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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

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On this day in 2009 James Cameron's "Avatar" was released in the US, becoming the highest-grossing film of all time.

Dear Parents and Friends,

CHRISTMAS STARS!



Classes 1 & 2 were wonderful in their Nativity. Memorable songs, cute dances and an engaging story brought the traditional nativity to life in a new way, whilst retaining all the wonder of the first Christmas. You can order a DVD of this performance from the school website here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/orders/>



BOXES OF GENEROSITY

Thanks to your generosity and good will, we were about to send 30 Rotary Club Christmas Shoeboxes away this year

to support disadvantaged families in Eastern Europe.

MORE WAYS TO HELP

From time to time teachers ask 'Do we have a parent who is (e.g.) a ship builder, vet, electrician or astronaut. Officially we don't collect parent professions or qualification, but there are times when such an 'expert' could be a useful visitor to our classrooms, supporting topic work. If you feel you might have something to offer please speak to your child's class teacher, and we'll endeavour to keep a list against a future opportunity. Thank you.

RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

The sixth of the Ten Commandments – "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." The Book of Exodus Chapter 20, verse 12.

CONSULTAION

In the new year we will be consulting on the introduction of a new compulsory subject – PSHE. This includes 'Relationships' and sex education. In order to 'set the scene' I have posted a quick link to the Department for Education's Q&A from our Learning > Curriculum page here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-curriculum/>

SMILE – AND RAISE MONEY FOR FONNS!

Here's an idea which could raise a lot of money for the school, especially in the build up to CHRISTMAS – Amazon Smile.

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

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pta-fonns/>

Basically, if you nominate North Nibley School PTFA as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price!



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

TESCO TOKENS

Do keep collecting the supermarket tokens – my understanding is that we could be 'up' before Easter!

PLAY THEREPY Parent Heidi Palmer-Smith is asking for a donation of any old Play-Doh tools which could be given to a refugee camp in Greece. This is an initiative of the charity Flying Seagull.

<http://www.theflyingseagullproject.com/> Please bring any such donations to the school office.

THANK YOU Lee Dunham

<http://www.leedunhamracing.com/> continues to support us and has made a generous contribution to our on-going work. Lee works locally with a number of our own young motocross enthusiasts.

DIARY DATES

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Weds 18 th	Christmas Dinner in school, CAROL SERVICE, 6:30 at St. Martin's Church IN SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE, WITH FESTIVE 'TRIMMINGS'
Thurs 19 th	Christmas Party afternoon (details soon)
Fri 20 th	Last day of term.
Mon 6 th JAN	FIRST PUPIL DAY OF 2020!
Weds 8 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Sat 11 th	Cross-Country @ KLB, 9:30 for 10:00
Mon 13 th	FIRST Swimming for Years 1 & 2 Young Voices Club CONTINUES
Tues 14 th	Guitar and woodwind resume
Weds 15 th	& Thurs – Violins resume
Friday 17 th	Young Voices at the NEC

FINALLY – We wish all our friends, families and supporters and joyous Christmas and a peaceful, (and healthy) new year! See you in 2020!