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CREST OF A WAVE CARNIVAL

What a fantastic day the children, staff and parents of our two schools put on last Friday. The sun shone on Rode and the Carnival came to town!!

Amazing music, spectacular costumes, super tasty food and even Brazilian Beer! It was a real privilege to watch the children bringing the beat of the carnival to the streets of Rode! I thought that Jamma de Samba were just amazing and did a great job leading the music. Miss Manifold once again showed us what great performers and singers the children are. All of the teachers and TAs were just brilliant, festooned in glitter embodying the spirit of carnival, they really are an amazing bunch!

FRANS were superb keeping us supplied with tasty dogs and cold drinks galore. Many thanks to Chris Monkeridge and his team for keeping us all safe and organising the traffic marshals so well. A heartfelt thanks to Mrs Nicol and the office staff for chasing all the paperwork, organising tabards and countless other pieces of admin. It was really fabulous as well to see how many villagers turned out to cheer the children on as they made their way through Rode.

Finally, a big thank you to you Carolyn for having the boldness of vision and dynamic creativity to come up with such a spectacular event and somehow make it all work!

Richard Clayphan
Chair of Governors

CARNIVAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO CLIPS

If you have any photographs or video clips of the Carnvial that you would allow the school to use in promotional material, on the school website and on social media please send them to ctommey@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

END OF TERM GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Gruffalo and Elmer Class parents and carers are invited to join the children for a 'Graduation' celebration at 11am on **Friday 19th July**. The celebration will finish by 12noon and parents are then free to join their children for a picnic lunch, **weather permitting**. Parents should bring their own picnics to share with their child. All Gruffalo and Elmer children should bring a packed lunch to eat as a picnic even if you are unable to attend the picnic yourself. Children will be free to leave school at 1pm to start their summer break.

If you are unable to attend the end of term celebration **Gruffalo and Elmer Classes will remain open for children until 1.30pm on Friday 19th July**. All remaining Gruffalo and Elmer Class children will need to be collected by this time. The early closure will allow all our staff to join the Year 4 end of term assembly at Rode School. We hope you will support our decision and appreciate our staff's wish to say farewell to all the children leaving Rode and Norton St Philip School Federation particularly those children they have taught and supported over the past 5 years. However, if this arrangement causes difficulties for families please contact Mrs Tommey or Mrs Muxworthy and we will do everything we can to help.

Rode and Norton St Philip School Federation Year 4 Leavers celebration will be held on **Friday 19th July** and will commence at 2pm. Due to the current forecast of thundery showers this celebration will be in our school hall and will be restricted to parents and carers of children leaving the Federation as there is limited space in our Hall for the celebration. Thank you for your understanding. **Rode School will finish as normal at 3.15pm**. There will be a return minibus to Norton St Philip School and we aim for this to arrive back at Norton St Philip as normal.

URGENT REMINDER FOR ELMER PARENTS & CARERS

Please could you remember to write a message or prayer for your child to wish them well as they move from our Norton site to our Rode site on the luggage tags we provided last week and return it to school by Thursday 18th July. We would also like you to provide some colourful ribbon which your child will recognise. These will form part of the Graduation Celebration on Friday 19th July at 11am at Norton, and in September the laminated tags will be tied onto Elmer the Elephant in Paddington Garden ready for the start of term. Teachers and members of staff will also be writing their wishes for the children and some of the wishes will be read out at the celebration.

If you are unsure what to write, or need more tags, please contact Vicky Philips or Carolyn Tommey. We'll be happy to help out. The more tags we can get the better!

FRANS NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Beach Barbecue at the carnival. We made a fantastic £500 profit.

The FRANS team all deserve a good rest. I would like to thank them for their enormous hard work, brilliant ideas and never-ending enthusiasm and generosity. It really has been an absolute pleasure working together with a lot of laughs! In the last 8 months we have raised approximately £11,000 and we still have money rolling in. It's not too late to sponsor any of our challenges on the www.givey.com page under 'Friends of Rode' or buy a tote bag from the Post Office for your holidays.

Summer Competition. We will be giving out prizes in the Autumn for photos featuring our '**Tote Bags**' on Tour. Prizes will be given for best photos and most interesting locations. Please email your photos to me at GMuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk. Closing date is September 7th.

I would like to give a very **heartfelt thanks** to everyone who has sponsored me on my 500 mile walk and walked with me.

My total raised currently stands at £1,300. As I write this it is Tuesday and I still have 22 miles to walk before Friday but hopefully I will complete the challenge! I am definitely not going on a walking holiday this summer...

George Muxworthy

MEDICATION AND SUN TAN LOTION

All children's medication and sun tan lotion will be sent home at the end of term except (in date) Epi Pens. Please ensure replacements are provided on the first day of the Autumn Term together with a new permission form for us to administer the medication. A permission form can be found [here](#).

LUNCHES – September orders

The deadline for lunch orders for the first week of the Autumn term is **Tuesday 23rd July**.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Please see ordering and collection dates [here](#).

MILL ON THE BRUE 2020 - Monday 23rd March - Friday 27th March 2020.

The non-refundable deposit is due by **31st July 2019**. Please make your payment via your ParentPay account.

START DATE OF THE NEW TERM

We wish you all a happy, relaxing and safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in the Autumn Term commencing on **Tuesday 3rd September for all except Gruffalo Class**. The calendar for the new academic year is available on our website [here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our community page can be found [here](#).

- Little Things Magazine Issue 10 now available [here](#)
- Think Football Summer Holiday Fun Football Sessions with [Martin Phillips](#)