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CHANGE FOR MISS MANIFOLD AND WILD THINGS CLASS

From the beginning of November Miss Manifold will be reducing her hours and responsibilities at Rode and Norton to focus her many talents on her own business, 'Lemon Lightning'. Although Miss Manifold will be dropping her class responsibilities in Wild Things Class she will continue to teach singing and performing arts to Paddington, Wild Things and BFG Classes each week and to work with our whole Federation on a project basis for our big performances and events. She will also continue with PAC on a Thursday. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Miss Manifold every success as she uses all her many talents to grow her new venture into a flourishing enterprise.

The biggest change will of course be for Wild Things Class. However, Miss Anderson will continue to teach on a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in Wild Things Class and we are currently in the process of recruiting another inspirational teacher for a Thursday and Friday. As soon as we have someone in post we will of course let you know.

OUR THEMES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM WILL BE: -

4th September-21st September: We are Artists!

25th September-30th November: Marvellous Magical Makery

3rd December-21st December: Christmas

GRUFFALO & ELMER PHONIC WORKSHOPS

We are looking forward to seeing all Gruffalo Class parents (who have not attended this workshop before) on **Wednesday 19th September at 7pm** for a Phonics Workshop where we will outline important pre-phonics skills, how we teach phonics, how you can support this at home and our approach to the teaching of reading. Refreshments will be provided.

Elmer Class parents are invited to a similar workshop on **Thursday 27th September at 7pm** where we will explain the next stage, Phase 5 of our phonics programme and the requirements of the Year One Phonics Screening Check. We look forward to seeing you. Mrs Muxworthy and Mrs Phillips.

EV5 – PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM FOR AN EXTERNAL VISIT

The completion and return of this form is essential to enable your child to participate in visits/activities.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

As over 97% of parents, who have so far completed our parent questionnaire, are happy to communicate with teachers via email we have decided to publish the email addresses of all teaching staff below. If you choose to use email teachers, we request that you comply with the following protocols at all times: -

Parents will

- Always be respectful, measured and cordial
- Not expect an immediate reply (see below)
- In an emergency, where an immediate response is needed, contact the school office by telephone.
- If your child is in Wild Things or Paddington Class always copy your email to both class teachers.

Teachers will

- Always reply in a professional manner.
- Only read emails after 8am and before 6pm on working days (unless they choose to do otherwise)
- Send a reply within one working day (24 hours) of receipt. This may be a holding email, a request for a meeting or a full reply. (Please note that not all staff work all week and they will only be expected to reply on one of their working days).
- For a more complicated email a full response must be received by the parents within five working days.
- Copy the Headteacher into all more complicated replies, concerns or complaints.
- Where applicable copy job-share into all emails to and from parents.
- Forward any disrespectful emails to the Headteacher for response.
- Copy the school office team and Headteacher into all whole class organisational emails.

For those of you who would rather not use email to communicate with teachers please drop in to speak to your child's teachers or call the school office to make alternative contact arrangements.

Teacher Email addresses are as follows:-

Mrs Muxworthy in **Gruffalo Class**: gmuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Mrs Phillips in **Elmer Class**: vphilips@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Mrs Duncan and Mrs Vowell in **Paddington Class**:

ncduncan@educ.somerset.gov.uk cvowell@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Miss Anderson and Miss Manifold in **The Wild Things Class**:

danderson1@educ.somerset.gov.uk zmanifold@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Mrs Slade in **BFG Class**: kslade@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Zoe Manifold, **Performing Arts Teacher** in all classes: zmanifold@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Caroline Corke as SENCO: ccorke1@educ.somerset.gov.uk

And Carolyn Tommey: ctommey@educ.somerset.gov.uk

REMINDER

A friendly reminder from Mrs Muxworthy and Mrs Phillips that toys from home are not allowed in school on either our Rode site or our Norton St Philip site. This is to avoid arguments, breakages and losing them. We welcome artefacts connected to the topics but fidget spinners, Transformers, LOL babies and bouncy balls are pushing it! Thank you for your help with this.

SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

We are very keen to hear from any adults who have a bit of spare time and would be available to help in our library on either site. This can involve tidying and displaying the books, reading with children, helping children to change their books and keeping borrowing records up to date. This role does require a DBS check as you will be working unsupervised with children. Please email me if you are interested: GMuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Year 4 Children

Have you always dreamed of being a librarian? Surrounding yourself with your favourite books? We are looking for this year's librarians willing to give up some of their lunchtimes to help to look after our brand-new library at Rode.

