

## NEWSLETTER 08

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

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### HARVEST BAKE OFF!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest celebrations and for the fantastic donations of food, which we will pass on to our local food bank.

Thank you to FRANS for serving refreshments and to everyone who contributed to our very own 'Bake Off'. Who knew 'Secret Vegetable Cakes' would be so delicious!

Star Baker was: **Anna Abbott**

Thank you to Paul and Mary for judging!

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - *Reminder*

The school photographer will be taking individual school photographs of children for you to purchase on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** for Gruffalo and Elmer Classes and on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** for Paddington, Wild Things and BFG Classes.

The photographer has kindly agreed to stay at both sites at the end of the school day and wait until the last minibus arrives, for parents to have siblings photographed together. Please let us know if you wish to make use of this service for sibling photographs.

### 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](#).**

**Wild Things swimming commences on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

### PARENT ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, there is an 'Online Safety' parent and child workshop at Rode School. The workshop is open to all parents of children in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.

**Paddington workshop: 9:30-10:30**

**BFG and Wild Thing's workshop: 10:45-11:45**

Parents and children will find out together how to stay safe online, also they will play appropriate games and apps that the children will use. The games will be about programming, coding, problem solving and more!

Parents will need to drop children off at the normal time but, if coming to the workshop, will need to arrive 5 minutes before the workshop starts and sign in at reception. The workshop is free for all parents. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,  
The Digital Leaders.

## **CARYMOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST – THE STONE AGE EXPERIENCE**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The children from **BFG** and **Wild Thing's** will be visiting Carymoor Environmental Trust to experience life in Stone Age Britain! They will hone their hunting skills, learn about ancient fire-lighting techniques, get creative with natural materials and forage for a stone age 'feast' - will their wild harvest feed or kill you?! They will end the day with a wild boar 'hunt' Carymoor-style!

Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution of £13.50 per child via their Parentpay account to cover the cost of the trip. The children will travel by coach accompanied by Mrs Slade, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Jefferys, Mrs Morgan and two additional staff members, we will be leaving Rode School at 9:15 and returning in time for normal pick up arrangements. Children will need to wear warm waterproof clothing. For going out onto the nature reserve they will need robust, enclosed footwear such as wellies, walking boots or old trainers (no open toes or thin soles). Please also bring clean footwear to wear indoors and for the return coach journey.

All children will need to bring a packed lunch and their water bottle, if your child is in receipt of FSM and you wish to order a packed lunch then please email Mrs Tarbrooke ([ttarrbrooke@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ttarrbrooke@educ.somerset.gov.uk)). No spending money is required for this trip.

## **FRANS NEWS**

Many thanks to all those who came along to our AGM last night. It's never too late to get involved or volunteer at one of our events so get in touch when you can help or come along to the next meeting. We've got a packed schedule of events lined up before Christmas including:

### **Halloween Party**

Get in the mood for trick or treating by warming up at the spooky pre-party in Norton st. Philip Pavilion on The Mead Playing Field. There will be deadly decorations, games, hot dogs and wicked cakes. Wash it down with Eyeball Squash for the children and Mulled Cider for the adults. **October 31st 4-6pm**, [see poster](#).

### **Horrible Histories Trail**

Excitement is already growing for our fun family fundraiser to tie in with our whole school topic of 'Terrific Time Travellers'. Thank you to the people who have already put their name down to make a model or display. There's still room for more. We are looking for people who would like to make 'installations' for our trail, taking place in Rode on **November 16th, 11-5pm**. This is along the lines of a scarecrow trail but doesn't have to be scarecrows.

Visitors have to guess the historical character depicted in some way. This could be a display in your window, a structure by your garden gate. a scarecrow etc. If you live in the centre of Rode we can display this next to your house. If you don't live in Rode but are feeling creative we can put your 'artwork' somewhere along the route. This is a brilliant event to get involved in. Please get in touch with Mrs Muxworthy to register your interest and we can assign you a character or you can choose your own!

Tickets available now on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rode-horrible-histories-trail-tickets-77875765511?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>  
[GMuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:GMuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

### **Save the Date**

October 31st: **Halloween Party** (4-6pm) in Norton

November 16th: **'Horrible Histories'** Trail for families

November 22nd : **'Pop-Up Pop Crawl'** 8pm, For Adults. Tickets available on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rode-horrible-histories-trail-tickets-77875765511?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

December 15th: 10am **Santa Dash** for Families

### **MILL ON THE BRUE 2020.**

The final instalment of £230.70 is now available to pay on your ParentPay account. The deadline for receipt is **20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

The system will accept payment in instalments between now and the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### **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.

### **INSET DAY**

Tomorrow - **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** is an INSET day and the school will **be closed for pupils**. The school opens as usual on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **THREAD WORM**

Threadworms, also known as pinworms, are tiny parasitic worms that infect the large intestine of humans. Threadworms are a common type of worm infection particularly in children under the age of 10. Please be vigilant as we have had reports that they are unwelcome visitors in school this term.

The worms are white and look like small pieces of thread. You may notice them around your child's bottom or in their poo. They don't always cause symptoms, but people often experience itchiness around their bottom. To prevent the spread of infection please encourage your child to maintain a good level of personal hygiene at all times.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/stomach-liver-and-gastrointestinal-tract/threadworms>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our community page [here](#).

- **NEW! Junior Street Jazz Tri-Art Dance Class for ages 8 – 13** more details [here](#)
- Half Term Family Drop In Workshop - St. Philip and St. James Parish Church, Norton St. Philip – all the information [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](#)