

# RODE AND NORTON ST PHILIP SCHOOL FEDERATION: NEWSLETTER 06

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## TRAFFIC DISRUPTION AT RODE ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Please be aware that there is likely to be considerable traffic disruption outside Rode School during the day, but most particularly between **2pm-5pm**, on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** due to the extensive farm sale at Townsend Farm, Straight Lane, Rode. It is expected that there could be a substantial turnout to the auction, as it has received considerable publicity nationally, and that as a result a large number of tractors, small lorries, Land Rovers etc. will be removing their purchases throughout the afternoon causing congestion and traffic disruption.

Given the very awkward access to Townsend Farm, I suggest that parents at Rode do not to park on Straight Lane or the High Street near the school and do not use the lanes if possible as it is very likely you will meet several tractors pulling large equipment. **As the weather forecast is sunny for next week, a walk from the Playing Field car park, The Mill Car Park, The Cross Keys Car Park or from the other end of the High Street might be a better and less stressful option for those of you who need to drive to school.** Many thanks to the Parish Playing Field Association, The Cross Keys & The Mill for agreeing to parents using their car parks on this day.

The rear gate to the school site will be open for parents parking in the Playing Field car park. A path runs from the stile in the bottom corner of the Playing Field along the edge of the Brewery housing development and into the rear of the school.

## IG SPORTS STAY & PLAY PICK UP PROTOCOL AT RODE

- Please enter via the pedestrian gate (close after use)
- Sanitise hands
- Follow the floor arrows towards the rear of the hall
- Please wait, socially distancing, near the windows
- Your child will be released to you by an adult
- Leave through the car park and back out of the gate (closing on exit)

## INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS

Nigel Coles, our school photographer will be visiting each school to take an individual school photograph your child. Rode on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October (Morning), and Norton St Philip on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Morning). To maintain our class bubbles and comply with our Covid Risk Assessment we will be unable to offer sibling photographs this year.

## FRANS NEWS

Happily, a small team (of no more than 6!) were able to meet up last week to see if we had any Covid-friendly ideas for our much-needed fundraising. Friends of Rode and Norton Schools is our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association, a charity that usually raises at least £10,000 a year to support the children's learning experience in school.

Obviously some of our biggest events have not been able to run this year including the Cake Sales, Spring Fling, Barn Dance and our Festival. We are keen to make the best of a bad situation so have come up with some fun activities that can still take place this term.

All parents at school are automatically members of FRANS but if you would like to get more involved with organising and helping at events then you are very welcome to come along to our meetings, which usually take place in the pub. As the current situation dictates, our next meet-up will be on Zoom so hopefully we can get the whole team together and not just 6! Please email [GMuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:GMuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk) if you would like to come along. No talent too small!

Coming soon:

Our very own Rode and Norton School Calendar will be available to purchase before Christmas and will include the children's creations.

A 'Design a Face Mask' Competition, the best of which will be produced for sale.

Our much-loved Santa Dash goes virtual this year so there will still be chance to dress-up and run through the streets with your family members at a time of your choosing.

On the weekend of December 12th, we will be launching our 'Winter Wonderland', which will run until December 24th in both Norton St. Philip and Rode villages.

We are looking for creative households and businesses that would be able to host an illuminated window display, which links to our clue trail. You need to have a window that is viewable from the street in either of the villages. If you would like to host a window or don't live in either village but could create a window for somebody else then please email Mrs. Muxworthy before October 22nd. We would love as many people as possible to get involved in giving our communities a beautiful Christmas.

## **PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY - REMINDER**

Our Federation Board of Governors currently has a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are a parent or carer of a child attending either Rode or Norton St Philip School with an enthusiasm for education and a little spare time we need you! More information on the role of a Governor can be found [here](#). Nominations forms can be downloaded from the [governors' information page](#) on the school website.

## **FLU VACCINATIONS**

The Immunisation Team have sent the following information: -

'It has been drawn to our attention that letters regarding the flu vaccination (including a barcode) have been sent to parents; this letter has been sent from a central system and has caused lots of confusion but unfortunately is out of our control.'

'Please reassure parents that this does not affect any consent forms that have already been submitted to our team. **Parents do not need to bring letters to school;** we will be submitting vaccination data to child health using demographic information ie NHS Number, Names, Dates of Birth and Postcode, as we do every year. Subsequent letters may be received and should be seen to act as reminder.'

The dates of the flu vaccinations are:

Rode school: – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Norton St Philip School: - 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Think Football Coaching** with Martin Phillips will be running holiday football sessions in Rode during half term. More information [here](#).

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