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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

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On this day in 1912 Captain Robert Scott's expedition arrives at the South Pole, one month after Roald Amundsen.

Dear Parents and Friends,

FIFTH YEAR, RUNNING!



What an amazing season! Our Cross-country runners were in fine form for the final race of the season, and after all the results were collated and crunched, we were over the moon to find we had retained the Small Schools shield for the 5th consecutive year. Plenty of strong individual performances, in this race and the proceeding three, meant that individual runners were celebrating too, cheered on by family and friends. Despite a muddy and extra-long course, the children gave it everything and each and every one can feel proud of their efforts. This year saw the first presentation of the 'best school' award, where the results of large and small schools are compared – and we were thrilled to have won this as well! The shields will be presented to the team in the Friday Assembly on the 24th. Congratulations to all the runners in whatever capacity they ran, and to the adults who work so effectively in providing the training and support week in, week out!

SAFEGUARDING ONLINE

We've signed up to Alan Mackenzie's weekly updates which are proving incredibly useful in keeping up to date with emerging IT concerns and the habits of young people (and you can too! <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/>)

This week, the Money app which is proving popular on mobile devices. Once again the amazing resource – Common Sense Media - has reviews from other parents, children and educators to support you in making an informed opinion about the safety of apps like these.

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/app-reviews/monkey>

SAFEGUARDING

I do hope you were able to reinforce at home the Stranger Danger notices given this week. You can find my advice to parents on last week's newsletter here -

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

A review of the Single Central Register (SCR) identified a number of individual parents and friends who, due to lack of contact with the school for more than 6 months, have been deleted from our SCR. In part this rule is to prevent schools holding on to details about individuals unnecessarily (GDPR) but primarily it serves to ensure we are proactive in our efforts to keep all your children safe. Please don't be surprised or upset if we need to action an additional DBS check should you wish to volunteer again.

RESPONSIBILITY IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life. Be very sure now, you who have been trained to a self-sufficient maturity, that you enter into a generous common life with those who have trained you, sharing all the good things that you have and experience."

From The Bible (Galatians, Chapter 6, Verses 5 – 15.)

SWIMMING

Years 1 & 2 have begun their swimming lessons. Can I remind you that tights are incredibly difficult to put back on (especially on damp legs!) If possible, please ensure your child is not wearing tights on Mondays.

INDEPENDENCE REMINDER

Our systems have evolved over many years to help children develop their independence, and part of this is responding on a daily basis to the question "Do you have anything for the office?" You can support this development by reminding children if they have something to hand in. As an added bonus, you won't need to join the queue for the office!

INFANT NATIVITY DVDS

These are available now, from the school office, for those who placed and order.

UNIFORM APPROACH

Mrs Kirby has also provided a list of 'nearly new' uniform on the front door of the school, which might be of interest.

PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

We have set Monday and Tuesday 10th and 11th February for the Spring Term meetings. Watch out for booking forms coming home nearer the time.

FONNS PUPIL DISCO – Friday 14th February

Classes 1 & 2 - 5:45 until 6:30

Classes 3 & 4 - 6:45 until 7:45

The disco is held in the School Hall. £2.00 per child to include crisps and squash. 'Glow-stick' bracelets will be sold on the door.

(Just 1 page today – we are working at full-throttle!)