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TOMORROW (in 1915) Cecil Chubb buys English prehistoric monument Stonehenge for £6,600 (Class 4 are studying The Stone Age.)

Dear Parents and Friends,

TEACHERS LEARN TOO!

It's been 'back to school' in big way for staff too! On the second INSET day in September the Class Teachers were off site, attending a course on teaching World Religions, as a direct follow on from our successful SIAMS inspection last June. Support staff continued to ready the school and prepare for the opening of our Breakout Space. The following Monday an extended staff meeting focussed on Mental Health. This week a large group attended a training session, updating our First Aid qualifications. There was a governor presence at each event. We never stop learning.

NSPCC 'STAY SAFE' WORKSHOPS

We were pleased to welcome Sheila from the NSPCC who delivered two important age-appropriate assemblies about each child's rights to speak out and stay safe. We learnt the Childline phone number by heart and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult.



- Tuesday 24th – 'London' meeting for Class 4 parents, 3:30.
- Reception – our Welcome Service is Friday Worship, 4th October
- Parent-Teacher Meetings – 14th and 15th Oct.
- **UPDATE** Christmas Service – Weds 18th Dec, 6:30
- **ALL PARENTS** return the data collection sheets (find them in pupil book bags)
- Better to be safe than regret... (see below)

SCHOOL MEAL CENSUS

Parents might recall that the uptake of cooked school meals on the annual census day can affect the school budget. This year census day is THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER. Please help us to ensure a high uptake on this date. (The spaghetti bolognese is particularly popular!)

PLEASE... Several classes are requesting the kind donation of tissues as we approach the season of coughs and sneezes.

CAR PARK

At least one member of staff has found a deep scratch on her car door, having parked in the Pavilion car park near the pedestrian gate to the school. It was probably accidental, but hard to believe someone wouldn't have noticed doing it. Parents are not allowed to use the car park (unless special permission has been granted, allowing for a disability, for example) but we are also concerned that children dash through on their way to the field. Please supervise the children through this potentially dangerous area, and watch for cars moving past the school at the end of the day. Better to be safe than have regrets...

FONNS CHRISTMAS FAYRE! BOOK THE DATE!



POLICIES

Governors have been at work behind the scenes and over the summer break. Two revised policies are available for consultation – Medical Conditions and Complaints. Please see

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies-1/>

On the same page you can also find our 'Acceptable Use of Technology' Policy, which has developed with additional input from last year's Pupil School Council. It was formally adopted this week.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019-2020

Also at the Governor's meeting on Wednesday the school adopted the draft School Improvement Plan 2019-20. This firms up the priorities agreed in July and details who is doing what and when in order to secure further improvement. You can find a public version here

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/improvement-plans/>

DID YOU KNOW...?

North Nibley C of E Primary School features on the 'Calendar of Intercession' (Prayer diary) for the Diocese. Our turn is on 1st November and I've been asked to suggest some topics. Do let me know if there is something you'd like me to suggest.

RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

From the Bible – the Letter to the Philippians:
“Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves.”

CLOTHES RECYCLING

Mrs Kirby has organised another opportunity to recycle used clothing. Please 'hang on' to items you might be considering discarding until our collection date of 18th November. Further details to follow. Mrs Kirby has also provided a list of 'nearly new' uniform on the front door of the school, which might be of interest.

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

Practical ideas 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 tips and ideas you may want to think about at home. Discuss these with your children too!

- More than 150 billion litres of bottled water are sold worldwide every year. This contributes significantly to landfill and transport emissions. Say no to bottled water and drink tap water – use a refillable, washable bottle instead.

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

LOBBY PHOTOS

Do take a moment to watch some of the 700+ photographic highlights of 2018-19, plus this year's South Cerney trip, displayed on the lobby monitor.

CLUBS

You might have seen on the Club 'sign-up sheet', but there are opportunities for parents to support clubs, including Table Tennis and Chess. Do please contact us if you feel able!

NUT FREE

I would like to remind parents that we are 'nut free'. THIS INCLUDES PACKETS FOR RECYCLING WHICH HAVE CONTAINED NUTS. Please comply with this since there are children with allergies in the school, and this is a critical issue for two of our children currently at school.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

You might recall that we requested the return of the Parent/Carer Response slip that accompanied your child's end of year report. Staff do read these with interest, and it's not too late...

Parents of our Year 6 Leavers were also given an 'exit' survey. Again, these make thoughtful reading, so please return what you can.

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

These annual meetings are a valuable addition to our annual programme of information and support. You can now download the PowerPoints from this page – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/special-presentations/>

CHARITY WORK

(or 'Courageous Advocacy' as the SIAMS Inspection framework calls it!) This is the year that we invite parents to join with staff who are walking all or part of the 5 Valley's Walk, on Sunday September 29th, in support of Meningitis Now. I've sent a separate letter which I hope you will read, and there is plenty more information here – <https://www.meningitisnow.org/support-us/events/fundraising-events/events-by-location/five-valleys-walk/>

This is also the SCHOOL YEAR when we will celebrate 'Red Nose' Day (rather than Children In Need) and I am hoping the School Pupil Council will come up with some amazing ideas for RND. The full list for 2019-20 is as follows:

Meningitis Now (Five Valleys Walk)
Stroud Food Bank & St Martin's church (Harvest)
British Legion (Remembrance Day)
Christmas Shoebox (NEW COURIER)
Shelter (Homelessness)
St. Martin's Church (Christmas Collection)
Christian Aid (Christingle)
Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
Pupil Choice 2020 – Yet to be decided

MUSIC LESSONS

We have spaces for children wanting to take up a woodwind instrument. Please ask at the school office.

DIARY DATES	
Mon 23 rd	Y6 Cycle Training begins
Tues 24 th	LONDON – Meeting for Y5&6 Parents, 3:30
Weds 25th	Handball match – NO SPORTS CLUB
2 nd Oct	Reading Meeting for parents in Class 1 & 2
Friday 4 th	Welcome Assembly for Reception children
Weds 9 th	To 11 th – London Residential Class 4
Mon 14 th	& 15 th – Parent-Teacher meetings
Tues 15 th	Harvest Festival from 9:15 in St. Martin's Church. Open to everyone!
Weds 4 th Dec	YEAR 7 Mince Pie Feedback. Watch out for the annual questionnaire
Weds 18 th	Christmas Carols 6:30 at St. Martin's Church

For the latest Term Dates 'Poster' - visit

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days	
Term 1	04/09/2019 – 25/10/2019
CORRECTED - Term 2 05/11/2019 – 20/12/2019	
SPRING 2020 – Pupil days	
Term 3	06/01/2020 – 14/02/2020
Term 4	24/02/2020 – 03/04/2020
SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days	
Term 5	20/04/2020 – 22/05/2020
Term 6	01/06/2020 - 17/07/2020