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

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Dear Parents and Children

We have attached a copy of our recent RE Inspection Report to this newsletter for your perusal. We are delighted with the Inspector's findings and comments about the children, and hope that you feel as justifiably proud of the children as we do.

We shall be assessing the children during the week beginning 17th May in preparation for our end of term reports and the Education Authority's requirements. Please give your child every opportunity to achieve their potential by ensuring that they have a good night's sleep and arrive at school on time, ready to start their school day promptly at 9.00am. This will enable your child to be assessed with the whole class, rather than on their own.

We have some sad news. Sarah who has invisibly cleaned up after us all is leaving us on the 30th April. Although many of you have never met her she had done a brilliant, essential and often thankless job for five years and we thought you would like the opportunity of contributing towards a combined thank you and leaving present. Please could you put any contributions in an envelope addressed for Sarah and hand to the person on duty in the playground or send to the office.

A massive thank you to everyone for their kind and generous support of our sponsored walk in aid of Sports Relief. The sum of £587.71 was raised, and this will benefit thousands of children across the world, enabling them to access medicine, food, clean water and shelter.

After School Clubs have proved very popular again this term, with many clubs being heavily oversubscribed and many children being disappointed to have not been allocated a place in all of their chosen clubs. Place allocation is sometimes a very difficult task! We endeavour to ensure that each child is offered a place in at least one club of their choice, and sometimes are able to offer them a place in a second or even third choice club, depending on uptake and maximum numbers permitted. We are able to offer some of the clubs free of charge, and others attract a small contribution to cover the cost of materials or ingredients. These include Cookery Club and Art Club (£4) and Gardening Club (£7.50). If your child is attending any of the clubs which request a contribution, please ensure that your child brings the amount concerned along to the first session of that particular club, if you have not already sent the amount concerned into the school office.

In anticipation of warm, sunny weather throughout the Summer Term, please ensure that your child comes to school equipped with sun hats, sun cream and a water bottle, all clearly labelled with your child's name.

During the Spring Term Leopard Class children received some sports coaching from Steve Feazey of the Bedfordshire Cricket Board, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Steve Feazey and his team would like to invite the children aged 5 – 9 years to attend their weekly Cricket coaching evenings at Caldecote Cricket Club, Harvey Close, Caldecote from Friday 30th April from 6pm – 7.30pm, and the first 5 weeks are free! Please contact Paul Oakins (Chairman/Child Welfare) on 07957 716200 for further details.

As part of the Sure Start scheme Sandy Community Children Centre have brought Music and Movement to Northhill Village Hall. The Music classes are held on Thursday afternoons and in two age groups 1 – 2s and 3 – 4s. The classes run for approximately 30 minutes and are free. To find out more about Musical Movers call the Children Centre Team on 01767 699019.

Yours sincerely

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