



# NEWSLETTER 158

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Mia Hamm scored 158 international goals for the USA women's soccer team

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Dear Parents and Friends,

**County Finalists Again!** Congratulations to our Hockey Team, who yesterday came 2nd in the local area (out of 16 teams), meaning they have won through to the County Finals which, confusingly, occur on the same day as the County Finals in Netball! Sorry – email difficulties mean you'll have to wait until next time for a picture.

**An IMMENSE "Thank you"** goes to two more benefactors who have each been able to contribute £100 towards the cost of the Formula Goblin race car. This car is slowly taking shape in the corner of Class 4, being built in club time and with the help of Mr and Mrs Milliner. (There is still time to contribute if you are able!)

**Polli:Nation** We have won a bid, as part of a cluster, to be involved in a 'Learning Through Landscapes' project. "Each successful cluster will receive funding, support with planning, development and delivery from one of our accredited professionals as well as curriculum linked resources to support teacher's use of their new green spaces." Miss Allen will be heading up the project. Watch this space – literally!

**On The Edge** Every month school contributes an article to the village magazine, "On The Edge". This magazine is distributed around the village. If you'd like to receive an emailed copy please let me know and I'll forward your details. ([newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk))

**Term Dates** On the reverse you should find the determined Term Dates for the year 2016-17. Please keep these in a safe place.

**'Disqualified by Association'** – If you have yet to return these self-disclosure letters, please do so by the end of next week.

**This week** has been so busy! As well as Polli:Nation meetings, several class teachers have attended teacher training updates in preparation for the new National Curriculum assessments, I have attended a Child Protection

**Diary Dates** Our online diary can be found at [http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page\\_id=267](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=267)

Tuesday 15th	Country Dance Festival (early evening)	
Wednesday 16th	Tag Rugby, Stinchcombe (afternoon)	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Redwood visits - Classes 4 and 3 AND Year 4	play on Internet Safety AND FONNS here at school
Monday 21st	Village Hall Monday Lunch – those involved need	a packed lunch
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wildlife Quiz – second round, here at school 3:45	– please support us!
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Netball – County Finals (for which we qualified!)	AND Hockey finals AND Dance Festival
Thursday 24th	Redwood visits - Classes 1 & 2 ALSO	LAST DAY OF TERM 4.

update (required every 2 years) and also Stroud Association of Schools meetings. Full Governors also took place.

**Clubs** Next week we have the Country Dance Festival in the evening in Stroud. This will be their final event, so no Country Dance club in the final week of term. **THERE IS ALSO NO SPORT CLUB** on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. All other clubs take place as usual.

**Swimming (Years 1 & 2)** It would be a tremendous help if children could avoid wearing tights on swimming days, simply because they take an age to put on afterwards!

### FORGIVENESS IS OUR 'VALUE IN FOCUS'.

Everyone makes mistakes. Don't expect others to forgive you if you can't forgive them.

**FONNS** have placed the **Music Festival 'job list'** in the school lobby window. Please sign up for a slot before they all disappear. Over £6000 was made for the school last year at this event, so your continuing support in an active role is much appreciated.

### HELP US WRITE A PRAYER

You might recall (in 2013) you helped the school community decide upon the Values we wanted to place at the heart of our school. Now it's time to ask for your help again. As a Church Of England School we'd very much like to have a school prayer. How should it start? How much should we look inward, and how much outward to our needy world? How long should it be? Perhaps you had a prayer at your own primary school which means something special to you, or you recall choice phrases which inspired you? Children, parents, governors and staff your ideas will be most welcome. Please email your thoughts and ideas to [newsletters@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:newsletters@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Congratulations to Class 1 – full attendance all last week!**

**Medical Advice** – those on our email list will receive Public Health letters concerning scarlet fever and swine flu (H1N1). Copies also are in the Virtual Bookbag.

