



Spring Term

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FEDERATION NEWS –

Another good week has whizzed by. I can't believe how quickly time flies!

Winter weather – you may have noticed that there are weather reports predicting that there may be some cold weather and even snow on its way. Please could you make sure that your children bring a coat to school. In the case of snow we have the following procedure: The schools will be assessed to ensure that there is access to running water, electricity and heat. If all or part of the school needs to close we will enter the information onto Devon Closed schools website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure/>. We will also put it onto the homepage of the school website and our school Facebook page. The key reasons that a school would close are always centred around safety e.g. staffing levels and access to basic amenities. If there is snow and the school is open please make sure that the children bring into school a coat, hat and gloves and especially wellies! If you are in any doubt – please check the school website to make sure.

Attendance letters – We have carried out our routine half-termly review of pupil's attendance. We will be sending letters to all parents whose children have low attendance. We have a duty to keep parents informed of their children's low attendance and hope that all children attend the maximum number of sessions available to give them the most learning opportunities. If any parent would like to discuss their child's attendance following receipt of these letters- please let me know.

Toddler Group – Held on Mondays from 1.45pm – 2.45pm at St Rumon's CE School. All families are welcome and refreshments are available. Please come along for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

Key Letters Issued this week

- Y2 Admissions chasers
- Attendance letters
- Y4 Residential Letter
- Y4 Day of Dance

ST PETER'S NEWS

Lost Glasses – Jazmine Carpenter has lost two pairs of reading glasses featuring the Disney character Moana – one pink pair and one blue pair – If found please contact the school office.

Clubs – Please note that there are currently 4 spaces remaining at Hockey club on a Tuesday and 11 spaces left at Table Tennis Club on a Friday. Both are paid clubs – please contact the office if you wish to take one of these spaces.

Music Awards – Congratulations to the following pupils who have recently passed music exams!

Ella Whitford – Grade 2 (with merit) in Piano
Eva Brown – Grade 1 (with distinction) in Piano
Izzy Hutton – Grade 1 in Piano
Ewan Dix – Grade 3 in Trumpet
Tom Brown – Grade 3 in Trumpet
Fin Ross – Grade 2 (with merit) in Cornet

Parking – Please could we respectfully remind parents that they are not permitted to park within school grounds at pick up or drop off in the interests of our children's safety. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Junior School applications- The closing date for applications for junior school places is 15th January 2017. The online application system will not be available after this date and any applications received after this date will be marked as 'late'. Parents can contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 for a form if they do not have any access to making an online application.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week for next week will be the letter “L”. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this letter. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Hazel Stead, Oliver Henderson & William Chappell. Well done also to Tavy Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frames and scooters.

ERIC - We would like Every Child Reading in Class. If you can spare half an hour every Friday at 2.30pm to come into St Rumon's school and listen to children read, please let your class teacher know. We would appreciate as many adults as possible to share books with children. Thank you.

Church News

- **Wednesday 1st March** – Schools communion for Ash Wednesday at 9am at St Eustachius – all children to be dropped to the church for 8.50am – we will then walk the children up to school
- **Friday 31st March** - End of Term Church Service

SPRING TERM 2017– Diary Dates

Monday 16 January -Year 4 Dance Festival

Wednesday 18 January - Year 5/6 Sportshall West Devon Finals

Wednesday 25 January 2017 – PTA AGM – 7.30pm

Wednesday 1 February - Year 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey

Thursday 9 February - Cross Country Tavistock Primary (1st of 3)

Tuesday 28 February - Year 5/6 cross country Castle Drogo

Tuesday 28th February – **St Rumon's Class Photos**

Thursday 23-24 February 2017: Year 4 Residential - Pixies Holt, Dartmoor Outdoor Adventure Centre

Wednesday 1st March – Schools communion for Ash Wednesday at 8.50am at St Eustachius

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Friday 3rd March – St Peter's class photos

Wednesday 8 March - Cross Country Whitchurch Down (2nd of 3)

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th March – Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 15 March - Cross Country - venue to be confirmed - (3rd of 3)

Wednesday 15 March - Friday 17 March 2017: Year 5 Residential - London.

Sunday 19 March - Tavy 13 Primary Challenge

Tuesday 21 March - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Friday 24th March – Comic Relief Day

Thursday 30 March - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala

Friday 31st March – Easter Church Service at 2pm

SUMMER TERM 2017

Monday 15- Friday 19 May 2017: Year 6 Residential - Wye Valley

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tavistock Cooperative Learning Trust AGM - The rescheduled Trust AGM will be held at 5.30pm on Monday 30 January 2017 in The Innovation Centre, Tavistock College. All parents, carers and staff are warmly invited to attend.

Burrator Reservoir Activities

➤ **Family Wildlife Watch Sessions 10.30am-12.30pm**

We meet at Burrator Discovery Centre. Each session will involve some wildlife/heritage focused games and a practical activity, followed by hot chocolate & biscuits. £1 per person. Please wear old clothes & sturdy footwear.

Sunday 29 January – Birds are Brilliant

Sunday 26 February – Trees are changing

Sunday 19 March – A Railway Adventure

➤ **Family Activity Day - Wednesday 15 February - 10am –3.30pm**

Activities will include a combination of nature trails, wildlife art, games, practical activities and marshmallow toasting. It will cost £1 per person and you can just drop in, no need to book.

Plymouth Junior Badminton Tournament – Sunday 5th February – 9am - U11 singles/ doubles/ mixed doubles.£5 entry Entry forms available from the school office .