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NEWSLETTER 393

Friday 4th November 2022

RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"We need to reject any politics that targets people because of race or religion. This isn't a matter of political correctness. It's a matter of understanding what makes us strong. The world respects us not just for our arsenal; it respects us for our diversity and our openness and the way we respect every faith."
Barack Obama

Dear Parents and Friends,

THE DIFFERENCE IS CLEAR...



Throughout half term, two teams of window fitters attempted to complete over 90 installations – and they very nearly succeeded. The difference is clear to see! On the right is an old window in Classroom 1 and on the left is a new window. The windows will help to keep in the heat. My grateful thanks to the staff who put the school back together again, so we were ready for the children on Tuesday. Every 'main building' window was replaced, except for the lobby at the front. The doors will be seen to next. I am hoping these will be completed before Christmas. Below – is a photo from inside the hall.



I am also grateful to Governor and Parent Fiona Yarrow who masterminded the project and to the Diocesan office for the funds, without which...

OTHER PREMISES UPDATES

We have also benefitted from a new fence and gate (the previous ones were rotted through), new boot scrapers to help remove the grass and dirt from trainers and shoes as we leave the field, and we need to thank Mr Gibbs for a repair to the roof.



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!

HELP WILDLIFE

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>) write "If, whilst building, a bonfire is left unattended, for however short a time, it's imperative to check for young children, hedgehogs and other animals, including family pets, before lighting. As hedgehogs tend to hide in the centre and bottom two feet of the bonfire, check by gently lifting the bonfire section by section with a pole or broom. Never use a spade or fork as these can stab them. Using a torch will help to see and listen for a hissing sound, as this is the noise they make when disturbed"

Send me your tips for this regular item - newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

HANDOVER UPDATE

I am planning to meet Steve Hodgkinson for a few days, this term so that our transfer is as smooth as possible.

NEWSLETTER 392 was sent by Class Dojo only, in half term.

DEBATE IS ALIVE AND WELL

Several Year 6 joined a debating club this week, run by Mrs Pullin (Class 4's Teaching Assistant). This week's debate was about the ownership of mobile phones by ten-year-olds. Anya said "We listened to each other well, views for and against. By the end of the debate, at least one of us had changed our minds!"

Please note, mobile phones brought into school, with the express permission of a parent, MUST be handed into the office for safekeeping until home time.

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! **This raised around £160 last year!** In the build-up to CHRISTMAS, you could easily raise funds 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/> If you nominate North Nibley School PTFA as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to FONNS! You can now access Amazon Smile through apps on iPhone and Android phones.



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

DIARY DATES - NOVEMBER

Fri 4th – Bonfire Lunch!

Fri 4th – FONNS FIREWORKS – Ohhhhh

Mon 7th – Flu jabs. We are still chasing a few replies...

Mon 7th – Swimming for Class 3 continues

Tues 8th – Pupil photos (Individuals and siblings)

Fri 11th – 11 o'clock – The armistice day 'silence'

Sat 12th – Cross Country race at KLB. 9:00 start!

Mon 14th – ODD SOCKS DAY, marks Anit-bullying week.

Weds 16th – Full Governing Body meeting

Tues 22nd – Non-School Uniform for FONNS. See below.

Weds 23rd – Class 3 Walk Like An ...

DECEMBER

Thurs 1st – Girls County Football Finals

Fri 2nd – PANTO! (Thank you FONNS!) **(Date confirmed)**

Fri 2nd - FONNS Christmas Fayre

Sat 3rd - Cross Country

Tues 6th - Year 7 'FEEDBACK' (Mince pies and catchup) after school.

Tues 6th – Class 1 & 2 NATIVITY! 1:30 and 6 p.m.

Weds 7th – Invitation – see below.

Thurs 8th – Experience Christmas – with St Martin's Church

Thurs 8th – LAST Running Club

Mon 12th – Carols in the Church. 6:15 start.

Fri 16th - 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 th Sept	Fri 21 st Oct
Term 2	Tues 1 st Nov	Fri 16 th Dec
Term 3	Weds 4 th Jan 2023	Fri 17 th Feb 2023
Term 4	Mon 27 th Feb	Fri 31 st March
Term 5	Mon 17 th April	Fri 26 th May
Term 6	Mon 5 th June	Friday 21 st July

Come and say 'Goodbye!'

If you were taught by Mr B before you left North Nibley C of E Primary School, a parent of the same, an ex-governor or ex-member of staff, you are invited 'Back to school' to say 'Goodbye'.

Weds 7th
December,
from 6:30.



Numbers in advance please - 01453 542600

Or join us for Carols, 6:15 December 12th in St. Martin's.

Christmas Carol Service

You are warmly invited to help us celebrate a 'full' Christmas Carol Service - the first since 2019! No association with school needed - just a willingness to sing and celebrate!



Mon 12th
December
from 6:15.

Or see you for my 'Goodbye' event, 6:30, 7th Dec, in school.



FONNS FIREWORKS NIGHT

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN AT 5PM

FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 6.30PM

HELD AT NORTH NIBLEY SCHOOL

FAMILY OF 4 £15.00

OR £5.00 PER PERSON ENTRY

CHILDREN UNDER 4 - FREE



FOOD & DRINK

* CAN BE
PURCHASED
FROM 5PM



FONNS

NON - SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2022

In return we are asking for food hamper donations for the Christmas Hampers

Food & Drink items only please

Please bring the items along with you at drop off or collection and place in hampers

Thank you for your support