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WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please, please, please follow the link below to give us your views on our Federation as church schools. It only takes about 4 minutes to complete but we have only received 15 responses so far! There really are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers, we just want to know your views. This survey will close on Sunday 19th May 2019. Thank you in anticipation.

The survey can be found [here](#).

GOOD TIME FRIDAY

As part of our new Relationships for Learning (Behaviour) Policy we will be introducing 'Good Time Friday' for children who always **go over and above** regarding our rules **Be Ready, Be Safe & Care**. 'Good Time Friday' will be in addition to our Smiley awards, will happen on alternate Fridays at Rode and Norton St Philip and will involve a special visit to Mrs Tommey. Please ensure all children's dietary intolerances or allergies are up to date in our records as Good Time Friday will involve refreshments of some kind each week! Our new Relationships for Learning Policy can be found [here](#):

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING.....

Class Mindmaps for our new whole school curriculum topic 'Crest of a Wave' can be found by visiting our website Mindmap page [here](#)

NSP EARLY MORNING PARENTS WAITING AREA

Please could all Gruffalo & PreSchool parents & carers, who drop off at NSP, wait for school to start in the main playground area outside the school offices. The learning area beyond the wooden gate is now out of bounds until 8.45am, when Preschool starts, as staff may have already set up the areas for Gruffalo Class and their learning. Please ensure your children are supervised in all areas and that they refrain from playing with the scooters, the mud kitchen or in Gruffalo outside learning space. Many thanks for your cooperation.

AUTHOR VISIT FOR PADDINGTON, WILD THINGS AND BFGS

We were so pleased that Olaf Falafel made the long journey to visit us and give us all such a giggle on a Monday morning. A full account of this amazing visit together with a gallery of pictures can be found [here](#).

Olaf has kindly shared with us the code for his book if anyone would like to purchase another book or was unable to on the day, at the reduced price of £10. To purchase a book

visit www.unexporcupine.com using the code MOONBABOON. Olaf's activity sheets are also available from outside Rode School Office too!

CARNIVAL COSTUMES – PADDINGTON CLASS

After half term we will be starting to make preparations for our Carnival costumes. To link with our Crest of a wave topic and our fascination with the Blue Planet films we would like to make them out of found and recycled materials.

If you are near the coast please could you collect shells and interesting things from the sea. If not please could we have plastic bottles, colourful carrier bags, cardboard tubes, food netting and any other interesting materials!

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

The Paddington Team

FRANS NEWS

'Cafe on The Mead' is open today from 3.15pm onwards in the Norton Park Pavilion serving hot drinks, cold drinks, 'adult' drinks (!), cakes, ice lollies and **high tea! Today's Guest Chef is Alice Buttlings-Smith** who will be serving **Pizza, Popsicles and Pimms**. All profits go to FRANS. Donations of cakes, lollies and snacks always welcome. Open every Friday until July 5th.

Hot off the catwalk- our **fantastic new must-have tote bags**, themed for both Norton and Rode. Very limited stock so grab yours from Rode General Store or Friday's after-school at Norton.

Make sure you highlighted **June 15th** on your calendar. It's not too late to sign up a group of work colleagues for the "**Football Fest' six-a-side tournament** taking place in the afternoon. No-one needs to be at a Beckham-like peak of physical fitness, it's just for fun. There will also be **sport themed activities**, skill sessions, tug of war and games for all the family. There will be a bar, Prosecco, Hot dogs, pizza, ice creams, teas, cake etc. Please visit our 'Friends of Rode and Norton' Facebook page to sign a team up.

Tickets are now on sale for the **Family Barn Dance** also on June 15th, limited numbers due to barn capacity so get them whilst you can. On sale now at Rode Cafe and General Store and also after school in Norton on Fridays. The children from both our schools will be performing a dance which is sure to raise the barn roof! Children can join in the barn dancing and stay up late. It's going to be a fantastic day.

