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SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25 Verse 35 – 40.

Dear Parents and Friends,

One annual tradition for us is to publish the 'Reception Joiners' photo in Term One!



Welcome to you all!

IN SERVICE TRAINING (INSET)

Just in case you are working off an older publication, I can confirm that the INSET planned for July 2nd 2021 has been re-designated a normal school day for pupils, and that Monday 2nd November continues to be the day we set aside for

- Completing plans for the 'Catch-up' support
- Safeguarding updates
- Reviewing our Recovery Plan and Risk Assessment
- Drafting the next School Improvement Plan
- Receiving training on different interventions

So we'll see children back on Tuesday 3rd, when...

THE RETURN OF COOKED SCHOOL MEALS

Now that we are settling into the 'new normal', we are looking to re-establish cooked school meals as an option for all children. Obviously we are having to think carefully about the logistics, to prevent our bubbles mixing and maintain safe practices across the school. However, we are willing to try and these will be available to order from Tuesday 3rd November after half-term. Menus were sent home and we begin on a **WEEK THREE**.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We are supporting this charity on Friday 13th November. Children need not come in school uniform. A collection will be taken in classes on arrival and you are asked to give generously if you can.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Normally at this time we would be hosting our own Coffee Morning in support of this important charity. Since we can't have visitors in, we are very happy to promote this event from our near-neighbours at The Black Horse.

LET'S BREW THIS!



The Black Horse Inn's Big Coffee Morning

Come and Join us Friday 6th of November from 10am in The Black Horse Inn for a hot drink and a piece of cake, to raise the small target of £300 all to a good cause.

If you would like to bring a cake along please contact us on 01453 543777



WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

Fundraising for
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

PROMOTING THE SCHOOL

Our current high level of staffing we are able to employ to support your children is only possible because of our high 'number on roll' – the number of children that attend North Nibley. A full Reception is therefore a key priority for us. **PLEASE SHARE OUR OPEN DAY VIDEO ON EVERY PLATFORM YOU CAN.** Our Open Day video is now available to view – see our website, our Facebook page and this page here!

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/open-days/>

Obviously a video is 'second-best' to an actual tour, but in these days of limited opening, this is the best tool at our disposal to generate interest in our school for the September 2021 intake.



Can someone share with the Dursley and Wotton Facebook groups? Nibley Parents?
If anyone would like a copy of the poster for a public-facing window, please ask.

UPDATE: The live 'Zoom' meeting for prospective joiners has been scheduled for Tuesday 3rd November at 9:30 a.m. Apply via admin@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

THANK YOU...

To the parent of an ex-pupil (and ex-governor) David Chapman, for suggesting that we might benefit from some free whiteboards. These have been kindly donated by local specialists Sundela. These are a perfect fit for 'The Lodge' and will be in use shortly. To the parents of Alexander (Year 1) who kindly emptied the sandpit for us, enabling us to add fresh sand for Class 1.

LOCKDOWN PREPARATION

Schools now have a statutory duty to provide remote education. This came into effect on Thursday 22 October 2020.

As you might expect, teachers are making additional preparations for any new lockdown. Last week I ASKED ALL PARENTS to complete the following survey – Remote Education: Barriers To Learning
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h-Q3pwyCLkOPhvIVvzQ_DvqjBNO-02pGqWBXaGmVHV9UMUJPT1pIT0s4S1FPNEtXWIRQMFNTQzcxMy4u

Your answers will enable us to co-ordinate resources to help you if a second lockdown is put in place.

Thank you to the 11 families who have completed this. If it becomes necessary to share the school's computing devices to support home learning, you will be first in the queue!



TARGET PRACTICE!

Class 1 were learning all about archery in their PE lessons. Mrs Dixon was very impressed with all the Reception children who could make the nice 'high' elbows necessary to control their shooting.

POPPY APPEAL

The boxes of resources, poppies etc to help you support Armistice Day (Remembrance Day) are now in school. There are plenty of items with a suggested donation of 50p, if you want to support the appeal. The school will hold the annual 'silence' at 11 o'clock on Wednesday 11th November.

BARVEMBER

Maths specialists White Rose will be running their 'Barvember' challenges throughout November. Mrs Lewis, our Maths Subject Leader, will be sharing the challenges via Class Dojo. Why not work on the challenges together?

