

NEWSLETTER 182

Friday 25th November 2016

The Star of Bombay is a 182-carat (36.4 g) cabochon-cut star sapphire originating from Sri Lanka.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Maths Event My thanks to Miss Parker and the children who came to help parents understand methods used for teaching calculation under the new curriculum. Around 20 parents were able to join us, accounting for 32 children within the school. Parents enjoyed themselves, contributed well and requested further meetings, on the subject of writing and computing. Watch this space!



Health and Safety Policy We have recently updated this and would like to draw parent's attention to the need to ensure that any asthma inhalers held at school should be in date. It is a parent's responsibility to know when these might need replacing.

- Instrument tuition** Last lessons next week. Violin lessons resume on the 10th January 2017, woodwind on the 11th.
- Poppy Appeal** The sale of poppies etc raised £147.43 for the British Legion.
- Children in Need** The non-school uniform day raised £185.65 for this charity.
- CLUBS** No clubs next week.

Wrap-around care – update Governors wish to thank parents for completing the questionnaire last week. An important first step has been taken and the results were very positive. Governors will continue to investigate their options.

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. 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.

Staffing News Interviews for a Teaching Assistant have not been successful. We are re-starting the process in the near future. The advert for School Administrator can now be found online – <http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/>

Farewell, and thank you!

In her time with us Mrs Todhunter has been an insightful governor, an efficient secretary, a supportive colleague and a valued friend. She has brought wisdom and foresight to the role and offered many a kind word to children, parents and visitors alike. She will be missed. Kind donations from parents and staff have bought a 'park bench', a rose and gardening centre vouchers with which she will use in the process of converting a new 'house' into a new 'home'. We wish you well.

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

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

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23/11/2016

To: All parents and staff

Dear *Parents,*

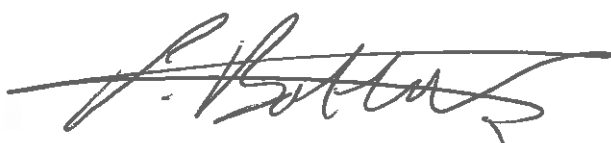
I am writing to let you know that a number of children have recently been absent from school with suspected norovirus, a common infection which causes symptoms of diarrhoea and vomiting.

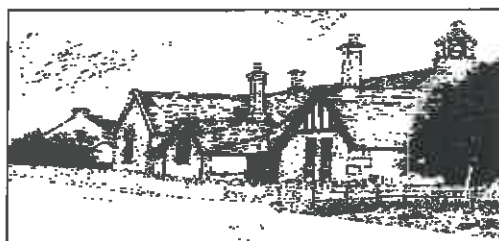
I have taken advice from Public Health England and they have offered the following advice:

- Norovirus is generally a mild infection and people usually recover fully within 2-3 days. No specific treatment is needed, but it is important to keep hydrated by drinking fluids as tolerated.
- Norovirus is highly infectious and spreads easily from person to person, especially in close knit communities such as schools, therefore, we are asking for your help to prevent further illness within the school by following the advice in the checklist below:
- Staff and pupils/children who develop symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay away from school/nursery and other childcare settings such as childminders until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours.
- Good hygiene is important to stop the spread of infection, especially hand washing, frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, particularly after using the toilet and before eating or handling food.
- Good hygiene in the home will also help prevent spread to other family members. If possible separate toilets and towels should be used. Toilets, including seats and handles, as well as door handles, wash basins and other frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- If symptoms do not resolve after 48 hours or if you are concerned please contact your GP by phone or contact the NHS non-emergency number 111.

We would like to thank you for your help with this.

Yours sincerely





NORTH NIBLEY COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest Newsletter which the Governors of North Nibley School are hoping will help communicate information about the Governors work with the School.

If ever you would like to know more details about who the Governors are, what they do or what it means to be a Governor then do please approach a Governor to ask!

