

NEWSLETTER 22

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Rode Early Bird and Stay and Play Team

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STAFF NEWS

After 19 years of stalwart service as a much-loved Teaching Assistant in a variety of classes with a variety of teachers Angie Jefferys has sadly decided to move onto pastures new. She will be sorely missed by pupils, parents and staff alike and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well. Her last working day will be Friday 20th March 2020.

In addition Caroline Corke will be stepping back from her SENCO role within our Federation at the end of the Spring Term. Caroline has been an integral part of our SEND team and we will miss her vast knowledge and her depth of understanding of Special Needs. However, I'm pleased to inform you that Mrs Philippa Rylatt will be stepping into Caroline's shoes as SENCO after Easter and she will be working with us every Friday. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Philippa.

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, all the children from our Federation came together at Rode School to find out more about Lent and the link with pancakes! Please visit our website [here](#) for more details and pictures of the event.

Many thanks to The Norton St Philip School House Trust for funding the coach travel which enabled us to come together and to celebrate as a whole Federation.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating stories and books on World Book Day, **Thursday March 5th**. We will not be asking children to dress up as that is something we will be doing on our 'Tales and Teeth Exhibition' days later in the term.

Instead we are asking children and adults to **bring in books** that they have enjoyed but no longer need for our '**Big Bookshop Bookswap**'. This fits with our message of reusing and recycling, sharing and not wasting. Children /adults may bring in as many books as they like but they must be in **excellent** condition. Please don't use this as a chance to get rid of your rubbish! We are giving the message that we value and cherish books and reading. At school the children will write a little 'blurb' to explain why someone else should read their book. In the afternoon, at both sites, we will set up a bookshop and every child will have a chance to choose one book each. Additional books can be purchased for 50p. Norton Bookshop will be open until 3.45pm, Rode Bookshop will close at 4.30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and staff to also pick up some bargains.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

As detailed on our website calendar, dates and timings are as follows:

Wednesday 11th March 3:30 – 7:15pm, or
Wednesday 18th March 3:30 – 7:15pm

- Gruffalo Class with Mrs Muxworthy at Norton St Philip
- Elmer Class with Mrs Philips Norton St Philip
- Paddington Class with Mrs Duncan & Mrs Opie at Rode
- Wild Things Class with Miss Anderson and Mrs Vowell at Rode
- BFG Class with Mrs Slade at Rode

Your appointment will be for 15 minutes and there will be the opportunity to look at your child's work before your appointment so **please arrive 10 minutes early**. All appointments will finish promptly on time. Should any additional time be required, alternative arrangements will be made.

To book a Parent Consultation meeting with your child's teacher please sign up on the appointments list outside the **school office**. If you are unable to do so, please telephone either school office for appointment availability.

CALLING ALL SWIMMERS

Frome Lions Club Annual Sponsored Swim is taking place on the evening of Sunday 29th March and it would be fantastic if we could enter a school team or 2.

In order to volunteer for this team challenge, your child must be able to competently swim 50 metres unaided.

If your child would like to help raise money for our schools and local charities, please let Mrs Davis know via email sdavis3@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately we have had reports that these unwelcome visitors have returned. Please could I request that parents & carers check their children's hair regularly and treat any outbreaks with regular combing of wet hair covered in conditioner. To help prevent the spread of head lice children with long hair must have it tied back whilst at school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/treatment.aspx>

CORONAVIRUS

There are no positive COVID-19 cases in the South West, but local health and care services are prepared with well-rehearsed plans in place to deal with any potential outbreaks.

Should a case be confirmed anywhere in the country, Public Health England will contact all those who have come into close contact with them and give specific advice of what action to take.

Government advice is reviewed daily and updated regularly. For the latest information, advice and guidance, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our community page [here](#).

- **CBBC** are planning a show called Show Me the Honey in which they will supply four families with their own hive, bees and safety equipment and a mentor in the form of Steve Benbow of the London Honey Company. They will follow the child as they learn to manage their hive and at the end the child whose bees produce the best honey will win. They want to find children that are in four different regions. They are sending out a poster and application form in the next week or so. If you would like to receive these details please contact Diane at Diane.Roberts@bbka.org.uk
- Fitness Classes in the Palaiet Hall, Thursdays, 7pm with Sophie Hayward – details [here](#)
- After school “drop off” **Yoga class** at the Palaiet Hall, Norton St Philip every Thursday during term time. 9.15-10.15am with a cuppa afterwards. *More details [here](#).*
- Drop in to Rode Memorial Hall for Stephanie's Hatha **Yoga class** from 9.30-10.45am. More detail [here](#)