

RODE AND NORTON ST PHILIP SCHOOL FEDERATION: NEWSLETTER 12

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A SNAPSHOT OF BFG CLASS

Down, down, down into the rabbit hole the BFGs have been delving! With talking animals, rabbits that are late, potions that shrink and wonderful tea parties, Alice in Wonderland has certainly sparked BFG's imaginations. Making their own potion recipes was an absolute favourite. With their wellies on and containers in hand, BFGs went foraging around the countryside collecting a wealth of possible ingredients. Berries were crushed, leaves were chopped and pounded until the potions were ready to be bottled.

In literacy, BFGs were sent on a mission to imagine and describe what they might see, hear or feel if they were Alice falling down a rabbit hole and what was behind an imaginary door into a new world! Using all the skills they've been learning including fronted adverbials, similes, metaphors, homophones and expanded noun phrases, they'll soon be ready for our big adventure write.

STEAM has been a focus this term with BFG learning about the properties of solids, liquids and gases. One of the questions asked was, 'does gas have a weight'? BFGs had a great time experimenting with different types of fizzy drinks! First, weigh the bottle of pop, then shake vigorously for 20 seconds, slowly release the gas, finally re-weigh the bottle. The process was repeated several times and their results recorded. Each time the bottles were lighter, so, BFGs concluded that gas does have a weight. In another experiment BFGs looked at a substance called, 'Oobleck'. Is it a solid....is it a liquid? No, it's Oobleck! It is known as a 'non-Newtonian fluid', as it behaves differently to a solid or a liquid, it becomes a solid when tapped and a liquid when touched gently. We definitely have some budding Einstein's in BFG class!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

There will be a special Christmas lunch menu on **Wednesday 16th December**. Norton St. Philip School will have a traditional Christmas lunch and Rode School a Christmas packed lunch. Links to the Christmas lunch menus can be found below or they are also available on our school [website](#).

[Rode School Christmas menu](#)

[Norton St Philip School Christmas menu](#)

The meal will cost the normal amount of £2.30 per meal for Year 3 & 4 children, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be entitled to a free meal as part of their Universal Infant Free School Meal entitlement. All meals **MUST** be ordered in advance using ParentPay. The menu currently displayed on ParentPay for Wednesday 16th December is now void and is

replaced by the Christmas meal. Please select either the meat or vegetarian option. If you have already ordered, a meal for Wednesday 16th December this will automatically convert to the Christmas meal and you do not need to order again.

All meals need to be pre-ordered and paid for, if applicable, by midnight on **Tuesday 8th December**. The system will not allow you to book outside of these parameters and we cannot accommodate late orders. If you have not had a chance to place an order in time, your child must bring a packed lunch into school with them.

CHRISTMAS BAUBLES BUBBLES AND CARDS!

Due to Covid-19 restrictions children and adults are asked to give Christmas cards only **within** class bubbles at school this year. Staff have suggested that any monies saved could be donated to charities such as [Crisis at Christmas 2020](#). Many thanks for your continued cooperation.

PLAYLEADER VACANCIES

We are recruiting for two new posts of Playleader, one at each site. We are looking for fun, friendly, firm but fair, playful people, who enjoy working outside and spending time developing children's play. Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk/join-us/work-with-us/>

FRANS NEWS

Calendars

Don't forget to purchase your calendars including work from all the children. Available from Rode Village Store for £7.50 or you can order them via this Paypal link and they will be delivered if you live in Norton st. Philip or Rode. <https://py.pl/owEL1>

Winter Window Wanderland In Norton and Rode

The Christmas elves are busy preparing their festive windows for our trail which runs from **12th-21st December**. You can download and print your trail map by following this link <https://fb.me/e/gvXt7OZPj> or buy a paper copy at Rode Village Store or The Cross Keys. (We have tried to find a NSP venue willing to sell them for us but no luck yet)

Fund raising via AmazonSmile

Parents and Carers can support FRANS fund raising by simply shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1070284-0 or with AmazonSmile on in the Amazon Shopping app. AmazonSmile donates to Friends of Rode and Norton Schools at no extra cost.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

UNLIKELY HEROES ONLINE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Register your details by 11th December and receive a free party pack delivered to your house. Join the Unlikely Heroes team for fun, games, songs and crafts to find the real meaning of Christmas. The online video will be published on our YouTube channel and you can join us anytime from 19th Dec- 3rd Jan for an online Christmas party. To register for free: <https://unlikely-heroes-christmas.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sue (Hardington Vale Children and Family Worker)

THE MERLIN THEATRE, Frome, is delighted that our charming family Christmas show - "**Bea and the Winter Winds**" - will run from 16th - 19th Dec. Tickets from £7.50 for children (babes in arms, no fee). Join feisty young Bea on an exciting and daring journey of discovery, deceit and adventure as we celebrate the triumph of warmth and family over wicked forces. Six shows over 4 days, including a '*RELAXED PERFORMANCE*' during Sat.19th; changes in sound levels, lighting etc. plus several adjustments to ensure this experience is as inclusive as possible for all. Strictly limited number of booking-only tickets available at all shows to allow for Covid-aware socially distanced seating. (No walk-ups). Full details of times, prices www.merlintheatre.co.uk or contact merlintheatreoffice@gmail.com

ZOOM YOGA WITH STEPHANIE - RODE'S YOGA TEACHER.

1h live online classes from the comfort of your own home - £6 - with a different focus each week. FIRST CLASS FREE! Every Tuesday @ 7.30pm & Friday @ 9.30am throughout November and December 2020 Plus get a video recording of the class sent direct to your inbox each week so you can practice as often as you like, at a time that suits you! Contact yogawithstephanieharrison@gmail.com / 07780 601 381

Click here to view a bonus "Calming Breathing Exercise": <https://vimeo.com/user126538015/download/478062423/55b9529092>