The North Nibley Governors are:

*Mr Batchelor
Sue Bradley-Jones
Roly Brown
Emma Frith
Peter Hall
Di Hay
Chris Huxley-Reynard
Miss Parker
Sue Plant
Dawn Shepherd
Tassos Stamatopoulos*

Contacting Governors

Governors are readily contactable.
Email Sue Bradley-Jones - chair@northnibley.gloucs.gov.uk or send a letter or message via the School Office. Any Governor will be happy to help you.

New Faces

There have been several changes in roles and personnel on the Governing Board since the beginning of this academic year.

Miss Allen stepped down as Staff Governor having served for many years as the staff representative on the Board. The Governors are very grateful for the work that Miss Allen put in and her very helpful contribution to meetings. The role requires spending additional time at the school, usually evenings, and is a voluntary option for a staff member so the Governors are grateful for Miss Allen's commitment. The new Staff Governor is Miss Parker who the Governors are delighted to welcome on to the board. We look forward to Miss Parker's input to the running of the School.

Sarah Corston stepped down as a Foundation Governor at the end of last year after a long service including periods of holding the role of Chair and Vice Chair. Sarah made a considerable contribution to the workings of the Governing Board and was Chair during the last OFSTED inspection where she represented the Governing Board extremely well. Again, we are very grateful to the contributions she made.

Sue Bradley-Jones moved from being Local Authority Governor to Foundation Governor.

We also welcome Sue Plant to the role of Foundation Governor. Sue's face may be known around the school due to the help she already provides and we are sure that she will quickly become a valued member of the team on the Governing Board.

These changes have left two vacancies on the Governing Board which we are actively looking to fill at the moment. If you are interested in becoming a Governor then a leaflet is available from the School Office giving the basic details of the role.

Finally, at the first meeting of the academic year, Sue Bradley-Jones was elected as Chair of Governors (more on Sue over the page) and Peter Hall was elected as Vice Chair. Committee Chairs were re-elected to the same posts: Leadership & Management, Di Hay; Finance & Premises, Chris Huxley-Reynard; Teaching & Learning, Tas Stamatopoulos

Our Vision is to inspire and celebrate Learning, Achievement, Faith and Fun!

**MEET THE
NEW CHAIR**



**SUE
BRADLEY-JONES**

Sue Bradley-Jones was elected to the role of Chair of Governors in September 2016. Our reporter grilled Sue to help our readers find out a little more about her.....

Q: How long have you been a Governor?

Sue: I have been a Governor for two and a half years. We moved to North Nibley (from Kingscote) ten years ago, and I wanted to become more involved in the community. Becoming a School Governor seemed a particularly interesting way to do so.

Q: Can you tell us a little about yourself?

Sue: I am a Londoner by birth but my husband, Rhodri, and I have spent our married life in this area and our three children grew up here. I trained and practised for a short time as a teacher, then was a full time mum, and then spent some years designing small gardens. Trees are a particular passion and I have been involved at Westonbirt Arboretum for many years. I've been a magistrate for over 20 years, including in the youth court where you see what disadvantages many youngsters have. In the last few years grandchildren have arrived, much to our delight. Four so far, with a fifth due at Christmas!

Q: Tell us something about yourself that most people won't know?

Sue: Despite being unsporty and not very fit, I had an ambition to climb Kilimanjaro, which I fulfilled 16 years ago. You are on the roof of Africa there, which would have been exhilarating if I hadn't been so shattered!

Q: What book did you last read?

Sue: a wonderful novel called 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr. It's set in wartime France and Germany and its story is of individual strength and goodness prevailing against the odds amidst war and destruction.

Q: What music do you listen to?

Sue: I like Verdi, Penguin Café Orchestra and Coldplay

Q: What is the most and least rewarding aspects of being a Governor?

Sue: The most rewarding aspect of being a governor is the involvement it gives me in an exceptionally nice school run by very dedicated staff. It gives me real pleasure to attend Friday Assembly and see what the children have been doing. The most difficult aspect is trying to get my head around all the data and to understand the plethora of acronyms!

Q: What three words would you use to describe the School?

