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

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Dear Parents and Children

Great news! Some of the fitness trail will be arriving on Monday, with the remainder scheduled to arrive later this half term. Our thanks must go to Mrs Giddings and Mrs Murray who organised last year's Masked Ball in order to raise funds for the fitness trail and to Ms Humphrey and Mr Clewett who also donated funds towards this project. The total cost of the project has been supplemented by our school budget.

Also on Monday, work will start on replacing the windows at the front of the school. The windows in the hall will be the first to be replaced so the hall will be out of use. Dolphin Class will be used at lunchtimes as a dining hall and if the weather is suitable the children will be able to eat their packed lunches as a picnic out on the 'little field' as the children call it. If the weather is unsuitable Dolphin Class and Leopard Class will be used. The front of the school building will be made safe, but could we ask you to ensure that you supervise your children at all times when passing.

This term's pupil/parent consultations will be held on Wednesday 21st October from 8.30am – 11.30am and Thursday 22nd October from 1.15pm – 6.00pm. Pupils will join their parents for the duration of the 15 minute consultation period. A slight adjustment to the timetable will be necessary to facilitate cover and release of teachers. Appointment sheets will be available in the playground before and after school on Wednesday 14th October and Thursday 15th October.

If you have not already done so, please remember to return your ticket requests for our January trip to the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage no later than Wednesday 30th September. Similarly, one or two school meal and milk accounts are currently outstanding, and it would be greatly appreciated if these could be settled promptly as Eden Food Services do not permit meals or milk to be taken on a credit basis.

The FPTA will be holding another of their successful textile collection days on 12th November. Further details will be available nearer the time, but in the meantime if you could make a note of the date in your diary and prepare to clear out your unwanted clothing, bedding, curtains, belts and paired shoes in the meantime, it would be greatly appreciated.

Alban Middle School has notified us that they are unable to facilitate the Taster Day which they usually offer during the Autumn Term as they have insufficient space to accommodate the additional pupils. Mrs Dougall sends her sincere apologies and her staff are sorry that they won't be able to enjoy our children for the day. Alban Middle School will be holding their Open Evening on 12th November and Edward Peake Middle School will be holding their Open Evening on 10th November.

You may remember the Scarecrow Festival held locally last year. The organisers, the Friends of St Marys, are arranging for a 2010 calendar to be produced, showing photos of all the scarecrows that took part, which will be on sale for a short time at £5.00. Mrs Olphin will have a proof of the calendar in the playground next Monday morning and can take orders (no money needed at this time). Once orders are taken a single print run will be organised so please have a look and order straight away if you are interested.