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NIBLEY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th January 2023

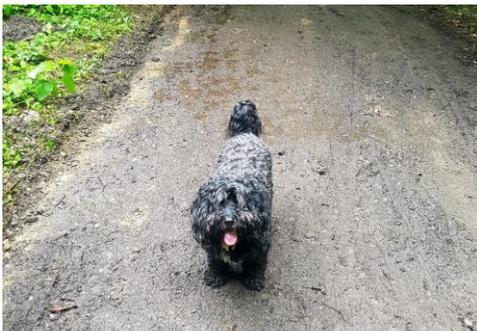
RESPONSIBILITY IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to school after a marvelous Christmas break!

I hope the everyone had an exceptional Christmas break and really enjoyed their 2 weeks off. There have been a few changes to the school in the holidays including the installation of new windows and doors around the site, the bedding in of the wonderful new boiler system and the other big change is the Headteacher. I would love to say a big hello and welcome to all parents, friends of the school and the community at large. I'm Mr Hodgkinson (or Mr H) and I am really looking forward to leading North Nibley Primary school. I'm passionate about education, reading and meaningful, exciting experiences. I'll be outside welcoming the children every morning and would love to get to know you all so do please come and introduce yourself. It may take a little while to learn everyones name but I'm very excited about this term and the future at North Nibley.

We do hope you enjoy receiving a newsletter and I look forward to sending them out bi-weekly to let you know all the amazing things that we are working on in school. If you have any suggestions for the newsletter or the school then please do let me know I'm always available on head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk



Meet Tosca

I'm hoping to bring Tosca into school to be our school dog - he is a 12 year old Cockapoo (who mainly sleeps these days). I believe there are so many benefits to having an animal in school from building a sense of family and togetherness to helping child read aloud. I've added a risk assessment to the school website and hope that everyone looks forward to meeting him - do get in touch and let me know.

Class 4 have enjoyed an interesting start to their art work on Henry Moore. We have started by looking at his charcoal sketches and how he draws people without detail. We used stockingette to hide the details to allow us to sketch each other in a more abstract fashion. We will then be moving on to looking at his abstract sculptures and hopefully creating our own out of chicken wire and Mod Roc.





We have already been super busy in **Class 3!** In Spanish, we have been learning about our family members and pets. We enjoyed going around the classroom and creating a tally chart to find out what pets our friends had by both asking questions and answering them in Spanish!



Class 1 have had a fantastic start back to school after Christmas. They have begun to learn about their new topic Castles and Knights. They have used non-fiction books to find out about the different parts of the castle such as the portcullis, battlements, arrow slits, drawbridge and the great hall. They also learnt about the different people who might live in the castle and the jobs they did. They certainly enjoyed using our new castle roleplay area as well as the small world castle, taking on different roles and making up their own stories.



This week in science **Class 2** have been exploring everyday materials and their properties. They were given cubes which had a variety of different objects on such as a pencil, playground, shoes or a teddy bear. The other cube they were given had a variety of materials on them including wood, metal, paper and rubber. We had a lot of fun rolling the 2 cubes to come up with different combinations like a metal teddy bear! Class 2 did an amazing job at explaining why the properties of certain materials would be useful or not useful for different objects.



LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday 19th January is **pupil census day**. This is when we send lots of info to Glos County Council and our ongoing funding depends on these figures.

If at all possible, could as many Class 1 and Class 2 children take a school meal on that day. This directly affects our funding for the following year.

We have a vacancy for a **Parent Governor**. This is a fantastic opportunity to get fully involved in the school and influence its future. A letter is coming home today with details.

REMINDERS –

- We will continue with a 'soft start' in each class. Children may arrive from 8:40, directly into their classes, but **MUST** be in by 8:55, when registers are taken swiftly and school meal orders placed. Later than this causes us to re-do registers and re-send lunch orders (effectively doubling our work), so please respect this 8:55 arrival time. Please enter at the front door. Teachers may therefore be unavailable first thing. Children arriving after 8.55 are considered to be late.

- We are continuing with arriving at school in PE kit on PE days, as follows:
Classes 1 & 2 - 'Double' PE on Thursdays, Class 3 – 'Double' PE on Fridays, Class 4 – 'Double' PE on both Weds & Fridays



Friday 20th January is the **FONNS FILM NIGHT**. Please come along and enjoy watching a film with your friends. Please bring a blanket, pillow and teddy and snuggle up to watch a film. Popcorn and drinks will be available.

Keep your eyes out for an **opportunity to boogie** – posters.





STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS



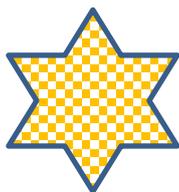
Class 4

Fergus for effort put into diary account about the feelings of children being evacuated.
Rufus for lovely detail when experimenting using charcoal for drawings.
Imogen for always offering to help and being thoughtful and supportive of her peers.



Class 3

Posey for descriptive writing of a spooky setting.
Annabelle for giving great, full answers and thoughts in RE.
Sophia for perseverance in maths.



Class 1

Jensen for progress with writing CVC words.
Callie for progress with sentence writing.
Henry for good manners.
Matilda for fantastic progress in reading, especially recognising her sounds.



Class 2

Joseph for excellent character descriptions.

Lyra for continuously working hard and persevering in maths.

Freya for great partner work using a thesaurus.



Unfortunately, no one improved their rock speed score this week! Get playing on 'Studio' to see if you can be here next time!