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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

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RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"It's not only what you say but also how you say it."

Dear Parents and Friends,

NATIVITY

Once again we were 'Wowed' by the infant nativity. The stage was buzzing with excitement, yet they also managed moments of great tenderness. Lines, movement and choreography were managed well – stars for the future! Thank you to all involved in supporting the children.



NATIVITY VIDEOS

I am working hard to get the Nativity Videos (Rehearsal and Performances) online for you pre-Christmas, which you can watch with visitors over the Christmas break. As in previous years, I'm doing this as a Christmas Present, though donations to the school fund, or FONNS, would be much appreciated. If you are adding to a 'set', there is also a DVD cover to download here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/misc/>

YEAR 7 'FEEDBACK' EVENT

As in pre-pandemic years, we have been able to host again our Y7 feedback event. Millions of mince pies were consumed, in return for which, we learnt the following: The 'young people' found they were well prepared for their new lessons, and homework wasn't too bad, but a big spread of opinion exists on the effectiveness of Y7 tutors visiting Primary. Spanish was just 1 of 5 foreign languages being learnt. The values and ethos of North Nibley Primary, they believe, has given them a great start. This information is especially helpful when talking to inspectors about the impact of our work.

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO GO GO, TEAM NIBLEY!



On Saturday our 4 cross-country teams competed at KLB in the second race of the season. The girls wrote, "The course was extra-long, so it was extremely hard." "We all worked as a team and tried our best." It was tough going but we all did really well." As a school, we think we are in second place!

MUSICAL CHESS CLUB?

Are there members of our community that might be interested in supporting the children in a lunchtime or after-school recorder or chess club? We have all the kit and would welcome additional opportunities to enrich the pupils' lives. The usual safeguarding principles would apply, but please talk to us if you are interested.

STOP-PRESS - HEALTH ALERTS

We have received an email containing a Public health briefing on Scarlet fever and invasive group A strep

ALSO, A SAFETY ALERT: BABY SELF-FEEDING PILLOWS

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/bulletins/33bf144>

FOOTBALL FOCUS

The boys wrote, "On the 6th December, a few Class 4 boys went to the County 7-a-side finals and placed 4th out of 9. It was an amazing experience and we all loved it. The games were very rough and a few of us got injured. In our group we placed 2nd, losing once and drawing. After this we played two extra games, winning one of them 4-0. Overall the games were fun and tough and we would do it again if we could. It was a really good opportunity to increase our skills."

A CUNNING PLAN...

The school has several cunning plans in place, in relation to the premises. The doors and windows will be completed in the next two weeks. Hopefully, there will be a new notice board soon, and behind the new windows, new blinds. The fabric was chosen pre-pandemic, only to be put on hold for obvious reasons. Then we decided to wait until the windows were replaced and now, it turns out, the fabrics chosen are no longer available. Back to square one.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – AN OPTION (TYPO CORRECTED!)

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, 870 cards would be exchanged on this basis! (= 29 * 30). Also, our strong preference is to ban glitter, which is known to be damaging the environment. Please, do what you can this Christmas.

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!



EVERYONE DOES THIS, RIGHT?

Write your entire greeting on the inside page which is NOT the reverse of the card front. That way, the card cover can be used again as a gift tag, saving your money and reducing your carbon footprint.

(Don't forget to recycle the gift tags next year!)

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

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>



THE STAFF REMAIN UNANIMOUS in believing that reading regularly with your child is the single best thing those at home can do to support learning. Our 'easy questions to ask' guides, which encourage comprehension skills, can be found online here in TWO formats, one for younger and one for older readers. Both fiction and non-fiction books are catered for. Will you be giving a book this Christmas?

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/supporting-learning-publications/>

ON THE EDGE – WEB ADDRESS CORRECTED!

The village magazine has had to edit down my top 20 memories, because the article was rather long! I was saving the FULL VERSION for Newsletter 400, but Readers were directed to this webpage, hence the early access! <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/newletters/>

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

Watch out for a 'prompt' sheet with details of the final week of term. School finishes with an assembly at 2:30 Fri 16th - LAST DAY OF TERM. Finish at the regular time.

CAROLS – ALL CLASS 3 & 4 EXPECTED (NEEDED!)

CLASSES 1 & 2 very welcome. Sit in Class groups.

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.

NEXT TIME

'Experience Church', Carols and Parties!

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	Fri 21 st July
Term 1	TBC (New Head Teacher)	