



Dear Parents and Friends,

SIAMS INSPECTION

I am very pleased to release the findings of the SIAMS inspection, which took place in June. This statutory inspection of Church Schools felt every bit as demanding as an Ofsted inspection and took probably more preparation, but the results are worth it! And for staff such as myself who have chosen to work at a C of E School, we value the scrutiny of areas which Ofsted, with its more test-result driven focus, has previously not addressed, such as 'community' 'partnership', 'vision', 'values' and 'ethos'. The key findings of the inspector are praise indeed for this remarkable team of governors and staff, parents and children. Expect to see these findings used regularly to promote the school, since for me, this is what Primary should be all about.

KEY FINDINGS:

- The school's cohesive and embedded Christian vision is integral to all aspects of school life. It positively influences decision-making, policies and practice at all levels.
- Virtuous pastoral care in this Christian community is genuinely supportive of all pupils and adults and their mental health and well-being. Staff tirelessly support one another, the pupils and their families.
- RE and Collective Worship are given high priority and effectively support the school's Christian vision and values, which in turn impact the pupils' lives both in school and beyond.
- The school has created an inclusive, nurturing environment which allows all pupils to flourish. This complements its vision, which is to be a community that prepares pupils to live a full life.
- All pupils experience significant curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. As a result pupils are confident, aspirational and happy.

Nibley Makes Music

On Monday we were treated to around 20 children playing their instruments to entertain the school, with parents in attendance too. We had piano, violin, flute, recorder, clarinet, sax and accordion. Children from Reception to Year 6 regaled us with their tunes, sometimes as soloists but often in ensemble pieces. We have a huge amount of talent in school. Thank you to everyone who took part, and to our specialist teachers for bring the children on so well.

Music Lessons

We have some spaces for children wanting to take up woodwind instruments after the summer holidays. Please refer to the yellow music note sent home last week, which explains more or ask at the school office.

Sports Day 1, 2019

For our Reception children it was their first proper Sports Day.

Riley said "I liked the sac race."

Angelique came first in her running race.

Anna was pleased that 'her team won'.

Archie said his favourite was the egg and spoon race.

Luke preferred the bean bag (accuracy) throw.

Well done to all the children and to Mrs Dixon for the smooth running of the event.



ROBIN HOOD

Please can you ensure that all costumes and props are available, in school, from Monday onwards! Thank you.

'Scarlet Fever' We have a few cases of this at the moment. Please be alert. Initial symptoms usually include a sore throat, headache and a high temperature (38.3C/101F or above), flushed cheeks and a swollen tongue. A day or two later the characteristic pinkish rash appears. It usually occurs on the chest and stomach before spreading to other areas of the body, such as the ears and neck. If a child of yours is diagnosed with a contagious illness, please inform the school at the earliest possible moment. Your information may add to a picture already building, and we have to consider the welfare of pupils and staff.

SPECIAL REQUEST

A representative of the Playing Fields committee has asked us to remind PARENTS of children playing on the fields after school that children SHOULD NOT be climbing on the goal posts, netball/basket ball 'muga' or the cricket apparatus. Please ensure that the children do not continue to upset our neighbours!

HOPE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." From the Bible - the Letter to the church of Rome, chapter 15 verse 13.

Changes coming your way soon.

Despite a large number of the parents responding to the Parent Survey, saying they read the school e-newsletter as much, if not more than the paper based one, it is clear from calls to the office and questions at the gate that many parents are missing important pieces of information, and the children rarely get to see their own school's news (including that to which they contribute). So expect a return to a paper-based letter in September, with downloadable .pdf to match.

Website

Weeks before a school is aware that it has been scheduled for an inspection, inspectors are visiting the site looking for the legally required content and getting a feel for the ethos of the school. Knowing we were approaching 'the inspection window' for SIAMS, significant development work on the site was suspended, just in case I accidentally changed something irreversible! I had plans to make some big changes and these will now be happening over the summer. Don't be surprised if you are greeted with a 'work in progress' during the break.

RMS Titanic - the Southampton Story

On Tuesday Class 4 travelled to Southampton to visit the Titanic Museum, in support of their class topic. We had a guided tour and a workshop. The staff soon realised how knowledgeable our children had become, and quickly raised their questioning to Key Stage 3 (secondary school) level!

Seb said "It was really interesting and everyone enjoyed the trip."