The children all enjoyed their first Samba Drumming lessons this week so remember to save the date for our '**Crest of a Wave Carnival**' when the whole school (Reception to Year 4 and staff) will parade and dance to our samba beats through the streets of Rode. This will take place on the **afternoon of Friday July 12th** and will culminate back at school with a 'Brazilian Beach BBQ'. Save the date and watch this space as our exciting plans develop at school...

GOVERNOR NEWS

The governor's last meeting was held at Rode School. I am delighted to say that we have 27 reception children joining us in September 2019. I wish all of the new children and parents

the warmest of welcomes as they start their educational journey at Rode and Norton St Philip. These are also great numbers for the schools and with 50 houses alone being built in Rode over the next 18 months, we may well see more children joining us.

Part of the meeting was concerned with the budgetary pressures felt by the schools. We are not unique, as every school is feeling the pressure to deliver more and more with less money. As a governor it is very frustrating to see the way that school budget regulations divide money up into various funds that really limit our ability to put money where it needs to be. This means that we are forced to make really difficult staffing decisions whilst having money to spend on new play equipment. As ever the money raised by you through FRANS is so gratefully received and we endeavour to use it to the greatest benefit of the children.

Last but not least we welcomed Andrew Carr to the governing body. Residing in Norton St Philip, Andrew is a senior lecturer at Bath Spa University having been in education his whole working life with nearly 18 years' experience alone as a secondary school English teacher. We are always on the lookout for new governors, the time commitment is not onerous, the involvement is very satisfying and rewarding and you don't need any prior knowledge of education or governance.

If you wish to contact the governing body directly please email Sam Nicol who is our Clerk to the Governors and if you what to see the minutes of the meetings, then you can find them on the school website [here](#).

THREADWORM

Unfortunately we have confirmed cases of thread worms in Paddington class. Please can you talk to your child about the importance of hand washing. If your child has any of the symptoms it can be treated with a single dose medicine obtained from any chemist. With your help we can beat them! For more information please visit the NHS website [here](#).

Symptoms of threadworms

- Stomach ache
- Loss of appetite.
- Weight loss.
- Skin infection around the anus if bacteria enter any scratches caused by itching – wearing cotton gloves while sleeping may help prevent this.
- difficulty getting to sleep or staying asleep (insomnia)
- Bedwetting.

MILL ON THE BRUE 2020

If you are in Year 3 - Hold the date!

Mill on the Brue is booked for Monday 23rd March - Friday 27th March 2020.

Start saving!

PADDINGTON CLASS – DRESS UP DAY REMINDER

On **Thursday 23rd May** Paddington class are invited to join us for a Pirate Training Day.

More details [here](#).

GRUFFALO AND ELMER BIG SUMMER TRIP - REMINDER

On **June 18th** our classes will be having a very exciting trip to **Bowood Adventure Park and Gardens!** More details [here](#)

EVENT DATES

Please check the school website for all future calendar dates including; Parent Consultations, Sports Day, Transfer Day, Leavers' Celebrations and the Carnival we are planning on Friday 12th July: Our events page can be found [here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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- [St Philip and St James Church, Norton St Philip](#) - During the half term holiday early morning coffee café in NSP church will close until term 6 begins. But 'Tots and Toys' will still be open for drop in from 9.30am-11.00am on Wednesday 29th May. If you have an older child please join us as there will be activities for all ages and coffee for parents and carers. More details [here](#)
- [Making Football Fun](#) with Martin Phillips – Rode Playing Field Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th May. More details [here](#)
- [Cafe in the Park](#) is now on. Every Friday in term-time at Rode Playing Field. 3.15-4.30pm.
- [Rode Safari Supper](#) – In aid of Rode Explorers trip to Kenya
- [Band in a Barn 2019](#) will take place Saturday 22nd June - Band in a Barn raffle tickets are on sale NOW! Tickets are available from the BIAB team and from the Norton St Philip Pre-school office. www.facebook.com/bandinabarnnsp/
- **Wildcats** – Girls Football at [Frome Town Youth FC](#)
- **Rode Explorer Scouts** fund raisers – Kenya 2019 prize draw