



Friday 24th May 2019

On this day in 1959, Empire Day is renamed Commonwealth Day in Great Britain.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

### We've had a wonderful week of engineering triumphs!

#### On Saturday...

Our Formula Goblin race cart took to the race course again, competing in slalom and speed trials against other schools. The event was sponsored by GreenPower, so it was particularly pleasing to walk away with the 'Most environmentally responsible body work' prize. The bodywork consisted of recycled crisp packets!



#### On Monday...

Class 3 were visited by the 'Brush Monster' Team who helped them learn about electricity. Jude said "We had the Brush Monsters on the day. We had to build them ourselves." Haiden added "We raced them to see who had the fastest." Elijah said "Ours came last all the time. I learnt how to build a bigger circuit." Maya said "We kept the winning ones in the classroom."



#### On Wednesday...

Festomane ran an engineering day with Class 4. "The day started with a PowerPoint on engineers and engineering" said Ellie. Meriel added "We learnt about what engineers are doing to make the world cleaner. We learnt all about capacitors" Races were held at the end of the day, with the cars that the children had built.



Congratulations to the organisers and supporters of the FONNS and St Martin's Spring Fayre. Your work will benefit the children enormously.

I have placed a 'video' slideshow of images from the afternoon on the school's Facebook page here -

<https://www.facebook.com/northnibley/>

or on the school's website here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/fonns-spring-fayre-2019/>

#### Schudio and SeeSaw

We will be discontinuing our use of the media streams 'Schudio' and SeeSaw, following a brief trial. The high take-up rate of our Facebook page and Class Dojo channels, for quick notification of important information have made these redundant.

#### Class DoJo

A parent has reported being able to 'see' when a child other than their own is rewarded with Class/Team/Monster points. If you are finding the same, please delete the app completely and reinstall using the code that the class teacher can provide. If there are still problems please let us know and we will contact the company for further advice.

ST MARTIN'S AND FRIENDS OF NORTH NIBLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**SPRING FAYRE and FUN**  
SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
12PM - 3.30PM  
**Total amount raised for FONNS £1,289.56**  
Programme  
12.45 - 1.15pm Country Dancing by Nibley School pupils  
1.30 - 2.00pm Merry May Madrigals sung by the Chorus Singers  
2.15 - 2.45pm Musical Entertainment performed by Julie Miles and youngsters  
Great raffle prizes to be won  
Head the 1 in the Race for Family Fun by Nibley School  
£10 & £20 raffle tickets being sold

## School Meals

We have been informed that the school dinner menu after the half-term break will reset to WEEK 1. Please make your choices accordingly.

## PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

We were very pleased that the weather had improved sufficiently to allow contractors to lay new thermoplastic line markings to our playground. A new standing long jump 'scale' and a target board for throwing have been added, whilst the two netball pitches, 'king-out' grids and caterpillar number-line have been refreshed.

### NEXT TIME

QUAD-KIDS sports report  
MULTI-SPORT sports report



### Make It Count!

There was a good take up of our offer to explain more about the way in which Maths is taught. Our thanks go to the children who demonstrated and to Mrs Lewis for organising the morning.

**Hats!** The summer is here! Please make sure your child has a good hat in school, to provide shade when they are out at play, in P.E. lessons and having picnic lunches on the field.

### Maths 24

For the first time North Nibley entered a team in the area 'Maths 24' competition. Never has maths been so exciting and so exhausting. Against 11 other schools our brains worked frantically, solving as many maths problems as we could before time ran out. Children were dashing between the score desk and the collection of puzzles and there were rounds of individual pressure too. We were pleased with our efforts and really recommend taking part next year too!



### HOPE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." From the Bible - the book of Isaiah Chapter 40.

## STAFF NEWS - UPDATE

This week we said 'Farewell' to Mrs Browning, with the staff enjoying a lunch together and the children offering cards and gifts in assembly. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Mrs Browning's leaving gift. It was much appreciated. She told the children that she was looking forward to playing some golf, table tennis and going for long walks in the country side. We wish her every fortune in her retirement.

