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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 396

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RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"It's not so much the journey that's important; as is the way that we treat those we encounter and those around us, along the way." — Jeremy Aldana

Dear Parents and Friends,

WALK THIS WAY!



On Wednesday Class 3 had a special Egyptian day. "We all dressed up as ancient Egyptian people." "A man came in and taught us about Egyptians." "I learnt that upper Egypt was in the South." "We learnt about an ancient Egyptian funeral for a pharaoh." "The best part was touching actual Egyptian stuff from real tombs". "We acted out some of their stories." "We learnt about gross public executions." "At the end we listened to an Egyptian story, which was found in an unfinished state. No one knows how it would have ended!" Thank you to everyone for supporting this day, including the wonderful costumes. The children looked A-MAZE-ING!

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Traditionally we support a Christmas Shoebox appeal and in recent years the Rotary Club have done fabulous work getting our gifts out to Eastern Europe, including Ukraine. We have a limited number of boxes and time is short, so only if you are prepared to take part (Including the compulsory £2.00 shipping fee) please ask in the office. Boxes taken and not returned will cost the school £2, so please only take one if you are committed.

THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY THE 30TH NOVEMBER.

CHANGE OF PLAN

The Infant nativity dress rehearsal, to which pre-school aged children are permitted, has been moved to Monday 5th December, in the morning



SCHOOL COUNCIL ON THE CASE

The School Council are to support the school in reviewing the procedures staff take – often ‘behind the scenes’ - to manage incidents of poor behaviour. The Class 4 survey has revealed that we can do better in closing the loop and ensuring those affected – even in the few cases we experience – know what has happened. In time this should result in greater confidence in the system and perhaps more children feeling good about reporting their difficulties. We are listening!!

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!

PROVIDE FRESH WATER

When the temperatures drop below zero, finding clean fresh water to drink can be difficult for wildlife. You can help by leaving some out for them. It is best to provide fresh water each night in a shallow bowl. Don't add anything to stop the water from freezing, and change the water every day to ensure it's fresh.

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

BOOK REVIEWS

Our online book review system – recently updated with these titles - remains usable 24/7, all year round!

- Sabotage On The Solar Express
- Marcus Rashford You are a champion
- George's Marvellous Medicine
- William Wenton and the Secret Portal
- Percy Jackson and the lightning thief

Books are available for ALL age groups, so why not read a review, follow a recommendation or submit a review of your own?

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/>

DECEMBER (NON-CHRISTMAS DATES)

Thurs 1st – Girls County Football Finals

Sat 3rd - Cross Country

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

Weds 7th – Invitation – see below.

Thurs 8th – LAST Running Club of the year

Fri 16th - LAST DAY OF TERM

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

We have collated ALL the (known) Christmas dates and information on an A4 sheet – please keep this in a handy place – there's a lot going on!



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.

TERM 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 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
Term 1	TBC (New Head Teacher)	

SMILE – AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL!

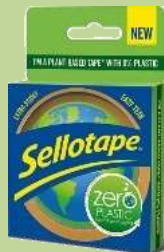
Buy through Amazon Smile! The same company, the same choice, the same prices, the same service, plus free money for school! **This raised around £160 last year!** In the build-up to CHRISTMAS, you could easily raise funds through Amazon Smile. You can find all the information about this FREE service 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.



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'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

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PLASTIC-FREE STICKY TAPE

Some manufacturers are now providing plastic-free sticky tape alternatives, which tends to be much in use at this time of year.

Biodegradable sticky and also paper-based tape can be found in regular high street shops as well as online.

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.