Northill C of E V.A. Lower School
Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Children

Many thanks for completing the pupil/parent consultation appointment sheets. We are looking forward to sharing your child's achievements with you. Copies of our IT Acceptable Use Policy will be available for you to read with your child at our pupil/parent consultations and sign if you agree with the policy. Dolphin Class children will be invited to sign a Home School Agreement which states:

- The pupils would like:
  To have fun learning and playing
  Everyone to be polite and speak respectfully to each other
  To care for and help each other, be friendly and kind

- The staff would like:
  To enjoy teaching
  Every pupil to respect their own and others' right to learn
  Parents to actively support their children's education by supporting homework and to bring their child to school on time, with everything they need

- Parents would like:
  The school to be a safe and happy environment to which the children wish to come
  Supportive, stimulating and enjoyable education for the children
  Regular communication with parents regarding events and progress

  It is everyone's responsibility to help this happen, we promise to try and in case we forget we would like others to remind us.

Next week is our Road Safety Week, where we will be teaching the children about how to behave near roads and why it is important to wear high visibility clothing. Please could you discuss the relevant issues with your child/children.

Leopard Class children enjoyed a wonderful day at St Albans Abbey on Wednesday 12th October, when pupils joined together in order to celebrate 200 years of Church Schools. Thanks to Mrs Hawkes and the staff concerned for arranging the trip and to our parent helpers for giving their time to assist with the children.

Please note that there will be no end of term Church Service on Friday 21st October. Dolphin Class managed to learn Dingle Dangle Scarecrow quicker than expected, so we were able to have our Harvest Service to coincide the Church Service.

Dolphin Class are discussing and acting out fairy stories. I had a plea to purchase some small Cinderella figures for our model castle. Has any parent/carer got some that are no longer played with at home?

This year's Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal is being co-ordinated by Mrs Enid Robinson and Mrs Philippa Olphin. Participants of the scheme are invited to cover a medium sized shoe box with Christmas paper, decide whether their gift will be suitable for a boy or girl and fill the shoe box with suitable gifts (not chocolates, sweets or playing cards). Once the shoe box has been filled, it may be placed in the box near the school's main entrance marked "Shoe Box Appeal", not later than Friday 4th November 2011. Alternatively shoe boxes may be taken to the Family Service at Northill Church on Sunday 6th November 2011 at 11.15am, where they will be blessed before they commence their long journey to central Asia, where they will be distributed to some of the world's most disadvantaged children.

There will be a Shoe Box afternoon on Saturday 5th November at Northill Church Hall, Sand Lane, when everyone is invited to pool their donations – empty boxes, gift wrap, contents, money or just manpower are very welcome. The start time is yet to be confirmed – but we shall of course notify you of this nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

The Headteacher and Staff
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