Mrs Carrie Roberts, currently employed at a local school, takes up her new post here on June 17th.

## GOVERNOR NEWS

This week we have posted the Full Governing Body meeting minutes from Term 4 on this page - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governor-minutes/>

We have also arranged training in Mental Health and Governor Committee structures. Preparations for interviews on the 3rd of June (Teaching Assistant, Class 3) continue.

Governor Visit reports have been received for Worship and the SATS tests. Following Governor review of the school's web page on School Results (2018), this has been edited to improve its clarity. Do please let me know how else this page could improve.

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/sats-results/>

## RAGS TO RICHES

An incredible half-ton of unwanted clothing was duly dispatched this week, in over 60 full bags. Thank you so much, we will let you know how much this has raised and what we intend to spend it on!

## Robin Hood!

Prepare to 'make merry' now that the name of the Summer Production has been revealed. We are after some help with props and materials. Please could anyone supply white or green curtains, curtain linings, duvet covers or old sheets, which we can convert to our stage backdrop? Please see Mrs Lewis or Ms Surridge.

## WORK DAY UPDATED

I am hoping that a good number of parents, CHILDREN and friends can be found to help with a 'school site/work day'. I can't recall the last time I held one of these, but essentially there are a large number of small jobs, both inside and out, that require doing to maintain our school's attractiveness.

Can you weed a flower bed?

Can you paint a wall?

Can you drill a hole?

Can you flush a drain?

These and many other jobs are waiting and I thought it might be fun if we all worked together. We can offer soup and rolls, and the satisfaction of knowing you are helping a worthwhile cause.

And of course, every penny saved on contractors means more can be spent on teaching and learning for your children. Yes, the budget IS that tight!

A GROWING LIST OF TASKS CAN BE FOUND HERE - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/works-day-2019/>

(This page will be updated over the weekend.)

**IMPROVING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT** I have had positive feedback from parents regarding the display of team points in Friday's assembly. The 'Grand totals' achieved by each school team (Air, Earth, Fire and Water) are now online and these can be followed here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/team-points/>

You will also find details of what the points are given for on the same page.

The classes can boast the following proportions of parents ready to receive photos of their children at work, as well as the latest team point information!

Class 1 - 80%

Class 2 - 97%

Class 3 - 100%

Class 4 - 54% (up 4%)

**FONNS**  
FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

The next FONNS meeting is at 7:30 in the staffroom on 4th June. Please join us.

**Ice cream Sale on today!**

Prices from 30p to £1.00



Thank you for supporting FONNS and we wish everyone a lovely Half term break.

## DIARY DATES

Friday 24th	Last day of Term 5
Mon 3rd JUNE	First Pupil Day of Term 6
Tuesday 4th	Cluster Badminton Trip for Y2
Tuesday 4th	Cathedral Leaver's Service for Y6
Tuesday 4th	ALL YEAR 3, 4 and 5 need their P.E. Kits in school.
Weds 5th	Matt Mason and his boat! A NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT PLASTIC OCEANS UK. SEE <a href="https://plasticoceans.uk/">https://plasticoceans.uk/</a>
Weds 5th	Local Area Finals for Nature Quiz team (Uniform needed please). At Kingswood Primary after school.
Friday 7th	World Cup Girl's Cricket
Weds 12th	School Sports Day (1) This is the 'Traditional' variant. We hope to see many of you there, cheering on your team.

SUMMER 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING 2020 – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days
Term 5 23/04/2019 – 24/05/2019	Term 1 04/09/2019 – 25/10/2019	Term 3 06/01/2020 – 14/02/2020	Term 5 20/04/2020 – 22/05/2020
Term 6 03/06/2019 – 19/07/2019	Term 2 04/10/2019 – 20/12/2019	Term 4 24/02/2020 – 03/04/2020	Term 6 01/06/2020 – 17/07/2020



The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday. In it this week - •

**Supporting the school:**

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