PHOTOS IN SCHOOL

On 5th November the school photographer will be in school. As you can imagine, this is another 'staple' we are having to do differently to minimise risk. We will, with careful management, be able to do siblings from mixed bubbles, but no pre-school siblings this year. (Sorry!)

ROTARY SHOEBOX COLLECTION

After last year's trial, we are happy to continue to support this Christmas charity. However, to ensure delivery in time these need to be back at school by 4th November! Please request a box from the office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

LONDON TRIP? The Pupil Premium can help with that.
SWIMMING LESSONS? The Pupil Premium can help with that.

IN-CLASS SUPPORT? The Pupil Premium can help with that.

Children in ANY school year can benefit!

I understand that in these strange times many families are under financial stress. Last week I attached important information about the different types of 'Free School Meals' available. School is granted over £1000 for any child entitled (whether they take the actual meals or not!) and this goes to support your child in numerous ways (all 'invisible' to the child.) If there is even the smallest chance you may now qualify, I urge you to do what other families are doing, read the letter and find out.

PARENTS AND EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

A reminder to all that every parent should be kept apprised of school information and this is particularly the case where one parent (for example) is not resident at the child's registered home. Please contact the school office if your circumstances mean that we are not fulfilling our legal obligations.



VIRTUAL ATHLETICS

The children from Class 4 took part in a Virtual Athletics competition this week. Elijah said "There was a circle of activities and when you had completed one you moved on to the next. One was a 'chest throw' where you had to record on a clipboard how far the ball went. My favourite was running 100 metres, between two posts 10 metres apart." Daisy added "It was good to work with our friends and compete against other schools. My favourite was the 'Speed Bounce' activity where you had to jump backwards and forwards over a small barrier with a two footed take-off and landing."

OURBORETUM - FREE SEEDS, POTS AND COMPOST!

This autumn BBC Radio Gloucestershire is inviting schools, organisations, families and individuals to join them to grow 2,020 trees from seed. They have received a donation of 3,500 pots and enough compost to fill them, and want to give them all away for free. As a school we have applied and we will keep you up to date.

CHRISTMAS ALREADY?

Last week I wrote... "Turn North Nibley into a Living Advent Calendar with windows throughout the village decorated and 'opened' each evening between 1 December and Christmas Eve." If you:

- live in a house that has a window that can clearly be seen from the street without people coming on to your property
- are happy to keep the window illuminated each evening after it is 'opened' until after Christmas and
- are interested in participating or are prepared to act as a standby if we have problems recruiting enough people, please let me know (email head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) with:
 - your name and address
 - your email address and
 - any preference you have about dates

Please be aware that in agreeing to participate you are also agreeing to have your address identified on the website and map so people can look for your window. No names or email addresses will be shared without your permission. We look forward to hearing from you. Please let us know by 20th November.

Have a great weekend,

Mr B



FONNS APPEAL

The Friends of North Nibley School (FONNS) are collecting 'goodies' for the Christmas hampers. Please use the box on the wall for your donations.

FONNS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS - which will be on sale from Tuesday 3rd November.

FONNS ONLINE CHRISTMAS TREAT STALL

Pre orders can be made via Facebook FONNS group & Nibley Parent, as well as on a sheet coming home.

FREE MONEY! (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!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

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

ONLINE CHRISTMAS TREAT SHOP

- HOMEMADE MINCE PIES. £2.50
- CHRISTMAS JUTE BAGS FILLED WITH CHOCOLATES. £2.00
- HOT CHOCOLATE BOXES. £2.50
- CHRISTMAS CONES FILLED WITH CHRISTMAS GOODIES £1.00
- CHRISTMAS LOLLY POPS. 50P

PRE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN UP TO THE END OF NOVEMBER

COLLECTION LAST WEEK OF TERM



FONNS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Some Amazing Prizes on offer this year.....

1st Prize £100.00 gift voucher

2nd Prize £50.00 gift voucher

3rd Prize Luxury Hamper

Half an hour massage

MOT Voucher

Meat Pack

Cake Box Brownies

Lee Dunham motorcross voucher

More prizes to follow

£1.00 per ticket

Tickets will be on SALE soon

