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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 397

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

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

"Knowledge will give you power, but character will give you respect." Bruce Lee

Dear Parents and Friends,

**WE HAD A FABULOUS TIME AT THE PANTO!  
(OH YES WE DID!)**



Thank you FONNS, for your wonderful Christmas gift of the Panto trip for every child and staff member – a truly memorable production of Dick Whittington. We whooped and cheered and booed as appropriate, and groaned at some of the awful jokes – just what was needed to warm us up on a cold December morning!

Thank you, too, to all the adults that supported us. Your fundraising makes all this possible and it is appreciated.



Our special thanks also go to Mrs Kirby for all the financial number-crunching, correspondence with The Everyman Theatre and the ordering of coaches etc. Superbly organised!

**CHANGE OF PLAN (REPEATED FROM LAST ISSUE)**  
**The Infant nativity dress rehearsal, to which pre-school aged children are permitted, has been moved to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, in the morning.**

### **CHRISTINGLE GIVING**

For everyone's information – St Martins Church are registered for official Christingle services and they are encouraging online donations, this year – see <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/christingle/st-martins-church-north-nibley>

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS – AN OPTION**

As part of our 'Green Thinking' we want to suggest that your child, if willing, sends ONE Christmas Card to their Class rather than 30-ish cards, one each to every child. In Class 2 alone, 270 cards would be exchanged on this basis! (= 29 \* 30). Also, our strong preference is to ban glitter, which is known to be environmentally damaging. Please, do what you can this Christmas.

### **SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Thank you – we've had 28 boxes by the deadline and thanks to Yate Supplies, these will be stored and transported on behalf of The Rotary club of Cotswold Tyndale to benefit children in Eastern Europe.

### **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!

#### **O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree...**

Longfield Community Hospice are asking people to register to have their tree collected and have the option to make a voluntary donation to Longfield Community Hospice which provides care to those with a life-limiting condition from diagnosis through to end of life care in their own home, as well as providing support to the family. Once the tree is collected it is taken to 1 of 4 sites within Gloucestershire where they will be chipped and then those chippings will be used on-site making this the eco-friendly way of disposing of your Christmas Tree while supporting your local community hospice. Both Gloucester and Stroud Council are backing the campaign this year with the hope of reducing the number of trees that go to landfill.

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

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

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

- Fantastic Mr Fox
- Swallows and Amazons
- The 13 1/2 Lives of Captain Bluebear, A Novel

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

## THIS WEEK...

Has been busy beyond belief! But not all unpleasant! Mr Hodgkinson and I have now spent 2 days together reviewing safeguarding, staffing, premises, governors, systems, routines, passwords and, of course, children. He is excited to be taking on a school in such good shape (as excited as I was all those years ago!), so thank you one and all for your part in making this school what it is.

## ON THE EDGE

The village magazine has (understandably) had to edit down my final submission – my top 20 memories – because it was rather long! However, the article as published does not express the full tribute I wish to pay to the school community. I was saving this for Newsletter 400, but if you look on the webpage <https://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/newsletters> you can find an early version (On The Edge Readers were directed here in the article, hence the early access!)

## DECEMBER (NON-CHRISTMAS DATES)

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> - Cross Country

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 7 'FEEDBACK' (Mince pies and catchup)

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Invitation – see below.

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – LAST Running Club of the year

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> - LAST DAY OF TERM

## CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

We collated ALL the (known) Christmas dates and information on an A4 sheet which we distributed last week. You can also find a copy on Class Dojo. 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 12<sup>th</sup>  
December  
from 6:15.**

Or see you for my 'Goodbye' event, 6 :30, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 <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
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.



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

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>  
December,  
from 6:30.



Numbers in advance please - 01453 542600

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

The Oriana Singers presents

# A Concert for Christmas

featuring

A medley of  
Christmas music and  
traditional carols

in St Martin's Church,  
Church Lane,  
North Nibley,  
GL11 6DJ



Thursday, 15th December 2022  
7.30

Admission: Adults £10, children/students free

Tickets on the door.