

NEWSLETTER 23

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STAFF NEWS

Sarah Davis has asked me to share with you the difficult news that on Monday her daughter, Emma, was diagnosed with acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. This is thankfully the most common treatable childhood cancer and all the talk is of a positive outcome. Although the next few weeks and years are going to be very difficult for the whole Davis family as Emma begins her chemotherapy treatment, I am certain the inspirationally positive Davis spirit will win through. Sarah will obviously not be in school for the foreseeable future but our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this life changing time.

Mrs Tommey

If you wish to contribute to leaving gifts for Angie Jefferys and Caroline Corke please give your donation through Parent Pay. Please could you do this as soon as possible as Angie's last day is Friday 20th March and Caroline's is 27th March.

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Playden has been appointed as our new Crossing Patrol at Norton St Philip and will commence on Monday 16th March. There are three occasions in the week when Sarah is unavailable Monday and Thursday afternoons and Tuesday mornings. Please contact Sam Nicol if you would be interested in filling one, two or all of these slots.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Many thanks to all the children and adults who brought in books for our 'Bookshop Bookswap' yesterday. There were some really beautiful books available, many of them brand new. It's lovely to see everyone really taking care of books and enjoying them. We kicked the day off with an assembly on both sites where we shared our favourite books. The children wrote reviews and recommendations of the books for their friends and then the swapping began!

Lots of books and stories were shared in class across the day and in Gruffalo Class they were so inspired they started writing their own books! Look out for the World Book day vouchers coming home today in book bags.

Mrs Muxworthy

TEAM RUBICON

What a fantastic time we had on Wednesday at Rode and Norton schools when children from all year groups channelled their inner 'Tony Hawks' and took on the challenge of

skateboarding! Please visit our website [here](#) to read more about the day's activities and view some fantastic photographs.

Miss Anderson

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.

FRANS NEWS

Save the date:

Friday April 3rd- **Big Easter Cafe in the Park** at Rode Playing Field, run by FRANS.3pm onwards. Easter snacks and activities

Saturday May 2nd 1-4pm - '**Spring Fling**' May Fair Mayhem on the Mead at Norton St Philip - all the details [here](#).

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Government Coronavirus action plan

On Tuesday, the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next.

The action plan can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Action plan overview

The action plan sets out a four phased approach in response to the Coronavirus – Contain, Delay, Mitigate, and Research, an approach designed by world leading experts. As there are cases of Coronavirus in the UK, the current emphasis is on the **Contain** and **Research** phases but planning for Delay and Mitigation is already in train. The action plan is a framework that outlines the types of options open to government in each of these four phases. However

this document is only a list of the types of measures they could consider – not those they are planning to implement.

As part of the **Contain** phase, the Government have been providing regularly updated advice about educational settings in England, which can be found on Public Health England's website. **Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.**

Please note: if Rode and Norton St Philip School Federation is instructed to close, we will notify everyone using our normal school closure protocols:-

- [Somerset School Closure Website](#)
- [School Website Homepage](#)
- **TEXT – Do we have your up-to-date mobile number?**
- **Radio – BBC Somerset: 95.5FM or 1566AM and Heart FM:96.5/97.1 or 102.6FM**
- **Posters on the school gates**

The importance of hygiene

Yesterday, the Department of Health and Social Care launched a public information campaign that focuses on the importance of handwashing. Washing hands for 20 seconds is central to prevent and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing>

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday we launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our community page [here](#).

- Rode Chapel – Hear all about your postie Andy's travels to New Zealand with tea and cake. Sunday 29th March at 3pm. More details [here](#).
- Fitness Classes in the Palairret Hall, Thursdays, 7pm with Sophie Hayward – details [here](#)
- After school "drop off" **Yoga class** at the Palairret 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](#)

