

RODE AND NORTON ST PHILIP SCHOOL FEDERATION: NEWSLETTER 27

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Muxworthy

Happy Egg Easter Challenge

A cracking good day yesterday in the Federation! Both school halls were filled with a fabulous display of creative thinking. We challenged our children to decorate eggs to make us smile and laugh and they rose to the occasion. Very well done to everyone that took part and helped to fill the school with happiness. There were some fabulous pandemic themed eggs, rabbits and chicks, Marvel's Avengers, Harry Potter and eggs dreaming of ice creams and the seaside. Some eggs were illuminated, there were animal eggs and even Donald Trump eggs. Congratulations to the prize winners who made us laugh longest and loudest. Gruffalo winners were Sammy with a hospital full of eggs queuing for their 'injeeggition' and lots of funny signs, William's chicken and egg race and Ottilie's 'Eggcited for Easter haircuts'. It was almost too hard to choose a winner in Elmer Class. We laughed a lot at Mostyn's postcard from the eggs on the nudist beach. Camille's unicorn eggs were beautiful. Willa's Loch Ness Monsters linked nicely with our learning about Scotland. Also Highly Commended were Amelie's 'Eggsplotion' and Eddie's Darth Vader and Yoda.

All the staff very much enjoyed Flora's 'Breaking News' update with Boris Johnson and Chris Whitty! Also in Paddington Class was Ffion's scene from 'Matilda' with moving parts and Blaize's cheeky staff meeting!

In Wildthings Pippa continued the pandemic trend by depicting a Joe Wicks workout and loo roll hoarding! Alice presented a beautiful collection of rabbits and Faberge eggs. Billie's egg was looking forward to a hot bath, complete with J-cloth shower curtain. Jacob's holiday egg and camper van was Highly Commended. Things got more technical in Year 4 and Gryff had created a marvellous hospital scene including a working bedside buzzer for his Covid-egg and visors for the doctor eggs. Louis' egg was celebrating a negative test result with patients wrapped in loo-roll and Charlie's scene summed up Mrs Slade's lockdown classroom perfectly! Thank you for all taking part so enthusiastically and with such imagination.

Photos of the winning eggs are on the news feed on the [website](#). We would have loved to invite all the parents in, like usual, to view the eggshibition but instead we have created two videos to take you on a tour around the display:

<https://sway.office.com/WAEpUxhdr2S0iFHZ?ref=email>

After-School Club Bookings

There are now limited spaces available in our after-school clubs which start after Easter. Please book as soon as possible.

Year 1 Football Club at NSP with Martin Phillips, Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm, starts Thursday April 22nd. Email Lisa Lambourne to book: LLambourne@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Year 4 Dramakarma Club with Kevin Ross and Chloe George, Thurs. 3-4pm starts Thursday April 22nd

Kevin and Chloe have been busy planning their sessions to link in with next term's topic and will hopefully lead to a performance at the end of term, which we will aim to share with parents. Please visit www.dramakarma.co.uk/rode/ to find out more details and sign up.

Year 3 Music Club at Rode with Emily Hampson, Wednesday 3-4pm, starts Wednesday April 28th

"Hello! My name is Emily Hampson and I am very excited to be working alongside Drama Karma to offer a new Singing Group at Rode. I have been teaching classroom music for 5 years and have also worked for companies such as Stagecoach Theatre School in the past, as well as performing and recording my own music around this. I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with the young people of Rode to explore their voices and create performances in a variety of musical styles, and regularly showcase this to their family and friends. To sign up, please visit <http://dramakarma.co.uk/rode/>

Minibus Bookings

All parents who made a booking should now have had confirmation of their place via phone or email. Please direct all Minibus booking queries to Tina Tarbrooke in the Rode office or email TTarbrooke@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Covid Reporting during the Easter Break

If your child receives a positive lateral flow test the government have now changed the guidelines and request that you then can go and get a PCR test at a testing site to confirm that the result is correct. There have been a number of false positives meaning schools had to close bubbles unnecessarily. If your child has a positive PCR test result before 7th April please email GMuxworthy@educ.somerset.gov.uk

FRANS Chicks on Sticks!

All the children in school have delivered their chick designs to the FRANS team ready for the trail which starts on Good Friday. The week of April 2nd-9th will see our trailblazing nature trail with a twist. Called **Chicks on Sticks** we're excited about this one. All the children across both sites have designed a chick each which will be adorned in the lanes and paths around Rode and Norton St. Philip. We'll provide route maps and the rest is down to you, enjoy the countryside we're lucky to have around us while searching out your child/children's chick. Maps are £5 and can be bought online here: <https://chicksonsticks.eventbrite.co.uk> There may even be prizes!

Uniform Shop

FRANS have started a second hand uniform shop – if you have any uniform that you don't want any more please drop it off at either school office (mark the items for Lisa Lambourne's attention). If you are looking for some uniform please email Friendsrodenorton@gmail.com & someone from the FRANS team will contact you. There won't be any cost for the items but we ask that you make a donation to FRANS if you end up having any items

I really hope the sun keeps shining over the next two weeks and everyone has a fabulous break. It will be so good to be able to travel a bit further and see friends and family outside. Please keep following the rules so we can continue to keep all our bubbles open when we return on Monday April 19th. Have a fabulous Easter holiday

Best wishes

George Muxworthy
Head Teacher
Rode and Norton Federation

History on your doorstep

Wondering what to do in the school holidays...?! On **Saturday 10th April** in St Philip and St James church, Norton St Philip - we are holding a **Gift Day**! Why?... because we have permission to remove the central pews in the church and are creating a large flexible space for the whole community to use. Part of our vision is to create a 'History corner' celebrating the history of Norton St Philip - using archive material that at the moment is still with families in the village. So all day on the 10th, **10am - 4pm**, church will be open and playing on a big screen footage of the reenactment of the Monmouth Rebellion, taken about 15 years ago. The whole thing runs for about 40mins!

**** please remember social distancing and wear a mask**

Look forward to seeing you

Caroline
Rector

Mini Breakfast Church

The next Mini Breakfast Church will be on Sunday 11th April on zoom 9.30am-10.00am. Please register with Caroline for your zoom invitation.

Email : carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

Our theme will be 'Lost and Found'.

Also, look for family activities on the parish website in the Children Worker News section <https://hardingtonvale.org.uk>

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Journey to Hope

Come and experience Easter! St Philip and St James Church will be open with an interactive display from Mon 29th March – Fri 2nd of April from 9am-5pm. Household bubbles with children are welcome to walk round the church and enjoy the flowers and the displays and there will be covid-safe activities as well! It is all risk assessed and so please observe social

distancing, masks etc... But please do come – everyone is very welcome!!! (N.B. There will be a hour's pause from this activity on Good Friday (2nd April) from 2-3 pm.)

The Hope Tree!

Have you seen the Hope Tree in the churchyard opposite the school? Why don't you make something that makes you feel happy or hopeful and hang it on the Hope Tree! Let's see how beautiful we can make it ready for Easter!