Sue: Happy, Friendly, Lively

Q: What aspect of School Governance do you hope to focus on in your time as Chair?

Sue: I am lucky to be chair of a very capable and committed team of governors; currently our focus is on developing a three year strategic plan for the school. We are also working on how to maintain and strengthen the skill set of the governing body when vacancies arise. The governors' ongoing focus is of course to support the head teacher and staff in driving school improvement.

**Goodbye and
Thank You**

The Governors were very sad to receive confirmation that School Administrator, Lesley Todhunter, is leaving us for pastures new. Lesley has been a terrific support to many aspects to the School. Besides her efforts in the role as Administrator, Lesley was formerly a Governor at North Nibley and also took on the role of Clerk to Governors at the same time as being Administrator. What is particularly notable is that the business of running a School has changed hugely in the period that Lesley has been at North Nibley. She has, however, managed to keep up with all the changes and managed the day to day finances of the School excellently. We wish Lesley all the very best for a new chapter in her life and thank her for everything she has done for the School, wearing many different hats, over the years.

Thank You Lesley!

School Strategy

In our last newsletter we reported on the work the Governors have been doing on a Strategy for the School. Governors have committed to this extra series of meetings again this year and they have been very useful to consider the direction the School is going in. The discussions have already been able to take effect with an example being that, having identified the need for additional administrative support in the School, the opportunity to revise the role of Administrator following Lesley's departure can be taken. If the Strategic discussions had not taken place then it is very likely that a like for like replacement would have been sought which wouldn't necessarily have been what the School now needs.

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

21/11/16

Dear Parents/carers,

Our Nativity play 'The Star that could not Shine' is now into intensive rehearsals! Details of performance times and dates have been in the newsletter.

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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: Wednesday 7th 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 slip by Wednesday 30th November.

Mrs A Dixon
Class Teacher

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7- a - side County Football Final at Oxstalls Wednesday 7th 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.

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10/11/16

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is relevant to all children currently having music lessons, and those planning to have violin lessons in the future.

Could you please return this letter to indicate whether your child wishes to take up violin lessons next term. (After Christmas)

All existing music students need to bring in their £30.00 deposits and balance of last years music lessons. Please return your booking slips and /or deposit by Friday 25th November so that we can contract with the music staff)

Please read the following carefully.

Colwall Arts centre is no longer employing peripatetic music tutors, and schools have been making direct arrangements with music tutors where there is a demand for lessons. This means the school will be booking the tutors who are working on a self-employed basis, and we need to ensure they have enough children to make it worthwhile. We also need to charge a deposit of £30.00 per child with your expression of interest form.

Music lessons will commence the week beginning 9th January with Violin on Tuesdays with Mrs N. Sargeant, and woodwind on Wednesday with Mrs L. Hale. This term we are continuing to offer the opportunity to take lessons on the violin to the Year 1 and Year 2 children.. If you do not already have an instrument for Violin the tutor will fill in the size needed and send order forms and bursary forms home with your child. These must be completed and sent with the correct money straight to the supplier, Colwell Music Centre. This is an additional cost to the tuition provided at school. They will not supply any instruments without the money up front. **These forms do not return to school.**

You will receive an invoice from School for the balance of the tuition a few weeks after term starts. Please note - once you have started the term, if you subsequently decide you no longer wish to have lessons, you will need to pay for the whole term as we base the cost on the number of children committed to lessons. This has varied in cost from £45- £53 in the past depending how many children wish to take lessons. All bookings are for a group of 10 lessons. We are not able to accept bookings for this Autumn term where balances are outstanding for the Summer term

Could you please return the completed reply slip below. If you do not there may not be spaces available for your child. Thank you

Mr P Batchelor Head Teacher

MUSIC LESSON Spring 2016

My child /ren..... Would like to take Violin

lessons in the Spring term 2016. I understand I am committing to pay for the term, and will pay the invoice promptly.

I enclose my deposit of £30.00.

I also understand there is a commitment to practise the instrument out of school time.

My childwishes to stop Violin Recorder lessons.

Signed Parent/ carer.