

NEWSLETTER 14

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BURGLARY AT NSP

As many of you will know, our school at Norton St Philip was broken into early yesterday morning. A large log was used to smash the school's main entrance at around 5.10am (Thursday, 12 December). The offender then forced entry into some of our offices before carrying out untidy searches of them. However, as far as we can tell only a packet of biscuits was stolen! Our alarm was activated but the offender had left the scene by the time staff arrived. It's believed the offender arrived at the school in a vehicle.

The Police are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident or who saw anything suspicious in the Church Street area of Norton St Philip around the time. If you can help, please call 101 and provide the call handler with the reference 5219286025. If any parents have any information or concerns, please contact PC John Osborne on 07889 658502

Many thanks to Rev Caroline Walker for welcoming our Early Bird club into the Church and to Elmer Class for happily relocating upstairs while we tidied up. Also thank you to some children in Gruffalo Class for writing posters which read "Keep out, we have a guard dog!" The spirit of keep calm and carry on saved the day!

NORTON'S MILE FOR WHY!

Yesterday was also the Norton children's turn to run a mile with Sergeant Rachel Clark for WHY Cancer Counselling. And what a day we picked! After a brief assembly and warm-up we set off on our mile and then the heavens opened. There were some mighty puddles on the way, and we all got completely soaked. The children showed great resilience and battled on through, positively embracing the deep puddles and mud. There were screams of laughter as they ran through the puddles, lots of smiles on faces and a real feeling of 'we can do anything!'. Congratulations everybody, including the staff, for taking part with such enthusiasm. Rachel will be back to run with us at the Santa Dash on Sunday.

TO NATIVITY AND BEYOND – Tickets selling fast!

A few tickets are still 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.*

The Merlin Theatre car park can get very busy in the evenings, so please arrive early. There is overflow parking in the Frome College car park from the Bath Road entrance. You can park there free of charge and walk through the campus to the foyer.

PADDINGTON ART GALLERY TRIP

Paddington Class will be visiting the Black Swan Long Gallery in Frome on **Tuesday 17th 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 Duncan, Miss Armiger, Mr Connor and a member of the Office Staff. 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.

DEADLINE FOR LUNCH ORDERS

The deadline for ordering hot lunches for week commencing 6th January 2020 is midnight on **Tuesday 17th December.**

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

LIGHTNING KIDS

Miss Manifold has informed us that Lightning Kids will not be running on **Thursday 19th December**. All Norton St Philip children have therefore been allocated a return seat to Norton St Philip on their normal minibus. Please inform the school office if you do not need this return journey.

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](#).

Paddington Class swimming commences on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

INSET DAY

The school will **be closed to pupils** on Monday 6th January, we re-open after the Christmas break on Tuesday 7th January 2020 for the start of the Spring Term.

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 a couple of days until the fabulous Santa Dash comes to town. 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>

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

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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.

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. More information can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our community page [here](#).

- **Friday 20th December** Rev Caroline Walker and her carol singers are singing at the Rode Mill at 6pm and would like to invite families to come and join them. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available. The Harrington Vale Nativity Posada will also be making an appearance that evening. A prize for the best Christmas jumper too. A great way to start the Christmas holidays!
- 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.
- 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](#)