

### **PLAY LEADER'S SPORTS & VIOLIN**

Weather permitting, the Play Leader's Sports Day will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. As is traditional, you are very welcome to join us on the field and cheer on your children. That week's violin lessons will take place on Thursday instead.

Following a presentation from the school council, of 3 charities we might support, Great Western Air Ambulance was chosen by the school for a dressing up day – MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY. Council are asking that children attend school dressed as something beginning with the letter A (for Air Ambulance) or H (for helicopter). A great lesson in democracy. Thank you, school council.

**SCHOOL  
COUNCIL  
CORNER**

### **BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!**

The staff have been much in demand in recent days. The Local Authority conducts random checks on Teacher Assessment (about 25% of schools each year) and Ms Surridge was called upon to demonstrate the accuracy of her assessment on Key Stage 2 Writing (which she passed with flying colours) and Miss Tyers was required to support the Department for Education with a trial of a future version of the Year 1 Phonics Check. Again, all was well. Miss Parker helped her children with the 'new' Year 4 Multiplication Check (results keenly awaited) and Miss Allen has submitted for validation a large project based on improvements to science teaching and learning at school. We will hear in the Autumn how we did. Mrs Dixon has been busy with the summer sporting fixtures and – wonderfully – HALF THE SCHOOL now attends running club on a Thursday morning. Support staff, too, have been continuing with their support work, building great relationships with individuals, making props and processing orders and data as required. And then there are your children's annual reports...

## A WORD ABOUT STANDARDS

As we come up to the time of test results and annual reports, I want to emphasise that – following the government's steer on outcomes - there has been no 'watering down' of expectations to account for the interrupted schooling and disruption of the past two years. The expected standard remains as aspirational as it has ever been. Nationally, therefore, it is reasonable to expect the proportion of children reaching that standard will drop, now that national tests have resumed for the first time since 2019. We wait and see!

## ATTENDANCE

As we approach July, the average attendance is just a few tenths under 97%, with NINE children on 100%! Please continue to make this a high priority.

### 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!



### MIND THE GAP

We continue to collect 'oral products' but have been informed that 'pump-action' toothpaste dispensers and interdental brushes are NOT part of the scheme. Sorry! Send me your tips and recommendations for sustaining this regular item -

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## NIBLEY NIBBLES! 🍪🍰🍩🍫🍷🍷🍷🍷

Our fundraising café will run most Fridays (NOT 1<sup>st</sup> July) until the end of the year. Please come and support us on Friday afternoon before assembly where you can enjoy a sweet treat and a cup of tea or coffee that some of the children of Class 3 have made. Proceeds will go towards the London Residential. Cash only please! 😊🤗

There may be some leftovers available for sale after assembly outside the front of the school. Thanks go to all our adult and pupil chefs.

## DIARY DATES

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 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	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Term 3	Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023
Term 4	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Term 5	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May



FONNS are asking for cakes for the afternoon tea at Nibley Festival.

Further information can be found on their Facebook page, or ask at the office for details.