

NEWSLETTER 22

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GRUFFALO AND ELMER – AROUND THE WORLD DAY

Children in Gruffalo and Elmer Class looked very international on the last day of half-term when they came dressed for our 'Far, Far Away' theme. There were outfits from China, India, France, Spain, Poland, Thailand, and an Italian pizza chef, an Inuit with a husky, several Mexicans and even a polar bear! There were pilots, racing car drivers and a camel.

Elmer Class also had a visit from Geoff Marshall, who talked to the children about what it is like to live in Africa Please visit our website post for more information and our gallery of pictures from the day. <http://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk/around-the-world-in-90-minutes/>

INSTALLATION OF OUTSIDE PLAY EQUIPMENT

The installation of the new outdoor play equipment is due to be completed on Monday, 4th March. The children are very excited to explore the new play equipment and provided it passes all its safety inspections the children will be able to use it from Tuesday 5th March.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day- Thursday 7th March. Can you Beat the Teacher?

As you know, at our schools we like to do things a little bit differently!

Some schools will be asking children to dress up on this day but as we did that on our class project days recently we are planning something different.

2019 is our year of 'Spelling' so we have a challenge for you...

We would like the children to find a favourite book at home and then identify a word within it which is REALLY hard to spell. Then, help your child to memorize that word. They can practice writing it in a tray of glitter, in the mud with a stick, come up with a rhyme (mnemonic) to help them remember it...whatever it takes. Then, on World Book Day, bring the book and the word into school. Impress your classmates with your amazing and hard-to-spell word. **Turn the tables and test your teacher- can they spell the word?**

During the day each child will make a decorative version of their word and we will display them on each site so visitors can see how clever we all are!

You will need to be courageous, dedicated, dastardly, fiendish word detectives. Good luck!

PRIMARYFEST 2019 DANCE AND DRAMA EVENT

14th March 2019

Elmer and Wild Things Classes will be involved in a night of dance, drama, poetry and creativity at the Merlin Theatre, Frome. Please see the latest letters sent home in book bags or visit the [website event](#) for more information on costumes etc.

Tickets are available for you to buy from The Merlin Theatre website via

<http://www.merlintheatre.co.uk/whats-on/performances/inspired-primaryfest-2019/>

FRANS News

We are all getting fitter by the day. The 'Sofa Zero to Running Hero' runners are on Week 4 and things are going well. Look out for us in our hi-vis jackets.

Lots of people are giving up their time to support our school so please visit our 'Givey' page to **sponsor us**. Mrs Muxworthy has walked 56 miles in the last 3 weeks and her knees are starting to creak. She needs a financial incentive! Brandon Quentin-Hicks has already run nearly 300 miles. Jo Ellis is trying to raise funds for Rode and `Norton gardening club. So, as payday approaches please, please sponsor us: <https://www.givey.com/friendsfrodeschool>
You are all FRANS members so please get behind these folk and your upcoming events.

Kurry-oke Night

Get ready for your first Asian Fusion evening! On **Friday March 22nd** we will be serving delicious curry at our pop-up Indian restaurant in Rode Village Hall. Expect a Bollywood influence in the decor and soundtrack. This will be followed by music and karaoke. Take part or just enjoy laughing at others who do! Tickets available now on [Eventbrite](#). For more details please visit our [event page](#).

Easter Extravaganza

Start the Easter weekend with a swing! Plans are in the pipeline for a fantastic afternoon in Norton St. Philip on Saturday April 20th from 1pm. Save the date and grab a ticket for our Easter Trail with a special visitor, bouncy castle, food, Prosecco bar, welly wanging, The Farmers Tug of War, Easter Bonnet Competition and Parade and lots more. Search for our event on eventbrite.co.uk

NSPCC SAYS NO NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT MOMO

Some of you may have heard the false rumours about a character called Momo. The character is supposed to appear on social media and sets children dangerous "challenges". However charities say there have been no reports of anybody receiving messages and say the whole thing is fake news and nothing to worry about. Please follow this link for some great advice from Andy Burrows, NSPCC Associate Lead of Child Safety Online.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/47412750>

RODE BUS WAITING AREA

To ensure the safety of the children travelling on the minibus parents and carers are asked to wait in the bus waiting area at Rode whilst the children board and alight from the bus.

Children accompanied by minibus escorts will be handed to parents and carers in the bus waiting area **not on the pavement**. Please always email your class teacher with any questions about the school day or Sam Nicol with minibus queries or changes.

LOST PE SHORTS

A polite request from Tracey Hodgson; - Max from Paddington Class has lost his PE shorts! Please would Paddington parents/carers check PE shorts at home and return any items accidentally brought home in error. Thank you.

EVENT DATES

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

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/>

- [St. Philip and St. James Church Norton St Philip](#) – Pancakes at the church from 3pm - Shrove Tuesday 5th March **ALL WELCOME**.
- [Beckington Tennis Association Quorn Family Cup](#) event Sunday 31st March 2019 plus tennis taster days for kids.
- **The Link Parish Magazine** - our new subscription year starts 1st April 2019, still only £8 to get the magazine hand delivered to your address for a whole year if you live in Rode, Tellisford, Woolverton or Farleigh Hungerford! Keep up to date with topical news, events and other useful info about our local community.
- **Rode Chapel** – Spring 50/50 Sale – Saturday 27th April
- **Band in a Barn 2019** will take place Saturday 22nd June - more details to be released soon! www.facebook.com/bandinabarnnsp
- [Black Swan Arts](#) – Young Art Exhibition - a fantastic competition for young people aged between 8 and 19 years
- **Wildcats** – Girls Football at [Frome Town Youth FC](#)
- Rode [Explorer Scouts](#) fund raisers – Kenya 2019 prize draw