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

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Dear Parents and Children

We have had an amazing week in school with some very excited children. As always the children have been a pleasure to be with and we have enjoyed all of their performances and the lovely Christmas Service as we are sure you have.

Parents of children who have school meals will recall that there was an issue on 25th November with, what staff considered to be, insufficiently cooked food. Eden Food Service has provided us with vouchers which will entitle each child taking a school meal on 25th November, with a free school meal. Therefore the school meal accounts of those concerned have been credited in respect of this.

With effect from Tuesday 5th January 2010, the cost of a school meal will increase by 5p to £1.75.

Gordon Craig Panto Trip – Leopard and Owl Class Only

As you know, we shall be going to the Gordon Craig Theatre on Wednesday 6th January to see the pantomime Aladdin, so here are the arrangements for the day.

The school gates will be open from 8.20am and the bell will ring at 8.30am. Registration will follow and we shall immediately board the coach and **depart Northhill no later than 8.45am**. As we shall be returning to Northhill at approximately 1.30pm no school dinners will be available on Wednesday to Leopard and Owl Class. All Leopard and Owl Class children will therefore be **required to bring a packed lunch to school with them**, which will be eaten at school upon our return. A drink of water and a snack (digestive biscuit or similar) will be provided by the school for the children to enjoy during the interval at the theatre. Children should be wearing their school uniform and a warm winter coat.

If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure that they have taken appropriate medication before arriving at school. If a further dose is required for the homeward journey, please bring it to the school office on the morning of the theatre trip, hand it to Mrs Swain and complete an indemnity form. Failure to complete an indemnity form will mean that we shall be unable to administer your child's medication.

The morning bell for Dolphin Class children will not be rung until 9.00am and the playground will not be staffed for them until the usual time of 8.40am, so if you have an older child/ren who will be going on the panto, you will need to ensure you have arrangements in place for the supervision of your Dolphin Class child. School meals will be available to Dolphin Class on the day of the panto, for those children who usually have a school meal.

Finally, many thanks for all of your good wishes and gifts. We wish you Merry Christmas, and look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 5th January 2010.