



NEWSLETTER 181

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AD 181 - Lake Taupo Volcano in New Zealand erupts, one of the largest on Earth in the last 5,000 years.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Sporting Success Both our girls' and boys' football teams have successfully reached the county-wide 'Level 3' competition finals. Great work, everyone.

DEADLINE TOMORROW

Wrap-around care The Governors are making early enquiries about the possibility of before and after-school child care, in response to comments in the Parent Survey. Please take the time to complete the survey to help us gauge the levels of interest. This would be a significant undertaking for the school, but certainly one which would add to the service we could offer our community. Download a questionnaire from our online 'Virtual Bookbag', [Week-ending-2016-11-04.pdf](#)
We are hopeful that ALL our families will take the time to complete this survey.



FUN-tastic firework night!
Ooooh, arrrrrh! Spectacular firework display and scrumptious refreshments!
Well done FONNS for a professional, safe and memorable night.



CLUBS Next week is the last week for most clubs. Thursday morning's running club, however, will continue on Thursday 1st December in preparation for the race on Saturday 3rd December. Mrs Dixon would like to remind parents that if there is persistent rain in the morning then Thursday running club is cancelled. Most children, however, are happy to run in light 'drizzle' providing they have appropriate clothing.

Helping At Home – MATHS Our next meeting to support parents is on Maths and you are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m. TONIGHT! Miss Parker has sent home invitations for children to join us (hence the time) in order to model some of the approaches schools now adopt.

Reception Parents Can we remind you that in order for your children to become more independent, we are expected goodbyes to be said by the front door. Miss Allen is, of course, available in the mornings for absolutely urgent messages, but recently these private conversations have been interrupted by the delivery of book bags, which we believe the children should now be taking with them into the playground. Thank you.

FONNS Update

- FONNS Christmas Fayre, this year combined with the annual Church Bazaar will be held here (NOT the village hall) on Friday 2nd December, 5:00 to 7:00. This will, A choir will be expected!
- Teddies are requested for the infamous Teddy Tombola. These can be left at school.
- Wine bottles with screw-top lids are requested for the wine-or-water stall. These can be left at school.

KidsPass I have managed to get hold of a number of 'Kids Passes' for inclusion in the FONNS Christmas raffle. Each voucher is valid for 12 months and comes with the following features and benefits –

- “One Kids Pass covers the whole household!
- Up to 40% off at cinemas nationwide, including adult and child tickets, 7 days a week
- Kids eat free at thousands of restaurants
- Up to 57% off at thousands of family days out
- Massive savings on UK family breaks
- Save 25% on Virgin Experience Days
- Save £££ on Theatre Tickets

If you are a lucky winner you can redeem offers online or via the KidsPass App (install the App on up to 5 of your devices!)”

Children In Need – TOMORROW.
Dress 'Spotty' if you can!
Donations of £1:00 or more please!

SuperMoon As a last minute thought I suggested that I might publish photos of this week's "supermoon" in the newsletter. I must confess I was thinking of photos taken the children. However, here are 4 photos taken by adults!

Mrs Milliner



Mrs Timbrell



Mrs Hopkins was particularly pleased with her composition!



and mine!



TERM DATES FOR 2017-18 The Governing Body has ratified the dates for the school year 2017-18. You can find these on our website. The Autumn dates (pupil days) have now been added to the dates at the bottom of the newsletter.

Staffing News Interviews for a Teaching Assistant continue. Children have been, and will be, involved in this process. The advert for School Administrator can now be found online – <http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/>

Welcome Two additional adults are working with us as part of their initial teacher training. We welcome to the school Miss Honeybourne (Class 3) and Mr Perry (Class 1). Two ex-North Nibley pupils are completing work experience here, for KLB.

Sickness Can I remind parents and carers that it is the school policy for children to be 48 hours 'clear' from episodes of sickness and diarrhoea before they should return to school. Thank you.

Music Those wishing to CONTINUE OR START instrument lessons need to return the letters sent home last week by Tuesday next week. Copies can be downloaded from our online 'Virtual Bookbag', Week-ending-2016-11-11

Clubs, Spring 2017 Mrs Ciotti is once again willing to run the Country Dance club, leading up to the Country Dance Festival (4th April) with hopefully a repeat performance at the Church Summer Fete (t.b.c.). This will take place on Mondays. If any DBS cleared adult wishes to run a club please get in touch soon so that we can plan the Spring Term 'menu'.

Sport Our boys' Football teams (we sent two, drawn from Year 4 to Year 6 so that all Class 4 boys could be involved) played many games last week during a tournament. Harry described the event at KLB. Oliver really enjoyed playing the matches, Freddie stated "One of our teams came 1st out of small schools." Josh said "I enjoyed playing against other teams." Timmy agreed. "It was really fun playing with our school friends too." As a result of their achievement Team A go forward to the County Finals!

