



# *The Nodehill Newsletter*

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Dear Parents,

Our second **PARENTS EVENING** of the term will be held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. Please find attached to this newsletter a booking form and we ask that your child make the appointments on your behalf. If you have more than one child at Nodehill, you might prefer that one of your children collect all of the appointments. **Please note, the school office does not make appointments on behalf of parents.** However, the school office will accept cancellations by telephone and in turn advise the member of staff concerned. We look forward to meeting you and request that you access the building via the Orchard Street playground which is suitable for wheelchair access.

## **AUTUMN TERM REPORTS**

Early next week, your child will bring home their report for the autumn term. This report will contain their current academic operating levels, summer term targets, attendance data and a learning profile. You may well wish to discuss the contents of this report with your child's teacher at the forthcoming parents evening.

We are planning that in future you will be able to access this information for your child on line and details of passwords will be distributed in the spring term. In the meantime, we hope that you will find this information useful and approve of the revised format for reporting to parents.

## **SCHOOL DINNERS**

Our school canteen provides an excellent range of school meals. However, it must be stressed that all meals must be paid for each day. Neither the school nor our catering contractors, Pabulum, lend money or offer credit facilities. **Therefore, no cash, no meal!** It is absolutely essential that parents ensure their children leave home each morning with either a packed lunch or dinner money.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR PARENT GOVERNORS**

The chair of governors has asked me to advise you that there are two vacancies on the governing body for parent representatives. If you are interested in taking on this responsibility, do please ask someone to nominate and second you. The nomination form at the end of this newsletter should be returned to the school office by no later than 12 noon on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Voting papers will then be circulated should a ballot be necessary. The role of governor has taken on increased importance in recent years and I hope very much that you will seriously consider making yourself available to be part of the very active governing body at Nodehill. Should you wish further information about the role of governor and the commitment required, we do have a number of information leaflets available from the school office.

Our **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** will take place next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December between 6pm and 8pm. Preparations are well under way but we still need items that can be sold at the Fayre. We would welcome donations for any of the following stalls: bottles, white elephant, cakes, toys, games and books. Donations can be brought into school and left in the form rooms or at the school office whereas perishable goods should be brought into school next Friday. Pupils are invited to wear casual clothes during the day instead of their usual school uniform and pay £1. Please note that casual clothes do not include boots, hoodies, caps, make-up, hair gel or jewellery.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

If you have not yet returned your pro-forma/cash for our Christmas lunch, please do so as soon as possible. All meals must be ordered and paid for in advance as it will not be possible to purchase a meal on the day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## **PTA DISCO**

The autumn term disco will be held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the school hall. This event is exclusively for Nodehill pupils and entry is by ticket only. Tickets cost £1.00 each, are not transferable and must be purchased in advance. Due to health and safety requirements there is a limit on the number of tickets available and the school reserves the right to refuse admission. If you would like your child to take part in this disco, please complete the pro-forma at the end of this newsletter and return along with **£1.00 in a sealed envelope clearly marked DISCO with your child's name and form tutor group.** The envelope will be used to return the ticket to your child. Refreshments will be on sale during the evening and parents must ensure that their children are **collected from the Orchard Street playground at 8.30pm.** Children attending the disco are reminded that chewing gum is not permitted whilst in the school building.

## **CHEQUES**

The school does accept cheques for payment of school uniform, music tuition, visits or school journeys (separate cheques for each category please). However, if we have a cheque returned from our bank marked 'refer to drawer' we expect parents to settle their debts in cash. Any subsequent payments by cheque will then be refused. Furthermore, if any cheques 'bounce' for a school journey instalment, all monies paid to date, less deposits, will be returned to parents and a child from the waiting lists will be allocated the place. Just recently, a number of cheques have been returned by our bank which we find both unacceptable and unnecessary. We ask that parents ensure there are sufficient funds in their accounts before writing cheques in order to avoid embarrassment and disappointment to their children.

## **SCHOOL JOURNEY INSTALMENTS**

Next instalments for school journeys are as follows:

- Year 6: PGL Superchoice: November 27<sup>th</sup>: £40 (final instalment)
- Year 7: London: November 27<sup>th</sup>: £25
- Year 8: Brittany: November 27<sup>th</sup>: £40

Please settle accounts at the school office on Monday if you have missed today's deadline.

## **AMAZON WORLD VISITS**

Just a reminder that the fifth year will be visiting Amazon World next week.

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 5AS and 5NG**

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 5SP and 5AT**

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 5EW and 5AM**

Could those parents who are planning to accompany us on any of the above visits please come to the school office at 9.45 am.

## **FOOTBALL ROUND UP**

### **• U10 League**

The A and B had their toughest fixtures so far at Christ the King. The A team led 1–0, 3–1 before finally winning 4–3. The B team were 0–0 for a long time before late goals saw them defeated.

### **• U12 Indoor Football**

The girls team played really well in defeating Christ the King 6–0, drawing 2–2 with Mayfield and losing 0–2 to Bishop Lovett. These results mean they qualify for the finals in December.

The Nodehill boys B team were not so fortunate and lost all four games against A team opponents.

## **ECO SCHOOLS PROJECT**

A brand new Eco Schools Committee has been formed and we are working hard on an application for our second Green Flag award. The group have decided to develop a new Eco Code and invite suggestions from all members of the school community as to a statement which sums up the school commitment to working sustainably and environmentally. Any suggestions can be put in the Eco box in Mr Peace's office within the next week.

