



**FEDERATION NEWS** - Another fantastic week in school. I am looking forward to Sports Day tomorrow so let's hope that the weather stays fine for that.

**Mathletics** – we are in the process of setting up Mathletics for our current Y2-Y5 children. This is an online resource that the children will be able to log on to and compliment their mathematics from school. We are just learning how to use it and then we will hand out log-ins to children. Your child may already have a log-in. If this is the case it is because we needed some guinea pigs to test it on! I think that it is a really good and useful resource that will be handy for children, teachers and parents and I look forward to launching this fully over the next few weeks.



**New Parent Governor** – We are delighted to advise you that Joanne Galli, whose daughter is in Foundation, has been appointed as our new parent governor. We wish Jo every success and good luck with her new role.

**Ties** – It's got to that time where children are free to take off their ties. Please could this be **from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June and not before**. Please could I also ask that you keep them easy to locate at home as there will be some school events where the children are asked to wear them.

**Sports Day** – This will be held at St Peter's CE Junior School tomorrow - Friday 22nd June – (St Peter's children will have theirs in the morning – 9.30am start; and St Rumon's children will come up in the afternoon for 12.30 start.) It will be lovely to see as many parents there as can make it. Unfortunately, the British weather is not always predictable and so, please could you ensure that children have hats, sunscreen and plenty to drink on that day. Additionally, if it is slightly damp then a waterproof coat would be useful. We will send a text if we need to cancel. The decision to cancel a sports day will be made on the quality of ground underfoot.

**The PTA will be serving refreshments at the Sports Day, so please let us know or leave your names at either school office, if you are able to help out for an hour or two between 9am and 3pm**

**Summer Fair** – this is taking place TOMORROW - Friday the 22nd of June, from 15h30 - 18h00, at St Peter's, after Sports Day. Everyone is welcome! We also need wine bottles (both full and empty bottles) for the Water or Wine Game, so please could donations be left at either school office. We need to borrow gazebos to keep the sun (or rain) off the children at Sports Day and the stalls at the Summer Fair, so please let us know if you have one we could use, or leave it at either school office if you have one.

As the Summer Fair is at St Peter's, we are requesting St Peter's pupils to bring in eats for the refreshments stall - please bring in cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, scones, or other eats suitable for the Refreshments Stall to school on Friday the 22nd of June. (We will ask St Rumon's pupils to do the same for the Christmas Fair at St Rumon's in December).

**Parent Support Service** - Recognising that being a parent or carer to a child or young person can often be difficult without support and guidance, Action for Children have launched a new national parent support service. They are offering an innovative approach by using a network of 'virtual' volunteers from across the country to support parents through telephone calls, emails and text messages .

The parent support service aims to:

- Provide immediate support for parents and carers in need
- Help parents with practical information, guidance and support
- Provide longer term, regular one-to-one befriending support to parents feeling isolated

- Provide emotional and listening support to help parents and carers
- Help parents and carers understand and access relevant services and information

**How it works:**

The service uses a team of trained volunteers with knowledge and experience of managing the challenges of parenthood. It uses four types of trained volunteers, each providing specific aspects of support or expertise.

**Parent Helpline Volunteer** – these are the first point of contact for parents and carers accessing the service. They provide a range of immediate support as well as signposting callers to other volunteers.

**Virtual Parent Befriender** – providing one to one weekly support sessions to parents and carers, focusing on practical parenting information, listening and emotional support.

**Virtual Expert** – providing our virtual befrienders and parent helpline volunteers with the information and expertise they need in key areas such as health, education, housing, social care, legal etc. to be able to help parents more effectively.

**Virtual Counsellor** – Providing 6-8 sessions of counselling and more in depth support to parents and carers referred to them by other service volunteers.

Any parent or carer from anywhere in the UK can get in touch with the service via telephone, text message or email using the below details.

**Telephone:** 0808 802 0222 **Text message:** 07537 404 282 **Email:** [NDPSS@family-action.org.uk](mailto:NDPSS@family-action.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/dpss/](http://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/dpss/)

**School Gateway** – Our online booking system has gone live for After School Club – thank you for all your patience as we ensure that the initial set up is working- Please do come and see us if you have any queries or difficulties in using the new system so that we can help you



You will eventually be able to make payments via credit and debit card, view balances and give online consent for activities . It will become the booking system for Breakfast Club and School Dinners. We hope that you will find School Gateway a valuable way to keep up to date.

**PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS DOWNLOAD THE APP/ SET UP A SCHOOL GATEWAY ACCOUNT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE US TO INTRODUCE THE ONLINE PAYMENT / MESSAGING SYSTEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.**

**What you need to do now**

- **Download the app:** If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone).
- **Visit the website:** [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on ‘New User’. You’ll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

**Can’t activate your account?**

If you’re having trouble activating your School Gateway account, it may be because school doesn’t have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we’ll update the details on our system. **NB: At present, the app is only being used for After School Club.**

**Toddler Group** – Please note our toddler group is held at St Rumon’s on Mondays and has a new starting time of 1.30pm and will run until 2.45pm. All families are welcome and refreshments are available. Please come along for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**The Vestry Group** - This is a group for children that meets during the family service each Sunday at 9.45 in the school newsletter. It is run by a team of 3 and provides craft activities linking to the theme of the main service. Informal and fun. Please come along!

