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

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Dear Parents and Children

We have had a lovely week with the children working hard. Your child should have come home with details of this half term's plan of work. If they haven't please make enquiries at the office or use our website to see them.

The outdoor fitness trail which we have been planning for many months now is due to be installed prior to half term. The equipment is varied and has been selected to enhance the children's fitness and mobility skills. It is hoped that the equipment can be used by the children during PE lessons and during break times.

Unfortunately our new teacher, Mrs Kelly Bradshaw is unable to be released from her present post and will now not be joining us until January 2010. We will therefore be advertising for a teacher to cover the final half of this term for Owl Class. We will keep you updated on the situation. In the meantime we have Mrs Tracy Rumble joining our team as a supply teacher to cover staff training and absence.

Our thoughts have turned to the months ahead and we are currently making arrangements to take Leopards and Owls to see the Christmas Panto Aladdin at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage on Wednesday 6th January 2010. After evaluating the trip last year the staff made the decision to leave Dolphin Class children until they are in Year 1. We will of course have a special morning in school for Dolphins instead. The FPTA have kindly agreed to fund the cost of coach hire, which has enabled us to offer tickets for the children at the special price of just £10.00 each. Further details of the trip will be made available nearer the time, but at this stage we require you to complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this letter, and return it to school with the appropriate payment, not later than Wednesday 30th September 2009. If there is any problem with finance please discuss this, in confidence with Mrs Simpson, as the Governors would not wish any child to miss a trip due to financial reasons.

The FPTA will be holding a Supper Quiz on Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm at Northhill Village Hall. This will be a highly entertaining night out, where the Quiz Mistress Philippa Olphin will be challenging you to test what you know and more than likely discover what you don't know. A licensed bar will be available. Entry to the quiz costs £7.50 each. Cheques should be made payable to Northhill Lower School PTA and handed to either the school or Fiona Factor in the playground. We need to know by the 14th September how many wish to participate in order to make it viable.

Details of After School Club place allocation have been displayed on the noticeboard. Monday's Origami Club and Wednesday's French Club will not be running due to insufficient numbers, but some of the children who applied for a place in those clubs have been offered a place in Monday's Computer Club. Numbers have been restricted for Dance and Drama Club and Multi Sports Club to ensure that we work within our teacher/pupil ratios, so unfortunately we have been unable to accommodate every child who applied for a place.

Yours Sincerely

The Headteacher and Staff
Northhill Lower School

Gordon Craig Theatre Trip

I give permission for my child/ren _____ (child/ren's name(s) to see Aladdin at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage. I wish to purchase _____ (number of tickets required) and enclose £ _____ (amount) in respect of this.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer