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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 272

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

On this day in 1967, the 'Yoko Plus Me' art exhibit opens in London  
(the 'me' is John Lennon)

Dear Parents and Friends,

## LONDON CALLING

Class 4 tell the story of their residential, so far!

Wednesday

Grace - I was slightly scared waking up at 5:30. It was the earliest I had ever woken up for school.

Hannah - I had buttered croissants for breakfast on the coach.

Isabella - I sat next to Hannah and we played Top Trumps.

Cara - We stopped at a Service Station for a few minutes to get toileted and have a quick runaround.

Amelie - When we arrived, at first glance the hotel looked huge. We had to put our luggage into storage.

Poppy - At the Science Museum we took part in a Wonder Lab. I really liked the part where Joss and I sat on seats and pulled on ropes to lift ourselves up.

Olivia - In the fab lab we listened to a talk about science and elements. The lady scientist poured frozen liquid nitrogen into a flask and it turned into a gas without going through a liquid stage. This is called sublimation. The gas was heavier than the air.

Joss - There was a camera which could detect heat and a monitor showed you where you were hotter or colder.

Delphine - In the Natural History Museum there was a robotic tyrannosaurus rex which was really well made.

Oliver - I liked seeing two animatronic dinosaurs. We had a team photo by a not-so-woolly mammoth.

George W - Back at the hotel we had beef stew with carrot and swede mash. As soon as we got to our room I called out for a top bunk.

George L - At the School Of Rock I liked it when the teacher was talking to the class about music and guitars.

Jacob - When we were half way through the lights came on and practically blinded us.

Elliot - I enjoyed it because it was very funny. The music was loud. The children played their instruments well.

Jude - We got back about 11 o'clock. Some children wanted a midnight feast but it was quite late and they fell asleep instead.

Thursday

Breakfast was really nice. I had beans on toast, toast

and jam with apple juice.

Nathan - I really liked the Tower of London. It was huge compared to the houses that were around it when it was built.

Zak L - In the armoury I enjoyed playing 'cut the cabbage in half whilst riding a horse'. This was medieval battle practice.

Freddy R B - The diamond in Queen Elizabeth's crown was the biggest I'd ever seen. There was so much gold my eyes watered!

William - I enjoyed walking over Tower Bridge. We knew we were safe but it was fun looking over the edge and seeing the boats go passed underneath.

Emily - The wax work dummies on HMS Belfast were very realistic. They showed the lives of the sailors on board.

Abby - After this we walked back to the Tower and joined a boat trip up the Thames to the London Eye. I felt sick on the boat.

Joe - There was a lot of screaming in the 4D cinema. A gull flew right at us and later it even started snowing!

Ollie - We had a great view from the top of our ride around the London Eye.

Seb - At the top it was quite scary. A few of Ms Surrige's fruit pastels helped us to calm down.

Zac - We played a game of tag in an awesome playground which had lots of climbing equipment. We included an American girl called Isabella. There were lots of Americans in London supporting a NFL American football match.

The next installment will be published in the next issue!

## **TAKEOVER DAY**

Children, I am planning to run another 'Takeover Day' on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Tell me how you'd like to be in control on that day! (We last did this in 2011!)

## **BREAKOUT SPACE UPDATE**

The builders are gone, the 'snagging' has begun (and... shhh - the building is already in use!) Stand by for details of the GRAND OPENING CEREMONY!

## **HOW CUTE ARE THESE?**



Extinct no more, a herd of woolly mammoths were spotted out and about last week in the local vicinity. If found, please provide a good home.

(Emily, Claudie and Delphie's mammoths are pictured above. Class 4 are focussing on 'The Stone Age this term.)

Isabell wrote "Today all of my friends took photos of our herd of our mammoths. We ♥ taking the photo. Hannah and mine were sisters. Like us. Mine was the one at the back and Hannah's was in front of mine!"



## WELCOME RECEPTION

Last week we officially welcomed our 'new' Reception friends on Friday in assembly. 15 of the 16 joiners confidently added their stone and as a community we made a promise to all their year group, to work together to inspire and celebrate their learning, achievements, faith and fun, using key words from our vision. This was a tradition we started in 2015 and I think it rather special.



## HARVEST SERVICE

Our service is on Tuesday 15th October, starting at 9:00 ish (as soon as we can get children registered, toileted and across the road safely). As well as a 'thought for the day' and a song or two, we would like to make a presentation of items of food, either fresh or in tins/packets, which St. Martin's will auction at the annual Harvest Supper. If you could be so kind as to send your child to school on the 15th with an item, either fresh or packaged, we will make a grand presentation of all the donations during the service. Christian Aid and FoodBank will be the beneficiaries of your kind gifts.

