**NEWSLETTER 13**
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## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE ARRANGEMENTS 2018

- **'A RECIPE FOR CHRISTMAS'- THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER 6PM**

Gruffalo Class (Reception) and Elmer Class (Y1) will be performing their Christmas Play at Norton St Philip Church at 6pm. Please could the children be brought to their classroom at 5.30pm where we will get them changed into their costumes. Please ensure they are fed, watered and toileted so they are full of energy!
There is unreserved seating in the church and parents and grandparents etc. are welcome. The children would really appreciate it if young babies could stay at home with a friend so that our little voices can be heard but we know this might not be possible. The performance lasts around half an hour.
FRANS PTA will be serving mulled wine and mince pies at the performance from 5.30-6pm.

- **BFG, WILD THINGS AND PADDINGTON CLASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

Parents and carers are invited to join the staff and children for Christmas songs and carols at **Holy Trinity Church in Frome (BA11 3DE)**.
Children should arrive at Holy Trinity dressed in their Christmas jumpers no earlier than 5:30 and no later than 5:40. We will be running a mini-rehearsal before the performance starts at 6pm in order to orientate the children into their positions at this venue.
Please note that parking is limited at Holy Trinity Church itself but it will be available on surrounding streets or at Badcox, Catherine Street or Cork Street Car Parks all within a 10-minute walking distance.
FRANS PTA will be serving mulled wine and mince pies at the performance from 5.30-6pm.

## FRANS

The FRANS Team (this includes all parents) would welcome donations of mince pies (boxed or homemade) and red wine in preparation for the Christmas Performances. Please send donations over to Mrs Muxworthy at Norton via either school office. Many thanks for your support, it all helps!

## MAGICAL MARVELOUS MAKERY WONKA CHALLENGE RESULTS 2018

On November 5th the children at Rode & Norton St Philip bravely and enthusiastically accepted our Wonka Challenge to become entrepreneurs for a month. Each class was given a crisp £20 note from Mrs Tommey and their task was to make as much profit as they could before the end of November.

Everyone rose to the challenge and demonstrated their breath-taking abilities tobe creative and to use their imagination, to take risk and try things out, to work as a team with all the other Oompa Loompas in their class and to understand what their customers wanted, just like Willy Wonka!

Children from Elmer, Wild Things, Paddington and BFG Classes created delicious gingerbread families, beautiful decorated tiles, stunning plates, fabulous photo frames and Christmas decorations and cards which were all snapped up by happy customers. In addition, Gruffalo Class created music and went busking in Frome and at the Makers Market, in Norton St Philip, to delighted crowds. The buzz in both schools has been tangible and I am now delighted to share that the amazing total profit made……and I hope you are sitting down……was a fantastic **£1039.79.** Every class has done amazingly well. This was a truly extraordinary effort by all and huge congratulations must go to all the children and staff for being so brilliant and to all our customers, for being so supportive. We will let you know what each class decides to spend their money on next term.

## CHILDREN IN NEED AND DOROTHY HOUSE

Many thanks to everyone who either donated gifts, made produce or bought tombola tickets at our Christmas Extravaganza on Monday for Children in Need. I am delighted to inform you that the children made a staggering **£208.72.** A further **£70** is being donated by Mrs Nicol from her very popular hand-made bag stall to Dorothy House. Well done everyone, this has been a real team effort! Thank you so much for making a difference to these worthwhile charities.

## WEBSITE DOWNTIME

We have been notified by Creative Schools, the company who host our website, that they are experiencing substantial server downtime due to a very serious and prolonged cyber-attack. Our website has **not** been hacked or compromised but the server itself has been under a substantial and continued attack since Wednesday night. This has resulted in the hosting company (UKFast) temporarily blocking the server to protect their own networks. Every time the block is lifted, the attack resumes.
Creative Schools are working tirelessly to install a DDoS protection service which will detect and filter out any future attacks. This is due to be configured on Friday morning and as soon as we have changed our Domain Name Server (DNS) our website will be back on line. Please be assured that we will do this as soon as we possibly can. Many apologies for any inconvenience caused and fingers-crossed that the following links will work very soon!

## FRANS AND NORTON ST PHILIP PRE-SCHOOL – SANTA'S GROTTO

Come and visit Santa's Grotto at the Church of St Philip and St James on **Thursday 20th December 11.30am – 12.30pm and 3pm – 5pm.** Tickets £3.50. More details are available on the FRANS page of our website. The team are still looking for helpers on the day (3-5) and cake makers! Please contact Katie Twitchen if you are able to help.

## SWIMMING WILD THINGS CLASS

School swimming lessons for Wild Things Class commence on Wednesday 19th December 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.** Your voluntary contribution really makes a difference, please make your contribution via your ParentPay account.

**Please find a swimming information sheet your child's class on the website.**
**http://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk/parents/swimming-2/**

## EVENT DATES

Please check the school website for all future calendar dates including; Easter - Egg Challenge, Sports Day and Leavers' Celebrations:
http://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk/calendar/

## THREAD WORM

We have had a report of a thread worm infection in school. Please follow the link below for what to look out for and how to treat the infection.
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/

- Rode Chapel Christmas Song Quiz
- Wildcats – Girls Football at Frome Town Youth FC
- Martin Philips – Football Day 4th January 2019
- Frome Musical Theatre Pantomime – Aladdin
- Rode Explorer Scouts fund raisers – Kenya 2019 prize draw