

NEWSLETTER 15

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TO NATIVITY AND BEYOND

The Merlin Theatre was alive with movie star glitz and glamour for our Film Premiere of **To Nativity and Beyond** on Tuesday evening. Thank you to everyone for getting in the spirit and for all your fantastic comments about how much you and your children enjoyed the whole experience. We are delighted that the film was such a success. As promised, please find below a link to the film which we invite you to download. **The film is only for your personal use and you must not post any part of the film on any website or social media site. By clicking on the download you are agreeing to these terms and conditions.** This link will expire on **6th January 2020**. Although this is a free download, we would be grateful for any voluntary contributions you are able to give so that we can continue to provide these exciting experiences for your children. You can do this easily through your [Parent Pay](#) account.

Lastly please be aware that the download speed will be entirely dependent on your home internet connection but if anyone experiences difficulties, we will happily put the film on a USB stick for you in the New Year. In addition, we will also be uploading photos of the film to our website shortly, so keep checking!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Carolyn Tommey

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Osbourne Family in Rode and Sparkys in Norton St Philip who kindly donated Christmas trees to our schools. The trees really add a touch of festive spirit!

PADDINGTON AND WILD THINGS ART GALLERY TRIPS

Paddington and Wild Things Classes were fortunate to experience the fabulous work of Frome Artist Corinna Sargood in her exhibition - 'Pictures and Dioramas' at the Black Swan Gallery - 'An extraordinary collection of multi layered, painted wood dioramas, dense and brilliant embroideries, prints and artist's books.

The exhibition explores her life in Mexico, Peru and the world of fairy tales and the children were instantly transported into "a magical world of colour and Pop up Art" (Jacob)

Please visit our website 'Latest News' for more children's quotes and a gallery of these inspiring trips. [Paddington Trip](#) [Wild Things Trip](#)

WILD THINGS ENVIRONMENTAL STEAM DAY investigating the ongoing micro plastic disaster at Chessel Bay Southampton. The children showed real empathy and maturity in dealing with such important environmental issues, to read more click [here](#).

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.

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](#).

- **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](#).
- 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](#)