## HARVEST SUPPER / CURRY NIGHT

St Martin's Church invite everyone to the harvest supper. Adults £7.50, children £4, Friday 18th October. Please contact Sue Devine on 01453 543748 for further information.

## FONNS FIREWORKS

Gates open at 5:30 pm, with a main display at 6:30 pm. Tickets are £10 per family (Max 5 people per family ticket). These can be purchased on the gate.

Hot dogs and refreshments on offer. Please invite friends!



**FONNS**  
**Fireworks night**  
**at North Nibley**  
**Primary School**  
Friday 25th October 2019

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Gates open at 5.30pm - Main display at 6.30pm

Tickets are £10 per family - maximum of 5 people per family ticket

Which can be purchased on the gate  
At North Nibley School

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**NEW DATE!** Starting school in



or later?

From first days, through special days, via days they'll never forget!

**Please spread the word. We'd love to meet and greet a good number of interested families on TUESDAY MORNING, 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019.**

**RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.**

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."  
The Gospel of John, Chapter 13 verses 34 & 35

**CAN YOU HELP?**

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

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL OR CLUBS**

Any absence from school or non-attendance at a club must be notified to the school office by a Parent please. We cannot accept this from a child, even a sibling, or the child themselves for safeguarding reasons.

DIARY DATES	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	1st Cross Country Race – 9:30 for 10 at KLB
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	& 15 <sup>th</sup> – Parent-Teacher meetings NO YOUNG VOICES CLUB
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival from 9:00 in St. Martin's Church. Open to everyone! Parent-Teacher meetings NO ART CLUB
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	SORRY – NO CROSS-STICH CLUB SORRY – NO SPORTS CLUB FONNS AGM 7:30 at school
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sibling and individual school photos
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	CLASS 4 'SHOWCASE' Assembly, 2:40pm All are welcome to hear about our Capital Adventures! FONNS FIREWORKS – See above
NOV 4 <sup>th</sup>	MONDAY – INSET DAY – NO PUPILS!
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair arrives – for 1 week.
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	FONNS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cross Country Race – 9:30 for 10 at KLB
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	WHOLE STAFF Child Protection training
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN DAY – for those looking to join in September 2020, earlier or later!
DEC Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 7 Mince Pie Feedback. Watch out for the annual questionnaire
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 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
<b>CORRECTED - Term 2 05/11/2019 – 20/12/2019</b>	
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
NEXT AUTUMN 2020 – Pupil days	
These are decided in November's Governor Meeting	
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## REMINDERS

### PARENT-TEACHERS MEETINGS (PARENTS' EVENINGS)

Our on-line booking system for parents' evenings (14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October) is now OPEN. Please read the GDPR 'note' on this web page. If you previously used this system you might be 'remembered'. CHOOSE THE 'SETMORE' login if you want to use an email/password combination. (This prevents 'Email address already in use' error when signing up as if for a new account.)  
<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/appointments/>  
 Please call at the office if you do not wish to use the online system.



## **FAMILY PHOTOS**

It's our turn to host the photographer and we are open from 8:30 on 24<sup>th</sup> October for family groups involving younger siblings. Thereafter we will work our way through the school making groups with brothers and sisters as well as individual photos. Please ensure your child comes with smart uniform and a hair brush!

## **BRXIT and SCHOOLS**

We have been asked by the government to "Inform any staff, parents or carers of pupils who are EU, EEA or Swiss citizens that they need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020. Irish citizens' right to live in the UK will not change when the UK leaves the EU. Irish citizens do not need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme, but their family members, who are not Irish or British citizens, will need to." Read more on the EU Settlement Scheme here -

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **PLAYING FIELD**

Can I remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on the playing field. There have been incidents of dog mess being left on the field and this can be hazardous to health.

## **PANTO**

Thanks to our fantastic fund raisers, FONNS is sending the whole school to a production of Cinderella at the Everyman in Cheltenham. This is an afternoon performance on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and we anticipate a return to school around 5:30 p.m. All children will need a packed lunch. Details to follow.

## **HEADLICE**

It has come to our notice that there has been an outbreak of head lice in school.

Any infestation can be cleared by combing thoroughly over two or three days using a fine comb. This will need to be repeated one week later as any missed eggs will have then hatched.

It would be helpful if long hair could be tied back during school hours as this helps to avoid hair contact with others who may have a problem. Sharing / swapping hats should also be avoided.