# NORTH NIBLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL - SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS - 2016/2017

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER						OCTOBER						NOVEMBER						
Mon	29	5	12	19	26	Mon		3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	30	6	13	20	27	Tues		4	11	18	25		Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	31	7	14	21	28	Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur		6	13	20	27		Thur	3	10	17	24	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri		7	14	21	28		Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	3	10	17	24		Sat	1	8	15	22	29		Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	2	9	16	23	30		Sun	6	13	20	27	
DECEMBER						JANUARY						FEBRUARY						
Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		6	13	20	27	Tues		3	10	17	24	31	Tues		7	14	21	28
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Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26	
MARCH						APRIL						MAY						
Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24		Mon	1	8	15	22	29
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JUNE						JULY						AUGUST						
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Holidays	
INSET days	

Bank Holiday	
Term time	

BANK HOLIDAYS	
Christmas Bank Holidays	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 27 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
New Year Bank Holiday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2017
Good Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Easter Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Early May Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
Spring Bank Holiday	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Summer Bank Holiday	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2017

<b>Pupil days - Term 1:</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	33 days
<b>Pupil days - Term 2:</b>	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct - Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	35 days
<b>Pupil days - Term 3:</b>	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan - Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017	29 days
<b>Pupil days - Term 4:</b>	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2017	35 days
<b>Pupil days - Term 5:</b>	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr - Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	24 days
<b>Pupil days - Term 6:</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun - Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	34 days
<b>Total</b>		<b>190 days*</b>

\* 195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2016/17 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend). 2 days (21 & 24 July), shown as INSET days, will be 'worked off' in lieu of 4 additional after school INSET sessions during the year.

## NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

10/3/16

Dear Parents,

Please find below the details of the next stage of our Hi Five Netball competition we have qualified for the Level 3 on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the County Finals at Cheltenham College.

- Five aside games (with substitutes) away at Cheltenham College.
- Children will leave from school at 9.00am and be transported in staff cars returning to school by the end of the school day.
- Please sign the form below and return by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.
- All children will need their Lunch and snack and drinks.

Please sign the form below by giving your child permission to travel to Cheltenham college and play in the matches.

We will be travelling in staff cars which will have the appropriate licence, DBS, insurance and restraints.

Yours sincerely,  
*Alison Dixon*  
Class Teacher.

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HIGH FIVE NETBALL COUNTY FINAL CHELTENHAM COLLEGE  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March .

I am/am not willing for my child to participate in the match at Cheltenham College , and travel in staff cars with the appropriate child restraints, DBS, insurance and license.

Child's name: .....

Signed ..... Name .....

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

The Redwood Outdoor Centre - Halmore - Reception. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

9/3/16

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March we will be taking Reception to use Redwood outdoor centre to work on curriculum activities, using the outdoors to support our topic 'Seasons' looking for signs of Spring. This outdoor learning consolidates and enhances classroom learning and is encouraged under the new curriculum.

We will be travelling by coach and will need to ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport of £3.75. per child.

We will leave school about 12pm and all children will need a packed lunch that day.

We will return to school by the end of the school day.

Please ensure all children have their water bottles with them.

As the time will be spent working in the forest, the children will need long sleeved tops and trousers to protect them from stinging nettles, ticks etc. Please make sure they have waterproofs and wellies depending on the day! All children need their school tops.

Miss Allen  
Class Teacher

Reception - Outdoor Learning Redwood – Halmore. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

I do /do not give my permission for my child.....to travel to Halmore by coach.

I have enclosed my contribution towards the transport cost of £3.75.

Signed.....

## **Stroud Schools Country Dancing Festival 2016**

Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AF

Tuesday 15th March 6:30pm till approx 8pm

A few tips for a fun evening:

- If you're coming to watch you child, please make sure you've bought your programme from the school office. £1 for adults, 50p for children watching, dancers are free.
- Bring plenty of drinks and snacks – it's a long evening!
- Children to wear NN green spotty skirts and neckties, white tops, bare feet. I'll hand skirts out on Monday 14th March.
- I'll be in the Stroud Leisure Centre sports hall from 6pm - please arrive in plenty of time to get sorted out.
- There are so many cars and parking is really difficult especially as you get closer to 6:30!

Looking forward to it!

Louise Ciotti and Claire Hunter  
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NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

The Redwood Outdoor Centre - Halmore - Year I and Year 2

9/3/16

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March we will be taking the year 1's and 2's to use Redwood outdoor centre to work on curriculum activities, using the outdoors to support our topic The Seasons, we will be looking at 'Signs of Spring!' This outdoor learning consolidates and enhances classroom learning and is encouraged under the new curriculum.

We will be travelling by coach and will need to ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport of £3.75. per child.

We will leave school about 9.15am and leave Redwood at 11.45am.

Please ensure all children have their water bottles with them.

