

NEWSLETTER 01

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WELCOME BACK

We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing, fun-filled summer break and that your batteries are well and truly charged for the new school year. It was fantastic to see so many of you bounding in with such energy and enthusiasm on Tuesday with exciting tales of your Summer adventures.

Our theme for the next three weeks is 'We are Artists' and the children will be exploring inspirational artists, discovering new skills of colour, line and tone and will be creating their own amazing artwork for display. Watch carefully and you may spot a famous artist of the future!

Mrs Tommey

WEDNESDAY WORKOUT

Every Wednesday, this year, Gruffalo, Elmer, Paddington, Wild Things and BFG classes will all be enjoying active workouts led by Sarah Davis, our PE expert. On that day we would like all children at Rode and Norton St Philip to wear **black, purple or grey** shorts, joggers or leggings and trainers along with their normal school tops.

SWIMMING

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

Your child will receive 6 lessons over a six-week period and will travel to [Frome Sports and Fitness](#), by coach and be taught in small groups by qualified swimming instructors. At a cost of **£5.91 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 [here](#).

BFG Swimming commences on Wednesday 11th September.

EV5 – PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM FOR AN EXTERNAL VISIT

Pupils in Years 1 – 4 will shortly receive a hard copy of the **annual consent** form for all activities, trips and visits which take place during school hours e.g. Sports tournaments, music events and festivals, museum visits and local places of interest.

The EV5 serves several important functions as it:-

- Confirms your agreement to your child's participation in the planned visits. (Full details will be issued at time of event)

- Gives the supervising staff immediate information on how to contact you in an emergency.
- Contains information about your child together with your consent to medical treatment if required.
- Advises you that the Somerset County Council will NOT necessarily be legally liable for every type of loss suffered by a child whilst on a visit.

If you wish to discuss any of the contents of the form, please contact the school office.

To enable your child to participate in visits/activities this year it is essential that you complete & return this form asap.

PRIVATE MUSIC TUTION

Please visit our website [here](#) for information on private music lessons and their associated costs. If you child would like to start lessons or if you wish to **continue** with lessons received last term, please let the school office know asap.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please visit our website [clubs page](#) for more information on the following clubs:

IG Sports - Football Club for Years 2, 3 & 4 at Rode

Has **moved to Tuesdays** 3.15 - 4.15pm.

IG Sports - Football Club for Reception & Year 1 at Norton St Philip

Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm.

IG Sports – Safari Sports for Reception & Year 1 at Norton St Philip

Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm

All bookings for I G Sports Coaching run clubs **MUST** be made through

bookingsatrodeandnorton@gmail.com or 07791 937454. Please click here for an I G Sports Club [registration form](#).

Performing Arts Club for Years 2, 3 and 4 at Rode

Miss Manifold will be running Performing Arts Club via [Lemonlightning](#) on Thursdays – please visit the website for more information. **Important Autumn Term booking**

information [here](#). Deadline for completion of the online registration form is Wednesday 11th September with payment due by 14th September.

Gardening Club for Years 2, 3 & 4 at Rode

Gardening Club commences on Monday 16th September 3.15 – **4.30pm**. There are limited places available, please contact the school office if your child wishes to attend. There is a cost of £4.75 per week.

INSET DAYS – School closed to pupils

25th October 2019

6th January 2020

17th July 2020 & 20th July 2020

HARVEST DATES

Paddington, Wild Things & BFG- 23rd October @9.30am - Rode School

Elmer & Gruffalo- 23rd October @ 2.30pm - NSP School

2019/2020 TERM DATES

Our 2019/20 term dates are [here](#) on our website.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our community page [here](#).

- Freshford United Y.F C- Players wanted – more information [here](#)
- [Lemonlightning](#) Performing Arts Club: Lightning Bolts: Seniors - starting Friday 20th September 4:30 - 5:30 - Rode Memorial Hall - Sign up information [here](#)

REMINDERS

In order to create a safe, positive and organised environment for your children to flourish, we have included in this first newsletter a few reminders for parents and carers. The procedures to be followed are essential in helping the school run smoothly and efficiently. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Start times – Unless your child is booked into Early Bird Club or travelling on the minibus, children and parents should arrive at school between 8.50am and 9.00am and should go directly to their classrooms.

Late arrivals – **MUST** report to the office to be marked as present in the register.

Medicine In School – Staff can only administer medicine to pupils who require medicine during the school day. Parents must complete a 'Request to Administer Medication Form' available outside the school offices. Your child's name must be clearly labelled by a doctor or health professional on all prescribed medication. All medication must be in date and in the original container/packaging.

No cakes or nuts – Unfortunately due to a number of children having medical conditions and allergies we are unable to handout food in classrooms to celebrate children's birthdays such as cakes or sweets. Rode School is a **nut and coconut free zone**. We have pupils with nut and coconut allergies and therefore lunch boxes **MUST** not contain nuts or food made from nuts.

Infection control in school - Guidance on Infection Control in Schools is provided by the Health Protection Agency and adopted here in our federation. If your child is suffering from diarrhoea and/or sickness they must remain absent from school for **48 hours** from the last episode of diarrhoea or sickness.

Visitors during the school day – Access to either school site must be via the main entrance/school office. At both schools delivery of forgotten items for children may be given to a member of the office staff who will pass them on to the relevant child. **All visitors to school who enter the school site MUST 'sign in' and parents and carers are requested NOT to enter the classrooms during lesson time, unless asked to do so.**

Uniform labels – please ensure all your child's uniform is labelled clearly with their name.

Jewellery – Pupils must NOT wear jewellery with the exception of a watch and stud earrings. Long hair must be tied back at all times.

PE Kits – should be in a named bag and **remain in school all week**

Wellies – all children need a pair of NAMED wellies in school.

Bicycles and Scooters – To maintain safe access and egress to both school sites children should alight from their bicycle or scooter before entering the school premises. Children or their siblings must NOT cycle into or on the school site before or after school. Please would parents and carers also ensure younger siblings do not take and use other children's scooters and bicycles from the cycle racks/pods.

Car parking – Parents and carers are asked to park considerately outside both schools and ensure their vehicle is not causing an obstruction to other vehicles or the school's neighbours. At Norton St Philip parents and carers are requested not to park on The Green or adjacent to the Rectory wall. At Rode School parents and carers must not park on the Zig Zag lined area outside the school building.

Water bottles - Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school every day. Any named plastic bottle is fine but fresh water daily is essential. Please do not put bottles into book bags as we get lots of soggy books!!

Fridays - Friday is 'Dress Down Day'! All children are welcome to wear **black, purple or grey** shorts, joggers or leggings and trainers along with their normal school tops. They won't always have PE on this day but are still welcome to 'dress down'! However, if your child would prefer to wear their school uniform that is fine too.