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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 388

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

From the Bible – the Letter to the Philippians:  
“Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves.”

Dear Parents and Friends,

### SCHOOL RESULTS – UPDATE

Further information has been released by the Department for Education about the Year 6 test results last summer (so, those achieved by the current Year 7!) We are pleased to publish the following proportions of the year group achieving the HIGHER STANDARD:

Reading – North Nibley	<b>40%</b>
Reading – National	28%
Writing - North Nibley	<b>20%</b>
Writing – National	13%
Maths - North Nibley	<b>40%</b>
Maths – National	22%
Spelling & Punctuation - North Nibley	<b>53%</b>
Spelling & Punctuation - National	28%
R/W/M Combined - North Nibley	<b>13%</b>
R/W/M Combined - National	7%

Given that their results at Key Stage 1 were much closer to what was expected nationally, we have STRONG HOPES that our progress scores – yet to be released – will be significantly positive! This cohort were Year 4 and Year 5 during the height of the covid disruptions and I believe much of this success is down to the provision made during the lockdowns, with your support, and amazing work done back at school in the recovery period. Thank you, all.

### OH YES THEY DID!

At this week's FONNS meeting, it was agreed to continue funding, amongst other 'treats', the annual trip to the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, for the Christmas Pantomime. FONNS fund this entirely, including the coaches, but it is only possible because there is a decision making body – the committee – so attendance at the AGM is vital if the meeting is to be quorate, and that means YOU are needed at the meeting. Even if you are not (yet?) willing to stand, we need the numbers to elect people who are, so please, please, please attend. It was lovely to have new faces this week, so why not join us? WEDS 12<sup>th</sup> at school, 7:30 p.m. You are needed -

### OH YES YOU ARE!

## FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES – AND RECEPTION

These worship times are open to all (how lovely to have some Year 7s with us last week!) and we are now planning for the Reception children to join us. Their first Friday assembly will be 30<sup>th</sup> September (at 2:40) and on 7<sup>th</sup> October all Reception will be officially welcomed into the school in our 'Welcome' Service. In these few minutes they will add their stone to our school plate, so each needs to choose and bring to school a stone of significance to them – perhaps from your garden or another special place. It will need to be named, since it will be returned to them when they leave us at the end of Year 6. (You may find some inspiration by looking at the existing collection, just inside our lobby area.)

Named stones can be brought in in advance, for safe keeping.



## WINDOWS UPDATE!

An engineer was on site yesterday and confirmed that the half-term work was going ahead. Hurrah!

### 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!

#### RECYCLING 'STATIONS' IN SCHOOL

Many of our new families might not be aware, we collect stamps, old pens, toothpaste tubes and brushes, blister packs and batteries inside the school, with Pringles tubes in the green bin outside. Please continue to do what you can for the environment. Involve your children in this – it's their future too!

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

## CLOTHES COLLECTION

Mrs Kirby has organised another clothes collection, this time for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please keep hold of unwanted material until this date, which raises funds for school. Last time we raised over £100. Thank you.

## **OPEN DAY**

This year's Open Morning will be on Tuesday 18th October, and all parents and friends of yours, with children who will be starting school next September, are warmly invited. Come along from 9:00, enjoy a drink (and biscuit?) with us and find out why we are frequently over-subscribed. We think North Nibley Primary has something special to offer, and hope to show you why. There will be a guided tour by Year 6, a short presentation by myself and an opportunity to meet Governors, staff, FONNS, SuperStars and Pre-school (Guests yet to be confirmed). Please spread the word!

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Thank you to the parents who take time to explain why a child is temporarily not in uniform – of course we understand when shoes break or get soaked (for example). Accidents and unavoidable lapses happen, but we do appreciate an explanation. I hope you agree that the children look very smart and ready for learning at the moment!

## **FREE MUSIC LESSONS? FREE SWIMMING?**

Some of your children receive a special grant in school which is based on household incomes (The Pupil Premium). This is just a quick reminder that if you request it, we can use some of this money to pay for swimming lessons or lessons with musical instruments. Currently we offer violin and woodwind. Please have a conversation in confidence with myself about the Premium, or Mrs Kirby about the lessons.

## **MUSIC LESSONS**

I am making enquires about how parents might access a bursary to support with music lessons. At first glance it looks like a child would qualify if the household income is £27,000 or below. Please ask for details.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

We have 3 jobs around school requiring the use of a very long ladder. If you possess such a thing, could you get in contact please. I don't mind doing the work, it's just getting up there which is the problem!

## **CAN YOU HELP? 2**

Miss Allen has made a request via Class Dojo for play and resources to support Class 1. Please see her post on September 22<sup>nd</sup> for further details.

## **WILDCATS!**

The Wildcats Football Club for girls is now open at KLB, and some of ours have started attending. The club runs for ALL GIRLS of Primary School age – 5 to 11 as follows:  
AGED (not school year) 5 to 8, 4 o'clock until 5 o'clock.  
AGED 9 to 11, from 5 o'clock until 6 o'clock .

Please ask Mrs Dixon for further details.

## **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!

## 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>

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> – School Staff first Aid training after school

## OCTOBER

MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clothes / fabric recycling scheme

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.

MON 17<sup>th</sup> – Staff & Governors Child Protection training

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.