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

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Dear Parents and Children

The Gordon Craig Theatre at Stevenage has made a huge effort to try to put on an extra performance of Aladdin to accommodate those schools which were unable to see the show on 6th January due to the weather conditions. Unfortunately the extra performance is unable to go ahead due to existing commitments for some cast members and production crew. Therefore the theatre has provided us with vouchers entitling one child per voucher to free entry to see Aladdin at any weekday performance in January. The vouchers have been sent home with the children today. In addition, the theatre will also offer us preferential rates on tickets for next year's panto. Sincere thanks to the Gordon Craig Theatre for all of their efforts.

Many of you will recall the fantastic music festival which we enjoyed two years ago with Stella and Trevor Hensley and the FPTA! Prior to the evening Stella and Trevor came in to school to work with the children and to help them learn and perform some songs. This format was very successful, so we are using it again for this year's Festival and Stella and Trevor will start their work with the children in school on Tuesday 19th January. The actual music festival will be held during the evening on Saturday 27th February at Northhill Village Hall. Please make a note in your diary now, as this really is an evening not to be missed! Further details will be available nearer the time.

Could we please remind you to let a member of staff know before 3.15pm if your child is being collected from school by someone other than the person who usually collects them.

Unfortunately our unwanted visitors are back, so could you please check your child's hair thoroughly and apply treatment if necessary. It is always advisable to check your child's hair on a weekly basis.

School meals are of course optional, but we feel that they do represent good value for money. The meals provided by Eden Services meet Government regulations and are carefully planned to provide a third of our children's daily nutrient requirements. School caterers are making a really big effort to make tasty, fun and wholesome food for our children. If your child is entitled to a free school meal then it really is worth giving them a try – even if you do still opt for a well chosen home packed lunch once or twice a week. If you haven't seen the menus then do take a look in our notice board where this term's choices are displayed. Application forms for free school meals can be obtained from the school office.

Our after school clubs will commence next week. Should the weather deteriorate and it is felt necessary to cancel any of the after school clubs, we shall of course endeavour to inform you in good time.

A Christingle Service will be held at St Mary Virgin, Northhill on Sunday 17th January at 11.15am. This is a family service, which you are all most welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely

The Headteacher and Staff
Northhill Lower School