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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 385

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## HOPE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own." – Michelle Obama.

Dear Parents and Friends,



## FAIRFORD AIR TATTOO 2022

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July the juniors (Classes 3 and 4) visited the Fairford Air Tattoo. Amongst the highlights were the 'Techno Zone' (with its interactive activities including paper-plan making, VR goggles, Lego and mini-buggy driving) and a display by the Red Arrows, captured here by Haiden.



Haiden added 'The Red Arrows were quite loud and when they went passed we all heard the roar of their engines. The Red Arrows were Harvey's favourite too. A few of the other planes were large enough, and open, to allow at least 3 groups of 10 inside at once. The displays were described as 'Very loud' (Catriona), 'Entertaining' (Bea), 'Amazing' (Ellie-May) and 'Cool' (Ginny).

## LEAVERS' SERVICE 2022



An emotional send off at St Martin's Church saw a number of 'iSingPop' songs, musical items and a group performance of 'When I grow up' (from 'our' London musical, Matilda), as well as the traditional memories and farewells. Friends from St Martin's Church, FONNS, Open The Book and Governors were all represented. Gifts were given, awards presented and tears were shed. We wish every one of these leavers the very best.

### **Things to remember:**

- Our 'FEED-BACK' event for 'Year 7' (see below).
- A Questionnaire for parents of leavers (see a recent email)
- Please keep in touch – we'd love to know what happens next (and likewise, into your futures.)

### **WE ALSO SAID GOODBYE TO MISS TYERS.**

It seems like only yesterday she joined us. 6 and a half years later and she leaves us for pastures new. In that time, she has grown immensely in her knowledge and understanding of effective classroom practise. She has entertained us with the nativities and steered us through a bewildering set of changes to the English National Curriculum. She has moderated work for the Local Authority and adapted with confidence and skill to teaching online when the pandemic hit. Throughout these eventful years, she's fed us in the staffroom with the results of her inspirational baking. At the heart of all she has done has been care and commitment to the children. She is an incredible teacher. We will miss her. The children presented cards and gifts brought on your behalf. These included vouchers, (Zara and John Lewis), pictures, some cocktail glasses and a shaker.

**Miss Tyers has asked me to pass on her grateful thanks to everyone who contributed.**





### **WHAT'S THE CRIME, MR WOLF?**

A final edit of the video of the Tuesday Night performance is now available online here (don't all rush to watch it at once!). For best results download the video first (and if it refuses for you, let me know and I'll try changing the settings).

Three cameras were running – the 'up high' camera stopped during the final song, so I've 'patched' the video with content from the

Monday night performance (the wolf's tie, or lack of it is the continuity error giveaway!) [CLICK HERE](#)

If you've been collecting 'the set', the DVD box cover is also available here –

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

I'm making no charge this year, but anyone wanting to make a donation towards a revitalising our library (non-fiction books or money for shelving) please contact the school office.

Our usual restrictions on the sharing of the content on Social Media apply – please don't!

### **WINDOWS UPDATE!**

As it stands we continue to expect that our windows work will be carried out over the summer. If anyone has time on their hands to help put the furniture back in place on the morning of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, it would be greatly appreciated.

### **ANGELS, ACCIDENTS AND ALICE IN WONDERLAND,**

Heroes, helicopters, Harley Quinn and 'Happy-face', children came as A's and H's to raise funds for the Great Western Air Ambulance charity, as chosen by the children for a dressing up day. The grand total of £141.45 was raised, thank you.

### **CYCLING TOUR OF BRITAIN**

In September this race speeds straight past The Black Horse in the centre of North Nibley. I hope to take the whole school out to watch!

<https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-six/>

### **THIS WEEK'S SAFETY MESSAGE**

In addition to the message on staying safe in the heat, I also reminded the children of the importance of adults knowing where they are over the summer holiday.

### **READING INITIATIVE**

Don't forget our reading incentive scheme. Please ask if you've mislaid your reading activity grid and the letter which explained this in more detail.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Looking for a recommendation? We have hundreds of books reviewed by North Nibley children here – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/book-review-index/> and I LOVE reading your reviews! Please use the web address above to get started.

## **OUTGOING YEAR 6 LEAVERS – TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2022 - SAVE THE DATE!**

We hope to re-establish our 'FEED-BACK' event, where ALL our current year 6s are invited back for catching up, sharing news of our different secondary schools and eating mince pies (or similar). Starting at around 4:00 (or as soon as you can get here), to around 5:30 please. Look out for the letter explaining how pupils, and separately parents, can complete our 'Exit' questionnaires and provide feedback on the past seven years!

### **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!

#### **PRACTISE ECO-DRIVING, SAVE MONEY ON FUEL!**

Research by the RAC Foundation has found that eco-driving leads to safer, cleaner and more affordable journeys. Regular vehicle maintenance improves fuel efficiency by as much as 10%.

Before a long journey, check tyre pressures (tyres underinflated by a quarter can cause a 2% increase in fuel consumption), remove unused roof racks and boxes, and don't overload the car (every additional 45kg reduces fuel economy by 2%). At less than 40mph, it's more fuel-efficient to open a window than use air conditioning. Turn off engines for waits of more than one minute (5-8% of fuel is consumed while idling), and avoid sharp acceleration and heavy braking: aggressive driving can significantly raise fuel consumption.

Send me your tips for this regular item -  
[newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **LEARNING CONTINUES...**

We estimate that across Y2 to Y6, six children are not yet where they should be in Reading, nine in Writing and five in Maths. Letters have been sent home explaining how you can access Doodle Maths and Doodle Spelling for every child over the summer. I have recommended that many children (if not all) use these programmes to keep their skills sharp over the summer.

### **THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL NEWSLETTER / REPORT**

This should be with you via email. Please read it and lend your support to these volunteers and their valuable work.

### **DIARY DATES**

You can find DRAFT DATES for 2023 – 24, and 2024 – 25 here <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
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
Term 6	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

**Have a great summer! Mr B.**