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

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Dear Parents and Children

Many thanks for sustaining the lovely packed lunches. In order for you to monitor what the children are eating we ask them to put uneaten food in their lunchbox. Some of the younger children seem to have rather a lot to eat and from our understanding 'extra' is put in for children to decide what they eat at lunchtime. Please could we ask you to discuss with your child quantities as well as content of lunch boxes. Many thanks for your support.

Miss Cherie Chapman returned from her voluntary teaching in South Africa to give the children a wonderful assembly and insight into the lives of these children and their "school". The children wish to help her raise funds for the South African children as our harvest charity. The charity is called the SEED project and Miss Chapman has suggested raising money for the Skills Development Projects in Zimbabwe. The children have suggested a sponsored run and each child pays £1 to enter. Children who feel that they can raise more with a sponsor sheet may take one from school. The School Council felt that children could run around the field or tennis court in their PE lessons and see how many laps they could do. The runs will take place during the week of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October so please bring entry fees and sponsor sheets (if applicable) in to school at the start of that week.

Our thoughts have turned to the months ahead, and we are currently making arrangements to take the children in Y1 – Y4 to see the Christmas Panto Beauty And The Beast, at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January. The FPTA have kindly agreed to fund the cost of coach hire, which has enabled us to offer tickets to the children at the special price of just £10.50 each. Further details of the trip will be made available nearer the time, but at this stage we require you to complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this letter, and return it to school with the appropriate payment, not later than **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011**. If there is any problem with finance please discuss this, in confidence with Mrs Simpson, as the Governors would not wish any child to miss a trip due to financial reasons.

Please could we make an attempt at becoming nit free this term. The only way that this can be achieved is by checking your child/children's hair on a weekly basis and keeping long hair tied back. If everyone does this and keeps a supply of treatment solution at home for instant use, and uses a nit comb regularly, we should be successful.

In order to try to prevent illness from spreading, please ensure that if your child has suffered with diarrhoea or sickness, they are kept off of school for a clear 48 hour period after the last occurrence. If your child requires medicine during the school day we are happy to administer it on your behalf. In order to do so, you will need to complete and sign a medical indemnity form which is available from the school office. If your child requires 3 regular doses of antibiotics, it may be possible for them to be given first thing in the morning, at the end of the school day and just before your child goes to bed, thus avoiding the need for medicine to be administered at school. We do appreciate that antibiotics need to be administered at regular intervals throughout the day, so if your child goes to bed too early to receive the third dose at bedtime, please do not hesitate to bring the medicine in to school to be administered at lunchtime.

May we also respectfully remind parents that girls should not be sent to school wearing nail varnish or jewellery. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and we do not enjoy having to be negative to them over such matters.

Yours sincerely

The Headteacher and Staff  
Northhill Lower School

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**Beauty & The Beast Panto Trip**

I give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ (child/ren's name (s) to see Beauty & The Beast at the Gordon Craig Theatre. I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ (number of tickets required) and enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount) in respect of this.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

