

## NEWSLETTER 05

### 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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### DEADLINE FOR ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember to order hot lunches by the **MIDNIGHT on Tuesday deadline**. All lunches including Universal Free School Meal for **Reception**, Year 1 and Year 2, Free School Meals and all paid lunches for Year 3 and 4 children **MUST be ordered** via your Parentpay account. Instructions for ordering lunches can be found [here](#).

**Reception Parents/carers - your first deadline for on-line orders is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.**

### ELMER CLASS PE FESTIVAL

Elmer Class will be visiting Oakfield Academy to take part in a PE Festival taking place on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019** starting at 10am and ending at 11.30am. Mrs Philips, Mrs Barnwell and Mrs Davis will accompany the children and they will be transported in the school minibus.

The children need to come to school in their school PE Kit. Please ensure they have a waterproof jacket in case of wet weather and a water bottle.

### SPEAK OUT. STAY SAFE

As you know, the NSPCC visited Rode on Monday and delivered their Speak out. Stay safe. assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

#### Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools helps to encourage conversations about staying safe. They also have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation at home afterwards. This includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

You can find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants)

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [nspcc.org.uk/parents](https://nspcc.org.uk/parents)

**The NSPCC will also be sharing their important message with Elmer Class on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

## **BATH LITERATURE FESTIVAL FOR ELMER CLASS**

Elmer Class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Bath Guildhall to watch '[Why Are There So Many Books About Bears?](#)' by Kristina Stephenson on Wednesday this week. Trip review [here](#).

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Becky McPherson wanted to thank everyone for their support with the [Macmillan Coffee Morning](#) on Saturday. There was an amazing turn out for this event which raised the fantastic sum of over £3000 for Macmillan. Loads of children were involved and several turned out to be expert cake sellers! Click on the link above for more information and photos.

## **STONE AGE GATHERERS**

As part of our theme, Terrific Time Travellers, the children from Wild Things and BFG class became Stone Age gatherers for the day, foraging for autumn fruits and cooking them so they would last through the autumn.

Please see our website [news item](#) for our gallery of pictures and for a copy of [instructions](#) to try at home.

## **ALDI KIT FOR SCHOOLS**

We are taking part in [Aldi's Kit for Schools](#) promotion. For every £30 you spend at Aldi, you will receive a sticker of an athlete. Please drop these into the office on either site or pass to Mrs Davis, who will add them to our collection.

Every school who completes their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster with all 300 stickers will receive an exclusive school sports kit! Schools also have the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school.

Let's get collecting!

## **PUPIL COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS**

Unfortunately, we are unable to release children to older siblings or other young persons under the age of 16, unless an arrangement has been formally requested, in writing, by the parent. Without this prior arrangement, any child, not collected by a responsible adult over the age of 16, will be cared for in the school office until a parent can be contacted. Thank you for your understanding.

## **PE KIT REMINDER**

To take advantage of our fabulous outdoor space, PE lessons are almost always outside. With this in mind, please ensure your child has their **PE kit in school at all times** and that it currently includes tracksuit bottoms and a jumper/hoodie.

Many thanks

Mrs Davis

## **STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020 - OPEN DAYS**

Details of our open days for prospective parents with children starting school in September 2020 can be found on our website <http://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk/join-us/school-admissions/>. Please spread the word about our wonderful schools.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our community page [here](#).

- October Half Term [fun football sessions](#) with Martin Phillips
- [GET Sported](#) and GET Serious Cricket camp ***This October Half Term*** more information [here](#)
- Drop in to Rode Chapel for Stephanie's Hatha **Yoga class** from 9.30-10.45am. More detail [here](#)
- Freshford United Y.F C- Players wanted – More information [here](#)