

RODE AND NORTON ST PHILIP SCHOOL FEDERATION: NEWSLETTER 08

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SNAPSHOTS

As we are currently unable to invite you into our classrooms we thought you may like a weekly 'snapshot' of all the exciting things your children are doing in school. Classes will take it in turns and this week we kick off with Elmer Class.....

A SNAPSHOT OF ELMER CLASS

This week we have been exploring the school grounds, taking photos and creating messy maps. On Tuesday, we went on a walk around the village to explore the local area and ended up at the park. We thought about the materials each piece of play equipment was made from and why and also what equipment we liked the best. Back in the classroom, we then thought about what would make our school grounds better. Here are a few of our playground dreams; a fairy garden, a climbing frame, tents, stables, a real football pitch with goals and apple trees so that we can pick our own fruit at snack time. Our next job is to write a letter to Mrs Tommey and see what she thinks of our ideas!

In Literacy, we have been reading the story of Snow White and this week we received a letter from Prince Charming asking us to help him capture the Wicked Queen. Elmer Class were very excited to receive such an important request and so busily created WANTED posters to put up in the enchanted forest.

In maths, we have been creating word problems to match addition sums and we have also been learning how to draw maths pictures to help us solve simple addition calculations. And lastly a big thank you to all Elmer Class parents who helped their children create a 3D firework, they were all amazing and all so completely different. Our display looks fantastic!
Mrs Phillips

MEET YOUR TEACHER MEETINGS

Your child's class teacher will be in contact with you, after our half term break, to arrange a meeting to discuss your child's targets and progress this term. Teachers will offer a mixture of face-to-face meetings, virtual meetings or telephone calls. We will aim for all meetings to take place during the weeks of **16th and 23rd November 2020**.

INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS FOR ELMER AND GRUFFALO CLASSES

Nigel Coles, our school photographer will be visiting Norton St Philip School to take an individual school photograph of your child on Friday 23rd October (Morning). Please could all children in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes wear school uniform on Friday. Elmer Class will not need their PE kits, however Gruffalo Class will need a pair of joggers, in a named carrier bag, to change into for the Forest School activities.

COVID CONTROL MEASURES

To limit the transmission of Covid-19 toys and other items must NOT be brought into school unless requested by your child's class teacher.

School uniform will no longer be optional and should be worn by all pupils from Tuesday 3rd November.

INSET DAY

The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 2nd November for an INSET day.

WINTER WINDOW WANDERLAND

Many thanks to the parents and businesses that have already offered to host a window on our Christmas trail. We need lots more to make a good trail so please do get in touch if you would like to be part of this new fundraising event and have a window viewable from the street.

We are particularly looking for properties in Rode along the High Street, The Old Brewery, Lower Street, Church Lane and Nutts Lane.

In Norton St. Philip, we would welcome houses on Bell Hill, The Barton, North Street and The High Street. Please email me if you would like to get involved. I know where you all live so I might be getting in touch to encourage you!

Many thanks, Mrs Muxworthy (GMuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

YEAR 1 - FOOTBALL CLUB

There are just **6 spaces left** to join Martin Phillips, our professional football coach, at a fun Football Club for Year 1 children on Thursdays between 3.15pm and 4.15pm. The club will run for 7 weeks commencing Thursday 7th November. The cost will be £31.50 (£4.50 per session) places can be booked via your ParentPay account.

To pay by instalments please contact the school office. If your child is in receipt of free school meals please contact Sam Nicol snicol@educ.somerset.gov.uk as it may be possible to offer funded places.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS FOR YEARS 2, 3 and 4

After half term, Ros Jackson will resume her ever-popular private piano lessons and Marc Bendell will again be offering his drum-tastic drumming lessons. More information including costs can be found [here](#). **Private music lessons are now available to book via your ParentPay account.**

POPPY APPEAL

Covid restrictions will prevent us from selling poppies or Poppy Appeal associated children's merchandise in school this year. However, because every poppy counts in supporting the Armed Forces Charity and the Royal British Legion, you may wish to consider a donation to the [Poppy Appeal here](#).

OPEN DAYS 2020

Here is our menu of Open Day opportunities for prospective parents 2020-21:

1. Our Open Day Film showing what makes our Federation of schools so special will be available on our website and on our Facebook page from **Tuesday 3rd November**.
2. Open Day Tours will be held between **3.30pm and 4.30pm** on **Tuesdays 3rd & 10th November & Thursday 5th & 12th November**. These tours will include visits to all classrooms in Norton St Philip and an opportunity to talk with our headteacher, Carolyn Tommey, and Reception (Gruffalo Class) Teacher, Georgina Muxworthy.
3. Individual tours can also be arranged by appointment during November and December. If these are in school time, the tours will be limited to meeting our Headteacher and a tour of our outside areas.

Please call us on 01373 830523 or email snicol@educ.somerset.gov.uk to book a tour. We look forward to meeting you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lisa's Army Charity – Drop and shop. Drop off any no longer needed uniform, shop for donated uniform, all proceeds to Lisa's Army, a charity helping people with terminal cancer. Please ring Lesley on 07964 993092 (uniform currently available: Trinity, Vallis, St Johns, Christchurch, Hayesdown, Oakfield, Selwood and Frome College).

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

Unlikely heroes- light party - You are invited to join a virtual, online 'Unlikely Heroes- Light party' on 3rd October. This has been produced by Bath and Surrounding Villages Church Children's Workers Group of which Sue Rodford is part. Please register by 23rd Oct for a free party pack to accompany the Light Party, which will be delivered, to your home. www.unlikely-heroes-light-party.evenbrite.co.uk

There will be lots of fun, games, songs, puppets and crafts.

Sue

Children's Worker Hardington Vale Parish

Frome Community Exhibition. Free tickets are now available for teachers, students and parents to attend the Frome Community Exhibition. This is a collaborative local effort to gather the creative things that have been happening during lockdown, so that we can all come together (in a socially distanced way) to bear witness to these extraordinary times.

We'd be very grateful if you could forward this information to anyone who might be interested. The exhibition will be held from 23rd-25th October at the Welshmill Hub, Frome. [Free tickets can be booked by clicking here.](#)

This exhibition should be of special interest to those who have been feeling disconnected and isolated, as a chance to see what others have been through and how they have responded.

Carolyn Tommey and Georgina Muxworthy
Executive Head Teacher and Acting Head (Mondays)
Rode and Norton St Philip School Federation