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

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Dear Parents and Children

Many thanks for all of the donations of textiles and clothing for our FPTA. We collected an amazing 1.44 tonnes of textiles which generated £313.20 for our FPTA and £156.60 for the Air Ambulance.

We do appreciate that you are asked for many contributions at this time but we would like to ask you to help us once more for the children's Poppy Appeal. This year we have tried to do something a little different. In the "new" windowsill in the hall we have a beautiful silk poppy which the children are trying to cover using silver coins. The challenge will start on Monday and last the whole week and then we will send the funds raised to the British Legion.

The children have started work on our Christmas production of Hosanna Rock, which includes many songs and will last for approximately half an hour. The dress rehearsal will be on Monday 14th December at 1.30pm at St Mary Virgin, Northhill. We do politely request that younger brothers and sisters come to this performance as there will be plenty of room for pushchairs and toys etc. The afternoon and evening performances will be held on Wednesday 16th December at 1.30pm and 6.30pm respectively. Please do not bring younger children to these performances as the Church is always crowded and our pupils will be using all of the aisles.

Information regarding costumes for the production has already been sent home – please check your child's book bags if you haven't already received it. Please remember that your child needs to feel comfortable in their costume, able to walk across to the Church and maybe dance in it.

Please remember that the FPTA will be holding a cake stall at school on Friday 20th November in support of Children In Need. The FPTA invite and encourage you all to get baking and bring your cakes to school on the morning of Friday 20th November. The cakes will then be on sale at the end of the school day.

This year All Saints' Church, Upper Caldecote and St Mary's Church, Northhill will be hosting a Travelling Crib. This idea came from St Alban's Abbey and helps to make Advent an extra special time for families.

On Advent Sunday, the figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey will leave church to spend the night with a family. The next night, they will be taken by the family to the next family and so on, until the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. We are lucky enough to have a beautiful knitted Nativity set which lends itself to the idea very well. Mrs Hawkes (Sunday School Leader All Saints' Church) will try to arrange the families and dates so that delivery can be done on foot where possible. If you would not mind taking the figures by car, please let Christine Hawkes, know.

If your family would like to be part of the travelling crib, please get in touch with Christine Hawkes, either at Northhill School at the end of the school day or by phone on 01767 601968, or Julie Nayler on 01767 601323 and you will be given a date in December to host Mary and Joseph.