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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 389

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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,



Readers may recall that at the start of the 2021-22 school year the staff, supported by the Governor Strategic Plan, embarked on a plan to achieve the Primary Science Quality Mark. How lovely, therefore, to receive this this morning...

“We are delighted to inform you that your submission for a Primary Science Quality Mark was successful. Congratulations! This has continued to be a challenging time and all the reviewers have been very impressed by the high quality of the submissions we have received. The commitment to leading science in primary schools over the last year has been outstanding and the positive impact on teaching and learning is very clear.”

### SPEAKING OF NORTH NIBLEY IN PARTICULAR...

“The Subject leaders” (Miss Allen supported by Ms Surrige) ... “have clearly dedicated their time in submitting a detailed and comprehensive portfolio. They have worked hard to address all of the key issues highlighted in the initial RAG rating. The deliberate actions of both subject leaders have resulted in a well organised curriculum where learning is carefully sequenced and assessed. They have provided many enrichment activities for children and listen well to the views of staff and pupils. This submission is a credit to the hard work of Miss Allen and Ms Surrige alongside all of the teachers and pupils at North Nibley C of E Primary School. It is clear the Subject Leaders have passion and drive to make continuous improvements to science to ensure children are engaged and make good progress.”

It was a pleasure to read this submission and I will be recommending that you receive PSQM. Well done everyone.”

Associate Professor Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: “There was never a more important time for primary children to have a high-quality science education. The coronavirus pandemic and climate change crisis have made everyone aware of the importance of science in our world. Primary schools have an important role to ensure that children understand how science works and keeps us and our planet healthy and safe. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science teaching and learning. The profile and quality of science in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.”

### **CLASS ONE – READY TO LEARN!**

All the children have begun a ‘full day’ timetable and we are really pleased with their settling in.



### **FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES – AND RECEPTION**

These worship times are open to all. On 7<sup>th</sup> October, 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.

### **THIS WEEK’S SAFETY MESSAGE**

Children attending clubs MUST ensure that the leader records their attendance. Similarly, if for ANY reason, a child can't make a booked club session, the polite thing to do is explain to the leader. This also saves valuable club time finding out whether a non-attender has ‘gone missing’ in unexplained circumstances. Thank you.

### **CLASS DOJO**

A ‘feature’ of Class Dojo is that messages from parents don't show alerts until after-hours. Please do not use this for urgent messages. Use the office instead.

## MORE ABOUT SAFETY

This week nearly all staff were able to attend the after school training session on First Aid, with important updates on CPR, asthma, bleeding and defibrulators. However, the overriding memory of the training has to be Miss Allen attempting to save Miss Parker from a choking episode! They couldn't complete it for laughing!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our school lobby has the 'What 3 Words' address of "Whistle.Jammy.Abode"

This is also the address of our defibrulator, should it be needed in school hours.

### 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!

#### DITCH THE BOTTLED WATER!

Buying a reusable bottle is one of the best green living tips to help decrease the amount of plastic that ends up in our seas.

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.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS - WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals, the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to actually eat a free school meal. Please apply even if you have infant school meals for free already.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals? Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).
- See <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

## SMILE – AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL!

Buy through Amazon Smile!

The same company, the same choice, the same prices, the same service, plus free money for school!

In the build up to CHRISTMAS you could easily raise some money through Amazon Smile. You can find all the information about this FREE service on our webpage [here](#)

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pta-fonns/>

Basically, if you nominate North Nibley School PTFA as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to FONNS!



<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

You can now access Amazon Smile through apps on iPhone and Android phones.

Full instructions can be found here –

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/b?ie=UTF8&node=17337655031>

## OPEN DAY

This year's Open Morning will be on **MONDAY 17th October**, and all parents and friends of yours, with children who will be starting school next September, are warmly invited.



## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clothes / fabric recycling scheme  
FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Service for Reception. 2:40 p.m.  
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. 9:15.  
(Donations of ... pending confirmation.) All welcome.  
WEDS 12<sup>th</sup> - FONNS AGM – a big turn out please! 7:30.  
MON 17<sup>th</sup> – SCHOOL OPEN DAY. ALSO...  
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!

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.