Diary Dates Our online diary can be found at http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=267

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| Thursday 17 th | Learning Maths – an evening for Parents (of all ages) with KS2 children on hand to 'demonstrate' their work. 6:00 p.m. | | |
| Monday 21 st | LAST SWIM for Class 3 | | |
| Friday 25 th | Class 4's 'Showcase Assembly', 2:40 in the hall. Includes 'Month-end' special items – achievements earned elsewhere. | | |
| Thurs 1 st DEC | Pantomime – Dick Whittington, here at school 1:30 p.m. THIS IS AN EVENT FOR CHILDREN ONLY and held at school this year since FONNS funds have been diverted to the playground development, which starts soon after Christmas. | | |
| Friday 2 nd | Classes 1 & 2 nativity Dress Rehearsal for younger children, Pre-School and Nursery 9:30 a.m. | | |
| Monday 5 th | Performance 2 o'clock – | | |
| Tuesday 6 th | Evening Performance at 6 o'clock. | | |
| Monday 5th | Class 4 singing at the village hall 'Monday Lunch'! | | |
| Tuesday 6th | Year 7 – our old Year 6 – join us for mince pies and a catch up. | | |
| Friday 9 th | We will be very pleased to welcome Bishop Rachel to our Friday assembly. | | |
| Monday 12 th | Our Christmas Carol Service in St Martin's Church, 6:00 start, prompt! | | |
| Weds 14th | Athletics and Wycliffe | | |
| Thursday 15th | Cooked Christmas Lunch – details to follow | | |
| Friday 16th | Parties & Party Food (one day only this year, details to follow). Collective Worship as normal, incl. 'Month-end' items. | | |
| THIS AUTUMN – Pupil days | NEXT SPRING – Pupil days | NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days | AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days |
| Term 1 05/09/2016 – 19/10/2016 | Term 3 03/01/2017 – 10/02/2017 | Term 5 24/04/17 - 26/05/17 | Term 1 05/09/2017 – 20/10/2017 |
| Term 2 31/10/2016 – 16/12/2016 | Term 4 20/02/2017 – 07/04/2017 | Term 6 05/06/17 - 19/07/17 | Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017 |

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

16/11/16

Dear Parents,

As you can see, in this weeks newsletter, we recently had the excitement of qualifying for the County round of the 7 a side football. We now have details of the next matches which are as follows:-

Date and Venue: Tuesday 6th December at Oxstalls outdoor sports complex, on the Astro surface.

The address is Plock Court, Tewkesbury Rd Gloucester GL2 9DW.

We need to be there at 3.30pm for a 4.00pm start so will need to leave school at 2.45pm.

Finish 6.00pm so back at school around 6.45pm.

We will need a parent volunteer to drive there and back, but all parents are most welcome to attend.

The play surface is an astro pitch so no studded boots allowed. The children will need shin pads.

Please make sure they have warm clothes to put on while between games, a drink and snack.

Please give your permission for your child to play below and also indicate whether you will be able to help with transport. You need to have a DBS, have signed the volunteer driver form and notified your insurance company.

Please return your permission slip by Wednesday 30th November.

Mrs A Dixon
Class Teacher.

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7- a - side County Football Final at Oxstalls Tuesday 6th December

I do /do not give my permission for my childto play in the County football final .

I will /will not be able to help with transport and havespaces available I have the appropriate volunteer forms, DBS, insurance, restraints and licence.

Cross Country Races

16/11/16

Dear Parents,

The Third Cross Country race of this season is on Saturday 3rd December at KLB.

Please could you complete the slip below if you are able to race on that Saturday and return by Friday 25th November so that we can allocate numbers and kit.

Most children will have their numbers from the previous race. Please remember to bring them and place them on the front of your child.

The races start at 10.00am, but children need to be there to warm up at 9.30am. Parking is available adjacent to the Sports Field, but parents should be aware that it is always very busy and it is best to get there in plenty of time to ensure that you do get a space!

The children run in one of 4 races. The first is for year 3 and 4 girls; the second is for year 3 and 4 boys; then for year 5 and 6 girls and finally year 5 and 6 boys. The races are all over by about 10.45am.

Parents are very welcome to spectate, but please do not run alongside your children. Dogs are not permitted. All of the children 'count' towards the small school total and towards their individual scores.

Mrs Dixon

Class Teacher

Cross Country Races –Saturday 3rd December

Namewill run in the Cross Country race on Saturday 3rd December.

Signed.....