

NEWSLETTER 13

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Rode Early Bird and Stay and Play Team

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TO NATIVITY AND BEYOND – Tickets now available!

Tickets for the Film Première are now available from the [Merlin Theatre box office or online](#). Showings on **Tuesday 17th December** are at **5.15pm, 6.00pm and 6:45pm**. Please note all children will be sitting with their families to enjoy the film and all children and infants **MUST** have their own ticket. We respectfully request that families with very young siblings attend the 5.15pm showing. **As this really is a true film première, with a real red carpet, we would love to see everyone dressed in their glitziest movie star outfits, if at all possible, on the night.**

*We make a charge for tickets in order to cover some of our costs. However, if any low income families find the cost prohibitive please contact our office team or send an email to Mrs Tommey at ctommey@educ.somerset.gov.uk and we **will** be able to help. Any such requests will, of course, be kept completely confidential.*

WARM WINTER JUMPERS AGAIN!

As we need to film some retakes at Rode for To Nativity and Beyond, please could all children in Paddington Class, Wild Things Class and BFG Class wear their winter jumpers into school on **Monday 9th December** and **Tuesday 10th December**.

FLU IMMUNIZATION – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Somerset SAINT (school aged immunisation nursing team) will be visiting your child's school on **Wednesday 11th December 2019** to administer the nasal spray flu vaccination. If you have given permission for your child to have the vaccination, please could you inform the school if any of the below applies to your child:

- if your child is wheezy on the day of vaccination, or has been wheezy in the three days prior to this date
- is asthmatic and has had to increase his or her asthma medication since you returned the consent form
- if there are any other changes in your child's health since you returned the consent form
- if your child has already received the flu vaccine via their GP recently, it is really important that you inform the school otherwise your child may be immunised again because Somerset SAINT may still hold a consent form for them.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

The children from both sites will be attending a Christmas assembly on the morning of **Wednesday 18th December** at St Philip and St James Church in Norton St Philip. All Norton St Philip children will need to be dropped at Norton St Philip School in the morning. Children from Elmer and Gruffalo class who live in Rode and further afield will use the morning bus runs as normal. A coach and the school minibus will transport all

remaining children between sites. Children will return to Rode School by lunchtime. As the children and staff from Rode and Norton will fill the Church to its rafters, we are, unfortunately, not able to extend an invitation to parents and carers to join us on this occasion. Thanks for your understanding.

WILD THINGS ART GALLERY TRIP

Wild Things will be visiting the Black Swan Long Gallery in Frome on **Thursday 12th December** to see the fabulous life work of Frome Artist Corinna Sargood. An extraordinary collection of multi-layered, painted wood dioramas, dense and brilliant embroideries, prints and artist's books. Corinna's work explores her life in Mexico, Peru, and the dark world of fairy tale. This show is a rare insight into some of the personal and never before publicly displayed work of this exceptional talent.

The children will be transported in the school minibus during the morning and will be accompanied by Mrs Vowell, Mrs Jefferys, Mrs Davis and Miss Alexander. Children should wear school uniform and will not require any pocket money. We will return for normal lunchtime arrangements. There is no cost for this trip.

INSET DAYS SEPTEMBER 2020

For those of you thinking of booking Summer holidays for 2020 our Autumn Term will start for children on **Monday 7th September**, almost a full week later than usual! Thursday 3rd 2020 and Friday 4th September 2020 will be INSET Days.

FRANS News

Santa Dash

Only one week to go until our Annual Santa Dash, an event for both our school communities and all villagers and friends. Arrive at Rode by **10am on Sunday 15th December** and run 1km or 2km. Bring the children, bring the dog, bring Grannie and Grandad. Christmas fancy dress/hats encouraged. Lots of prizes. Bacon butties and refreshments. It really helps us to plan if we know how many people are coming so please book in advance. Entries can be booked now on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rode-santa-dash-tickets-75686471273?aff=ebdssbeac> or at Rode General Stores and Cafe. It is a fantastic community event. You can walk, run or just come and watch our school spirit at it's very best.

Santa's Grotto

Make sure you have booked your tickets to visit **Santa's Grotto** at Norton St. Philip on **Thursday 19th December**. The grotto is open from **11.30-12.30am** and **3pm-5pm**. There is an opportunity to get your photo taken with Santa, drink mulled cider and hot chocolate, have your face painted and enjoy Christmas crafts. Tickets via the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nsp-pre-school-frans-santas-grotto-tickets-80272090985?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Can You Help at the Santa Dash?

Don't fancy running but would like to be there to view the full spectacle of the Santa Dash? Then please consider volunteering as a marshal on the day between 9.45 and 11.15am. We need 30 people to make it work and help serving refreshments.

So far, I think we have the following people, get in touch if I've missed you off the list. We still need 13 more and you get to wear a hi-vis jacket!

Caroline Whitehead, Carolyn Tommey, Sarah Davis, Natalie Duncan, Sue Rodford, Laura White, Alan Shipton, George Berry, Stephanie Harrison, Fiona Colliver, Claire Garmston, Leah Fielding, Matthew Gilliard, Lou Dunsmore, Clive Harrington, Jen Bodey, Natalie Duncan & Vicky Phillips.

Please email if you or your family members can help: GMuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Save the Date

December 15th: 10am **Santa Dash** for Families (joined by Sergeant Rachel Clark running 365 miles for WHY, We Hear You, Cancer Counselling)

December 19th: 3pm **Santa's Grotto** at NSP

Team FRANS.

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 **20th January 2020**.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our community page [here](#).

- After school “drop off” **yoga class** at the Palairt Hall, Norton St Philip commencing Thursday 9th January 2020. Suitable for all levels including beginners 9.15-10.15am with a cuppa afterwards. *More details* [here](#).
- Think Football Coaching with Martin Philip - **Friday 3rd January 10-3pm**, Rode Playing Field - *Details* [here](#)
- Sustainable Norton St. Philip, Christmas Wreath Trail, This year Sustainable Norton St. Philip are making a trail around the village formed of 25 Christmas Wreaths. Each one contains a tip for a Sustainable Christmas. All have links to websites containing information on that idea. If you have a QR code reader on your phone, you can go straight to the link. Follow the trail. Start at NSP First School. Collect the answers. All correct answers are entered in a prize draw. All the details [here](#).
- Rode Outdoor Nativity - **Sunday 15th December**, 3pm in the afternoon - meeting at the top of March Road in Osborne's Barn - come dressed to play a part and meet the animals that are part of the story - refreshments at the end in Rode Chapel.
- [Christmas Bazaar](#) – St Philip and St James Church. Norton St Philip, **Saturday 7th December 10.30 – 12.30pm** to include a [Christmas Jumper Recycling Sale](#)
- 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](#)