As the time will be spent working in the forest, the children will need long sleeved tops and trousers to protect them from stinging nettles, ticks etc. Please make sure they have waterproofs and wellies depending on the day! All children need their school tops.

Miss Tyers and Miss Allen

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Year 1 and 2 Outdoor Learning Redwood – Halmore. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

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Signed.....

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Signed.....

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

4/3/16

Dear Parents/ carers,

Over the course of this term we have been preparing a dance to perform at the dance festival at Blue Coat School on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the afternoon. The children will be leaving school at 1.00pm and will return by the end of the school day.

Please make sure all children have their PE shorts clean and in school that day, they will be given a T-Shirt to wear. They will dance in bare feet.

We will need parents to help transport on this day, if you can transport please fill in the reply slip below and return to school by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Children who require one will need their car seat bought into school labelled and left in the hall.**

There are very limited viewing facilities so only parents transporting children will be able to attend the performances.

Mrs A Dixon

Teacher.

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Dance festival at Blue Coat school – Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I do/do not give my permission for my child.....to perform at the Dance festival on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and travel in staff and parent cars.

I can/ cannot help to transport children I have .....spaces available. I have informed my insurance company , have the appropriate license, DBS/CRB and disclosure form.





8th March 2016

Dear Head Teacher

**RE recent increase in outbreaks of respiratory/flu-like illness in schools reported to PHE South West Centre**

At present, PHE are receiving an increased number of calls from schools reporting outbreaks of respiratory / flu-like illness. This letter outlines simple advice about protecting children from these infections that are typical over the winter months. One of the circulating flu strains at present is H1N1 also known as Swine Flu. As this strain is now not a pandemic strain, it should be treated like any other circulating flu strain as outlined below.

**Simple hygiene kills germs**

- Hand washing is essential. It is really important to encourage children to do this.
- It is best to supply warm soapy water and paper hand drying facilities.
- Ensure toilets are stocked with soap and disposable paper towels.
- Routine infection control practices in school and good cleaning practice.

Further information about germs and hand washing is available at: <http://www.e-bug.eu/>. It contains games and other information to help children learn how to prevent the spread of germs.

**When can a child return to school?**

When a child is free of the symptoms of a flu-like illness they can return to school. This is usually about one week after the symptoms start. We understand how difficult this can be for parents with work commitments and childcare but this will help reduce on going transmission of the infection.

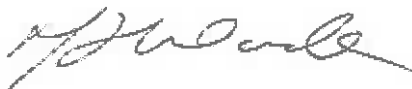
## **Additional Information**

If you have absence levels over and above what you would normally expect and linked to a circulating infection in the school, please report this to PHE's Health Protection Team on 0300 3038162 and further advice will be provided. Additional information can be found on the PHE website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england> and searching 'infection control schools.'

There is normally no reason to close a school during a seasonal outbreak. This can be discussed further with your Local Authority if required.

I hope this information is helpful to you. We appreciate the efforts you make to keep infections out of school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wade', written in a cursive style.

**Mike Wade**  
Deputy Director of Health Protection  
[mike.wade@phe.gov.uk](mailto:mike.wade@phe.gov.uk)



8th March 2016

Dear Head Teacher

**Re: Increase in notifications of scarlet fever**

I am writing to inform you of an increase in notifications of scarlet fever to Public Health England above seasonal expected levels.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs, symptoms and the actions to be taken if you become aware of an outbreak at your school.

**Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever**

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by the bacteria *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body.

**Infection control advice**

In schools and nurseries infections can be spread through mucus secretions, aerosols and through shared contact with contaminated surfaces such as table tops, taps, toys and door handles. As per national *Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings*, children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should be **excluded** from nursery / school / work. They may return to their place of work, if they are feeling better but only **24 hours** after commencement of antibiotics. The antibiotic course for a Scarlet fever infection is 10 days and it is important that the full course of antibiotics is completed, even if the patient has started to feel better. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

**Recommended actions if you suspect an outbreak at your school**

Contact your Health Protection Team on 0300 3038162 for advice and information. This team can provide you with a letter to cascade to staff and parents if you think that would be appropriate.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications and if you have any concerns about a child in attendance at the school, seek medical advice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wade', written in a cursive style.

**Mike Wade**  
Deputy Director of Health Protection  
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