If you are interested please write a letter of application (at home) to Mrs Muxworthy explaining why you think you would be good at the job and tell me what your favourite books are. Deadline for applications is **Friday 28th Sept.**

All Children

Have you read a great book from the library over the holidays? Could you write a review of it and recommend it to others? Please see Mrs Slade who will give you a special card to write the review on and we will display it in the library.

LUNCH ORDERS

School lunches are now available to order on [ParentPay](#), please book for the three week period from Monday 24th September to Friday 12th October by the deadline of midnight on Tuesday 18th September. Lunches need to be booked in three week periods in line with the three week menu cycle. Please remember to order even if you are receiving Infant Free School Meals.

The deadline dates are all on the website calendar, download them straight into your electronic calendar to ensure you don't miss future deadlines!

SWIMMING

School swimming lessons have been arranged for all children this year despite a shortfall in contributions last year of £581. Your voluntary contribution really makes a difference, please pay by your [ParentPay](#) account.

Your child will receive 6 lessons over a six-week period and will travel to [Creative Aquatic](#), Tytherington by coach and be taught in small groups by qualified swimming instructors. At a cost of **£4.65 per child per session these lessons represent excellent value for money.**

Please find a swimming information sheet and dates for your child's class on the website.

<http://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk/parents/swimming-2/>

CLUBS

The after-school club provision changes termly and our current offer for the Autumn Term 2018 commencing week beginning 10th September: -

Rode Methodist First School

- *Monday - Gardening Club* run by [Julie Stark](#) - NOW FULL
- *Tuesday - Multi Sports* run by [I G Sports Coaching](#)
- *Wednesday - Football Club* run by [I G Sports Coaching](#)
- *Thursday - Lightning Kids* (formerly Performing Arts Club) run by Zoe Manifold- Please visit the [Lemonlightning](#) website to book a place for your child. **Please note this club is in high demand.**

Norton St Philip C of E First School

- *Monday - Safari Sports* run by [I G Sports Coaching](#)
- *Wednesday - Football Club* run by [I G Sports Coaching](#)

For further details please visit our website:

<http://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk/parents/clubs/>

FRANS UPDATE

Welcome back everyone to the new year! Welcome to all of the new Gruffalo parents and carers who have joined us from near and far this year, we feel very privileged!

For those that do not know, FRANS is the PTA fundraising committee behind Rode and Norton St. Philip First Schools. We work very hard each year running a whole host of different events to raise money for all sorts of things that help benefit our children's school experience. We have contributed towards new iPads, school trips, school performances, play equipment, curriculum aids, whether it be new books or art and technology equipment. Our latest triumph has been the newly renovated Rode School Library which has been completely re-stocked with thousands of new books, magazines and fun reading material for the children across both sites. We raise approximately £10,000 a year and with new school plans for both sites, it looks like we could have a busy year ahead!

We are always looking for new members and enthusiastic people to come and help think up new and exciting ways to raise money, or come and lend a helping hand at events. If you would like to know more about FRANS, please pop along to our AGM on:

*****AGM - TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER - 7.30pm at RODE FIRST SCHOOL, HALL*****

It is a lovely way to meet new people and really feel like you are making a difference to your children's school experience. The kids love it if they feel that their special people are involved in things and apart from anything, it is really good fun|!

We hope to see you at the AGM. For more information, please contact, Ellie Hannay (Gruffalo and BFG), Jen Bodey (Wild Things), Amelia Christmas (Paddington) or Stef Mitchell (BFG) or any of your class reps!

Gruffalo Class - **Ellie Hannay (at the moment!) - Flora's mum**
Elmer Class - **Caroline Botley and Louise Dunsmore**
Paddington Class - **Laura Shipon and Amelia Christmas**
Wild Things Class - **Danny Vowles**
BFG Class - **Stefanie Mitchell and Lottie Wright**

THANKS.....SEE YOU AT THE AGM!!!

DATES

Please check the school website for all future calendar dates:
<http://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk/calendar/>

THREAD WORM

Threadworms, also known as pinworms, are tiny parasitic worms that infect the large intestine of humans. Threadworms are a common type of worm infection particularly in children under the age of 10. Please be vigilant as we have had reports that they are unwelcome visitors in school this term.

The worms are white and look like small pieces of thread. You may notice them around your child's bottom or in their poo. They don't always cause symptoms, but people often experience itchiness around their bottom. To prevent the spread of infection please encourage your child to maintain a good level of personal hygiene at all times.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/stomach-liver-and-gastrointestinal-tract/threadworms>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please find information on the following community events on our Community page on the website

<http://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk/parents/community-news/>

- Frome Youth Choir
- Yoga in Rode with Stephanie Harrison
- Love Sounds – FREE Family Event – organised by Nina Casey
- Frome Toy Library Needs Your Help!