We are also holding a competition to design a logo for our own Nodehill Eco bag. The bag will be made from sustainable materials and shipped to the UK to minimise its carbon footprint. It will be in Nodehill Blue with the school crest on one side and a pupil design on the other. We will be selling the bags for £2 each when made and we feel it will be an excellent keepsake for all to remember Nodehill Middle School in the years to come. Entries should be in blue and white and be handed to Mr Peace when complete. Deadline for submissions is 7th December 2009 and winners will receive a bag with their design on in a special assembly presentation.

We would also invite you all to look at what the Eco Schools Project has achieved at Nodehill over the last 5 years by looking at the Nodehill Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which can be accessed by clicking on the link on the Nodehill website [www.nodehill.iow.sch.uk](http://www.nodehill.iow.sch.uk)

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Our congratulations go this week to the following pupils:

- **Christopher Pickett** – for passing with merit his grade 3 piano examination with the Royal Schools of Music.
- **Michael Mitchell** – who has been selected to train and compete with the Hampshire under 14's golf squad.

• **Primary Mathematics Challenge Winners**

**GOLD**

Jake Chatwin  
Matthew Guelbert  
Maddison Hardy  
Scott Purdue  
Molly Frost  
Amy Walker-Pobjoy

**SILVER**

Josh Cooper  
Connor McDowell  
Elys Norman  
Jack Powell  
Frances Newton  
Elizabeth McDougall  
David Kidd  
Corey Bigam  
Ben Tovey  
Grace Savage

**SILVER**

Sam Wilkins  
Sam Woodley  
Danielle Rowley  
Toby Jones  
Abigail Lamanna  
Tom Ockendon  
Isaac Rice  
Tom Smith

**BRONZE**

Thomas Bird  
Isaac Leal  
Joe Davies  
Louise Elliott  
Gemma Jones  
Mollie Buchanan  
Abigail Mursell  
Michael Mitchell  
Joe Foreman  
Connor Squair  
Alex Gallimore

• **Headmaster's Commendations**

**Headmaster's Commendation (Red)** – Joshua Abbott, Christopher Walsh, Isaac Leal and Joe Rainer

**Headmaster's Commendation (Orange)** – Megan Ledicott

**Headmaster's Commendation (Yellow)** – Malina Carroll

**Headmaster's Commendation (Green)** – Abbie Pearson and Sasha Hutchison

**Headmaster's Commendation (Double Green)** – Bonnie Willett

• **Special Mention Certificates**

- Demi Thompson for her great autobiography,
- Morgan Jackson for his excellent 'home made' rocket.
- Megan Ledicott for completing the level 2 Rapid Reading Programme.
- Jed Cronin for his excellent extended piece of writing on Macbeth.
- Megan Ledicott, Harrison Gooderham, Raife Jones, Malina Carroll, Joe Rainer, Joe Male, Beth Audas and Finley Ray for their excellent project work in geography.
- Joshua Abbott for his consistent hard work in science.
- Sasha Hutchison, Abbie Pearson and Olivia-Mae Henderson for their excellent work in geography comparing the UK and Brazil.
- Luke Rowland, Isaac Leal, Cailemb Wolsey, Christopher Walsh, Alpha Perry, Alice Jackman and Abbie-May Courtney for their excellent results in spelling tests for five consecutive weeks.
- Bonnie Willett, Gabby Strickland, Katie Minns and Rhys Harries for their excellent Decorated Skin project in art.

• **House points certificates and badges**

**25**

Jack Hume-Speed  
Kayla Elliott  
Callum Chase  
Tianna Gutteridge  
George Sprack

**25**

Sana Humphreys  
Josh Morris  
Megan Harris  
Lucy Cantelo  
Kaie Groves

**25**

Sebastian Wedge  
Emily Rowe  
Razmin Khatun  
Abigail Mursell  
Bradley Filipe

**25**

Aaron Broadbridge  
Eloise Meek  
Ben Rayner  
Logan Robinson  
Michaela Logan

**50**

Eleanor Kenney  
Harry White  
Reuben Leal

**75 BRONZE**

Matthew Knaggs  
Daniel Marsh

**100**

Sam Hodgson  
Jack Peach

**125**

Ashleigh Martin  
Corran Vercoe  
Connor Mumford  
Zara Stott

**150 SILVER**

Toby Jones  
Owen Prigmore  
Amy Cantelo  
Molly Kissick  
Ella Lloyd  
Becky Steen  
Ralph Smith  
Josh Dixon

**175**

Tim Hill  
Daniel Hodder  
Kate Hollis  
Matthew Earley  
Sadul Rahman  
Michaela Mursell  
Bradley Russell  
Michael Mitchell  
Harry West

**200**

Megan Russell  
Joel Porter  
Scott Purdue

**275**

Cameron Gould  
Harris Payne

**225 GOLD**

Charlie Stephens  
Luke Bennett

**300 SHIELD**

Will Draper  
Lewis Gregory  
Jake Kitcher

**250**

Chloe Cooper

**325**

Adam Fletcher

**375**

Sasha Hutchison

Yours sincerely,

Mr. D.R. Morris  
**Headmaster**

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**NODEHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**NOMINATION FOR PARENT GOVERNOR**

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 12 NOON ON Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Name and signature of candidate.....

Name(s) and tutor group(s) of child(ren) at Nodehill.....

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Name and signature of proposer.....

Name and signature of seconder.....

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**NODEHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**PTA DISCO**

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December – 6.30-8.30 pm**

Name of child.....

Form Tutor Group.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....

Please return this pro forma and £1.00 in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'DISCO' with your child's name and form tutor group.

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