Nathan said "Many of the pictures in use actually came from the sister ship, the Olympic. We were taught how to tell the difference." Poppy thought it interesting. "Very few, perhaps 27 of the 893 crew were women."

Joe reflected on the fate of Mr Bruce Ismay, the designer of the ship, who sailed on the fateful voyage and 'saved himself'. Joe said "I can understand why he wanted to survive but perhaps he should have saved others first. I can see both sides."

Ben was made 'really sad' to see the extent to which the local Southampton community was reduced by the tragedy. A large map plotted the homes of the 600+ crew who did not survive. There were streets where every home had lost someone.



Open Assemblies / Collective Worship

There will be NO Collective Worship on Friday 12th since FONNS have organised a FUN DAY.

Classes 1 & 2 will be holding their 'Showcase' assembly on Monday afternoon, 15th July, starting at 2:40. All missed birthdays will be celebrated then.

The final assembly of the year is the Leaver's Service, from 9:15 a.m. in St Martin's Church on the last day of term, Friday 19th July. You are all welcome to join us in saying goodbye to a remarkable year group!

Traditionally we also cover 'Summer Holiday' birthdays for any of our leavers. The rest have to wait until September!

'Money makes the world go around'

To the parents of Year 6 Leavers - please ensure your ParentPay balances are settled before Friday 12th.

FONNS News

It's nearly here - the amazing North Nibley Music Festival.

Please support the FONNS volunteers with your money (!), your time and your encouragement!

GOVERNOR NEWS - UPDATE

The Full Governing Board meets next week. If the Department for Education sticks to its timetable for the publishing of National Test results, much of the discussion will centre around outcomes for Year 6, Year 2, Year 1 and Reception. The current School Improvement Plan will be reviewed and priorities selected for 2019-20. Previously - Exciting news from the Governors. Please make sure you read their newsletter which you can also find online here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governor-newsletters/>

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

Another item in 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!

PET FOOD POUCHES

If an average cat has 2 sachets of wet food a day that means that cat goes through 730 plastic sachets a year, and sadly most of those sachets aren't widely recycleable. That's where Terracycle comes in. Terracycle runs a scheme where they will accept any type of pet food packaging (both wet food sachets and dry food packaging) and recycle it!

Source photo and words credit Cats Protection North London.

If you would like to recycle your pet food packaging make sure it is clean and dry and use the public collection bins at the front of the school.

If you have a suggestion for inclusion in this part of the newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!

The images of plastic polluting the planets seas, oceans etc are becoming an all too common thing that we see - It can often feel like there is nothing we can do to help stop this, but there are small changes we can make to help stop plastic pollution.



DIARY DATES

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| MONDAY 8th | Nature Quiz COUNTY FINALS 7pm in Birdlip |
| TUESDAY 9th | New Reception Induction 9:30 - 10:30 Class 1 to Nibley Nursery in the afternoon. Rounders Club is ON. |
| WEDS 10th | Dursley Library visiting school. Swimming gala in the afternoon. No Sports Club. No Cross Stitch Club. FONNS Meeting Full Governing Body meeting. Rednock Y6 evening - 3:30 - 6:30 |
| THURSDAY 11th | Running club is ON. Robin Hood dress rehearsal 9:30 |
| FRIDAY 12TH | FONNS FUN DAY - PACKED LUNCHES NEEDED FOR ALL CHILDREN Rednock Y6 Induction Day 8:40 - 3:00 |
| W/B 15th JULY | NO CLUBS THIS WEEK |
| MONDAY 15th | Class 1 & 2 'Showcase' Assembly - find out what our younger classes have been learning. At school, 2:40 start. All are welcome. |
| TUESDAY 16th | Robin Hood 1:45 p.m. Robin Hood 6:30 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY 17th | Play Leader's Sports Day This is the 'Multi-Sports' variant, organised by Year 6 to benefit all the children in the school. Please support them. |
| FRIDAY 19th | Leaver's Service from 9:10 ish in St. Martin's. Please arrive in good time. All welcome. 5:00 ish (please confirm time) FONNS End-Of-Year BBQ and field games. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PUPILS. |

For the latest Term Dates 'Poster' - visit
<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

| SUMMER 2019 – Pupil days | NEXT AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days | NEXT SPRING 2020 – Pupil days | NEXT SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days |
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| 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 - • Governor Newsletter

Supporting the school:

Here's an idea which could raise a lot of money for the school - AmazonSmile.

You can find all the information about using this FREE service reprinted on our website page here -



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