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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 387

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

In their first 'Pupil-Led' act of worship, Year 6 shared the following acrostic with the school. Which aspect of RESPECT did your child think the most important?

- R - Readiness to listen**
- E - Everyone being valued**
- S - Showing appreciation**
- P - Praying for people**
- E - Expressing opinions sensitively**
- C - Caring for our environment**
- T - Treating property carefully**

Dear Parents and Friends,

## MESSING ABOUT ON THE WATER!

Year 6 had an awesome time on Wednesday at South Cerney – the annual Year 6 Water Sports day for around 80 Year 6 pupils from the Tyndale Cluster. Lucy said "It was a great experience, I'd definitely do it again. I especially loved the canoeing (my other activity was raft building) because we had to dunk one ear (year, ear!) in the water without capsizing. "William remembers running aground twice and Thomas recalled a game where each had to stay upright on their paddleboard whilst others tried to knock them off. "I did really well but then fell in at the end." Anya remembers sitting astride a barrel on a raft they had built. "My feet got very wet!" Ellie-May said "It was fun, meeting new people."



During this visit the Head Teachers, including 4 new heads, hold a management meeting. But this was my 21<sup>st</sup> and final Year 6 visit (first going in 2000 when the trip had already been running for many years) and so I allowed myself half an hour away from the meeting to have a paddle, cruising round and catching up with the groups of children. They all had a wonderful time.

## **NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

Parent Mark Perry has been elected to the position of Chair of Governors, after Sue Bradley-Jones has stepped down (in reality, each elected position on the board is determined on an annual basis). Sue has helped the school immeasurably over her stint of 5 years as chair, and she was thanked by governors on Wednesday evening's meeting. Sue continues to serve as a 'regular' governor. Parent Russell Strothers was elected as vice-chair. The governors will continue to steer the school through up-and-coming changes, including preparing for the change in the length of the school day, proposed by government for September 2023 (we will need to find 10 additional minutes per day) and the academisation of all schools by 2030! Mr Perry and myself attended a briefing on this on Tuesday night, meaning I was unfortunately unavailable for the 'Meet The Teacher' meetings for classes 2, 3 and 4.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022-23**

This year's plan has been adopted by the governors and a summary can be found online here –

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

Of course, two thirds of the plan are subject to the appointment of the next Head Teacher...

## **MEET THE TEACHERS**

A copy of the class presentations can be found online here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/special-presentations/>

## **RECRUITMENT UPDATE**

The recent advertisement and application round for the Head Teacher position generated some interest, despite being available over the summer break. At a meeting this week, with Local Authority and Diocesan advisers present, Governors decided to re-advertise, with plenty of time still available to secure a permanent or temporary appointment before the end of term.

Re-advertising, from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Closing date: noon on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **THANK YOU**

Mr Gibbs repaired the school roof during the summer holiday – you may recall the cones out behind my office and around the Class 1 gate? We are very grateful.

## **THANK YOU**

All pupils are connected to at least 1 parent on Class Dojo. Remember to check updates and sometimes scroll backwards to see if you've missed anything!

## **WINDOWS UPDATE!**

Apparently around 85% of our windows have now been manufactured. We are planning for installation over the half-term break for classrooms, with other areas addressed on an irregular basis on following weekends.

## **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.

## FAMILIAR FACES

Miss Robinson, as an Early Careers Teacher, is entitled to a slightly reduced timetable, and Miss Parker is also given time, in her role as mentor, to support her. I'm delighted to say that familiar 'supply', Mrs L Pullin, and ex-TA but now fully qualified and validated Teacher, Mrs D. Shepherd, will be covering these gaps.

Mrs Boles returns to the school after a gap of a few years, and we have 6 new 'sign-ups' to woodwind – clarinet and flute. I look (listen?) forward to hearing them play.

## NEW FACES



New friend of the school, Mrs Butler, is leading our curriculum music this year and we have a lively year of singing, dance and instrument lessons ahead. Classes 1 and 2 have their turns in Terms 1, 3 and 5. Classes 2 and 4 in terms 2, 4 and 6.

## ILLNESS

Please be reminded that covid hasn't gone away! We have a number of children coming down with seasonal colds, but please stay vigilant since symptoms are similar. The latest advice about attending school is here

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19#children-and-young-people-aged-18-years-and-under-who-have-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

### 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!

#### **ANOTHER IDEA FOR SAVING WATER**

How many of us (or our children) let the tap run when brushing our teeth? After 50 years of this 'bad practice' I kicked the habit years ago, so it is possible. Standing with one hand on the tap is a physical and visual reminder that I'm to turn it on only when I need it, and save water.

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

## ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

The [Cam & Dursley Tennis Club](#) have sent a request to put their [October Half Term Holiday Junior Tennis Camps](#) in this newsletter.

Non-members are welcome to sign up and rackets are provided if needed. The coaching programme at [Cam & Dursley Tennis Club](#) is run by [WH Tennis](#).

## 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.

MANY books were read over the summer holiday and a good number of the reviews on the site are 'new' this September. See what your friends are recommending!

## THIS WEEK'S SAFETY MESSAGE

We return to the beginning of the safety-message cycle, with a reminder that children are NEVER permitted to open the doors, even to adults that they know including their own parents. They can, however, wave politely and go to fetch a member of the school staff. Thank you for your understanding.

## WISHLIST

The online 'wishlist' will be taken to governors on October 4<sup>th</sup>. You can provide ideas here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wishlist>

## DIARY DATES

MON 19<sup>th</sup> Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Bank Holiday.  
TUES 20<sup>th</sup> & WEDS 21<sup>st</sup> – Various Y6 Open Mornings  
WEDS 21<sup>st</sup> – Violin lessons start, Multi-skills club starts  
WEDS 21<sup>st</sup> - FONNS meeting 7:30 @ school. All welcome.  
THURS 22<sup>nd</sup> – Running Club from 8:30  
THURS 22<sup>nd</sup> – Book Fayre – Yea!  
MON 26<sup>th</sup> – School Staff first Aid training after school

## OCTOBER

MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> – Parent's Evening – details to follow  
TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent's Evening – details to follow  
TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> – Harvest at St. Martin's Church. First thing or last, pending confirmation. All welcome.  
WEDS 12<sup>th</sup> - FONNS AGM – a big turn out please! 7:30.  
MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> – Staff-Only (INSET) day at school. Enjoy your extended half-term!

## DECEMBER

TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 7 'FEEDBACK' (Mince pies and catchup) after school.  
FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> – PANTO! (Thank you FONNS!)  
MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> – Carols in the Church. Evening, start TBC.  
FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> - LAST DAY OF TERM.

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



## FONNS RECIPE BOOK

FONNS have a sample of the fund-raising recipe book available in the office. Do take a look.  
SEE DATES ABOVE FOR FONNS MEETINGS.