



The Nodehill Newsletter

Friday, 20th November. Autumn Term 2009

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Dear Parents,

Most of our children and staff came to school today dressed as a character from a book, film or the TV and raised over £485 For the **CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL**. Thank you for your support.

KEY STAGE TWO (YEAR 6) NATIONAL TESTS

Despite all that you may have read in the newspapers or seen and heard on the television, end of key stage two national tests (SATS) for year six pupils are still a statutory requirement. Rest assured, **pupils at Nodehill will sit these important tests in both 2010 and 2011**. Along with ongoing teacher assessment these results provide an essential benchmark for pupils before they enter the secondary phase of their education at key stage three. Parents should also be reassured that Nodehill will continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all of its pupils and my staff and I will ensure that standards remain high in all aspects of school life during the next two years.

AMAZON WORLD

As part of our geography study unit about the world's rainforests, we have arranged a series of visits to Amazon World. Two classes will travel each day to the Amazon World centre and there is no charge for these visits. Full school uniform, including shoes, need to be worn. Should any parent wish to accompany us on any of these visits, do please contact the school office. The visits have been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, 1st December 5AS and 5NG

Wednesday, 2nd December 5SP and 5AT

Thursday, 3rd December 5EW and 5AM

The visits will take place between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm and pupils will return to school for lunch as normal.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be enjoying our Christmas Lunch on the last day of term, Friday 18th December. Although pupils are welcome to bring a packed lunch from home, our cafeteria will be offering either a turkey roast or a vegetarian meal, plus of course a Christmas sweet. **Please note that it will not be possible to purchase a meal on the day as all meals must be paid for in advance.**

Attached to this newsletter you will find further details about the meal and parents should note the importance of returning the pro forma in a sealed envelope along with £1.95 in cash. The envelope should be clearly marked with your child's name and form tutor group and the deadline for returning the pro-forma/cash is Tuesday, 1st December. Parents of children in receipt of free school meals simply need to indicate whether they prefer a turkey roast or vegetarian meal and to quote their free school meal number.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Don't forget our Christmas Fayre on Friday, December 4th. Further details will follow in next week's newsletter.

CHRISTINGLE CAROL SERVICE

Families are welcome to a Christingle and Carol Service by candlelight at Castlehold Baptist Church, High Street, Newport on 20th December at 6.00pm followed by seasonal refreshments. All children will receive a Christingle. For more information see www.Castlehold.com

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

- U11's: Somerton 0 – Nodehill 5

The under 11 team have now won their section and await their opponents in the semi final.

- U13 girls: Christ the King 5 – Nodehill 1

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The deadline for returning cash/cheques and orders has now passed. If you wish to order a photograph please do this direct with Cardwell and Simon, 15–17 Church Street, Shirley, Southampton. SO15 5LG. Tel 023 8077 3834.

YEAR 6 DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Reminders have gone out to parents of children in year 6 who have not yet returned their data collection sheets. Could we please ask that you check, update, sign and return them as a matter of urgency. It is essential that our school data base is kept up to date and contains accurate information, particularly home contact information.

COATS

Adjacent to the junior cloakroom there is an extremely large box containing approximately 100 coats, many of which are unnamed. If your son/daughter has lost their coat could you please advise them to go to the box and claim their coat. (I have already informed the children of this procedure at the whole school assembly). Could I respectfully ask parents not to telephone the school office expecting the staff to find their children's coats and other belongings. At the heart of the learning process is 'self discipline' and this is something we actively encourage here at Nodehill.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go this week to the following pupils:

- **Nodehill Dressage Team** – Our Dressage team entered the competition at Brickfields in atrocious weather conditions but still managed to win the fourth place rosettes. Well done to Emily and Sophie Waldron, Emily Chapman and Alanna Lamb. Many thanks to Mrs. Morris for organising the team and to parents for transporting the ponies and their riders and for their support during the day.
- **Tom Ayling** – who is a member of Vectis Rugby Club, has been selected to play in the under 12 South of England tournament at the London Irish ground. Tom has been playing for Vectis for just eight weeks and in his last match at Alton won the 'man of the match' shield.
- **Jemima Townsend** – who has won the runner up prize in our MP's Christmas Card competition. Jemima's design will appear on Andrew Turner's Christmas card.
- **Maddison Hardy** – who has won the PTA Christmas Fayre poster competition. Do look out for Maddison's design in shops around the town.

Congratulations go also to the other winners:

Year 5

1. Jemima Townsend
2. Rachel Lightfoot
3. Shelby Phillips

Year 6

1. Molly Kissick
2. Elizabeth McDougall
3. Louise Elliott

Year 7

1. Charlotte Stanbury
2. Rain Robinson
3. Harmony Spokes

Year 8

1. Olivia Henderson
2. Alex Payne
3. Saffron Craig

• Headmaster's Commendations

Headmaster's Commendation (Yellow) – Dominic Houghton

Headmaster's Commendation (Blue) – Alanna Lamb

Headmaster's Commendation (Double Orange) – Charlotte Stanbury

• Special Mention Certificates

- Adam Horton for his brilliant homework designing a book cover.
- Aaron Broadbridge, Paul Lewis and Sebastian Wedge for their excellent work with times tables.
- Leah Rayner for her excellent family history project.
- William Cantelo, Joshua Abbott, Kai Davies and Christopher Wilson for their excellent and well organised Geography project work.
- Alanna Lamb for her superb map using symbols and shading.
- Charlotte Stanbury for her great autobiography.
- Alanna Lamb for her excellent work in her first assessment in French.
- Georgia Sweatman, Frances Finch, Dana Couling, Beth Fuller, Dominic Houghton, Marisa Nolan, Harrison Holmes and Charlie Stevens for their excellent work in art.
- Bailey Garlick and Joshua Abbott for their outstanding story of Pandora's box in literacy.
- Charlie Marriott for his excellent work with rhythm notation in music.

• House points certificates and badges

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Isabella Moorton
Heidi Matthew
Reuben Leal
Tom Hendy
Billy Bowering
Alfie Ross
Kai Davies

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Jasmine Hart
Susana Wheeler
Charlie Taylor
Garry Fry
Alice Jackman
Ryan Furnidge
Alpha Perry

25

Spencer Darlaston-Jones
Kelsey Woodford
James Woodford
James Lamb
Faye Mills
Shannon Wells
Laura Parker

25

Zoe Field
Cameron Jones
Sam Laughton
Liam Dunne
Sam Woodley
Danielle Rowley
Emily Sibley

50

Jack Turkington

100

Jamie Browning
 Elliott Ambrosini
 Calum Timothy

125

Joe Male
 Hannah Cranshaw

150 SILVER

Lauren Hoyle
 Georgia Sweatman
 Nicole Adhimar
 Millie Porter
 Elisha Simpkins
 Connor Moreton
 Jack Dunford
 Connor Furmidge

175

Josie Baker
 Kerry West
 Jack Taylor

200

Rebecca Kidd
 Brandon Young
 Alex Cooper

225 GOLD

Ellen Smith
 Rachel Harding
 Tanera McHardy

250

Iain Willett

275

Alisha Hemson
 Beatrice Sturgess

300 SHIELD

Leah Rayner
 Millie-Mae Sice

400

Matthew Train

450

Jack Marriott
 Connor Smith

FINALLY... Please return cash/counterfoils for the PTA Christmas Raffle as soon as possible. We do have additional books available.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. D.R. Morris
Headmaster