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**Northhill C of E V.A. Lower School  
Newsletter**

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Dear Parents and Children

It is lovely to have the children back and we have had a lovely two days working hard together. Could we take this opportunity to thank you all very much for the lovely thank you gestures which you made to us at the end of the summer term, they are all really appreciated. Mrs Sharp has asked us to convey her thanks to those of you who she has not managed to write a personal thank you to.

The Autumn term is one of our busiest terms and there will be many newsletters, so please check your child's book bag regularly. In addition to paper copies, some parents also receive their newsletters by email. If you would like to be included in this method of receiving school mail, please forward details of your name and email address to Mrs Swain in the school office. Additionally, the school website is regularly updated and contains all manner of useful information (including newsletters) about the school. Please visit the site at [www.northhill.org.uk](http://www.northhill.org.uk). School uniform may be purchased from the uniform shop on the school website, which is accessed by clicking on the uniform shop logo on the welcome page of the school website. By accessing your favourite superstores via the uniform shop, in order to do your on-line shopping, additional funds will be generated for the school at no additional cost to yourselves.

We have produced an information pack for each family, containing guidance about common childhood illnesses which we hope you will find useful. In order to try to prevent illness from spreading, please ensure that if your child is physically sick or has suffered with diarrhoea, they are kept off of school for a clear 24 hour period after the last occurrence. Similarly, if headlice are discovered in your child's hair please keep your child at home until their hair has been treated. As a precaution it is sensible to tie back long or shoulder length hair whenever possible.

If your child is going to be absent from school, would you please inform the school office before 9.00am on the first morning of absence. Similarly, if you are going to be late collecting your child at the end of the school day, or if your child is going to be collected by someone other than the person who usually collects them, please inform the school office at your earliest convenience.

School meal and milk accounts for this half term will shortly be sent home. Please ensure that they are settled within 7 days if at all possible. School meals are priced at £1.70 each and school milk is priced at 30p per carton. If your child would like to try a school meal, please speak with Mrs Swain in the school office.

Northhill Lower School's FPTA have teamed up with Figment Photography to offer a unique opportunity for you and your family to attend a photo shoot at Northhill Lower School. A professional mobile studio will be at the school on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November all day taking photographs of your children and your family. A sitting fee of £5 per family will go to FPTA funds and the photos, supplied mounted and ready for framing are priced from £8.99. Further details and a booking form will be sent home nearer the time.

Details of this term's After School Clubs will be sent home early next week. The clubs (with the exception of Multi Sports Club and Dance and Drama Club) will run for 6 weeks and will commence Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

From September onwards, the Sunday Club will meet on the first Sunday of each month at 10.50am in the Church Hall. They will spend 45 minutes in the Hall, then go across to the Church to join the Family Eucharist Service part-way through. Dates for the rest of 2009 are 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov and 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday Club is open to children of school age up to 13. Information is available from Louisa on 627355 or Catherine on 627374.