**Child Focused Family Services** - Please see dates for **additional** child focused family services at St Eustachius. These services will be a Family Worship service and held once a month for the next few

months, with refreshments available from 11:15 am and the actual service beginning at 11:30 am in church. **The service will aim to last for no longer than 40 minutes.**

#### **Messy Church @ St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock**

Drop in from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the church. Come along for –Hospitality (hot meal);Crafts, activities and games (lots of messy fun); Friendship (for all the family);Fellowship (short Bible based celebration). All the family welcome (children accompanied by an adult please). There is no charge for Messy Church, but donations are welcome. Contact Sarah on 07929911892 or [sarah.pendle0@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.pendle0@gmail.com)

**Messy Church @ Tavistock Methodist Church Tavistock – 4.30-6.30pm . A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal. (Date: July 12th)**

#### **ST PETER'S NEWS**

**Devon Music Mix** – Thank you to Miss Plato and Mrs Shopland who helped take our Year 5 children to the Devon Music Mix yesterday – they all had a wonderful time and had the opportunity to try out a variety of different music styles and instruments from Gospel singing to ceilidh dancing to writing an opera in an hour!

**Lost Property** – Thomas Bowhay has lost his black lace up Clarks school shoes – size 5. If found please hand into the school office. Thanks.

**Musical Showcase** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Open to all – Doors open at 5.30pm – no tickets required. Please come along and enjoy the Choir and individual musical performances by pupils (please can all performers be there for 5.30pm).

**Staff Leaving Gifts**–Mrs Donna Collacott will be leaving at the end of this term to look after her grandchildren and enable her daughter –in-law to pursue a full-time teaching career, having worked at our school for many years and supported so many of our children. If any parents would like to make a donation towards a leaving gift for either Mrs Lewis or Mrs Collacott - please hand this into either school office.

**Quad Kids** – Congratulations to our Quad Kids Team who went to the Devon County Finals at Brickfields yesterday – They won the event!!

**Triathlon** – Congratulations to our Triathletes -  
In summary -

**1st 3/4 team** St Andrew's, **2nd St Peter's**, 3rd Whitchurch.

1st Boy - Dan Lindsay (St Andrew's), 2nd Jamie Carlton, 3rd James Waites (both Whitchurch)

1st Girl - **Orla White (St Peter's)**, 2nd Miley Lake (Tavistock), 3rd Emily Fletcher (Whitchurch)

**1st 5/6 team** - St Andrew's A, 2nd Whitchurch, 3rd Tavistock

1st Boy - Joel Lake (Tavistock), 2nd Henry Fletcher (Whitchurch), 3rd Rory Cox (St Andrew's)

1st Girl - Holly Cole (Lewtrenchard), **2nd Lara Dix (St Peter's)**, 3rd Elsie Maguire (Whitchurch)



## ST RUMON'S NEWS

**Sports Day – Fri 22 June – Menu Change** – please note the menu for Friday 22 June has changed as follows: M/Hot Dogs V/Vegetarian Hot Dogs JP/Cheese & Beans PM/Beef or Cheese Roll

**Breakfast Club** – Please note that breakfast is served between 7.45 am and 8.15 am. We will not be able to provide breakfast after this time. Thank you.

**Mobile Phones** – as part of our Safeguarding policy use of mobile phones on school premises is not permitted. Can we please therefore remind all adults of this and ask that you ensure you end any phone conversations before you enter the premises. Thank you.

**Wellie Boots** – we are looking to redesign our garden area and would be grateful for donations of any old wellie boots you have at home that you no longer need. Thanks in advance.

**Fact of the Week Badge** – The fact of the week next week will be synonyms for the word thin ie, slim. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with examples of other synonyms. 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 Pearl Fogarty, Alisha Holmes & Oliver Emptage. Well done also to Lynher Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frame and scooters.

## LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Choir Performances

## Spring Term 2018 Dates:

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Sports Day at St Peters CE Junior School (KS2 in the morning; KS1 will come up in the afternoon)

**Thursday 28 June** – Devonport High School Familiarisation Day: 9am-3pm – Y6

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Musical Showcase Evening – 5.30pm

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Tavistock College Taster Days – Y6

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Athletics at Mount Kelly Prep

**Monday 16 July** – KS1 Optional Parents Evening – this is not a formal parents evening but a 'drop in' evening for parents to pop in to see the class teacher if they have any concerns - @St Rumons

**Tuesday 17 July** – KS2 Optional Parents Evening – this is not a formal parents evening but a 'drop in' evening for parents to pop in to see the class teacher if they have any concerns @ St Peters

**Tues 24 July**– End of Term Leavers Service @ St Eustachius Church– 2 pm

## COMMUNITY

**CRICKET CAMPS** - Brenden Worth Cricket Academy. Lots of fun, games, challenges and cricket. Wednesday 25 July - Years 4, 5 and 6. Wednesday 1 August - Years 3 and below. Both camps run from 1.00 - 5.00 p.m. £15 per child

Yelverton Bohemians Cricket Club, Langton Park, Plymouth Road, Yelverton. PL20 6HY.

Qualified and experienced coaches. To book please email [brendenworth@me.com](mailto:brendenworth@me.com) or call 07889518433

**Tavistock Town Relays** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July. As part of Carnival Week, Tavistock Athletics Club hosts a 1.1 mile fun run and relay races around the Meadows. Fun run starts at 5.30pm and is open to any age but under 8's must be accompanied by an adult. Junior Team relays are teams of 4 in year 5/6 and consist of each team member running a lap of 1.1 miles. It is a pre-entry event and if a group of you decide to run together, entry forms and more details can be found at

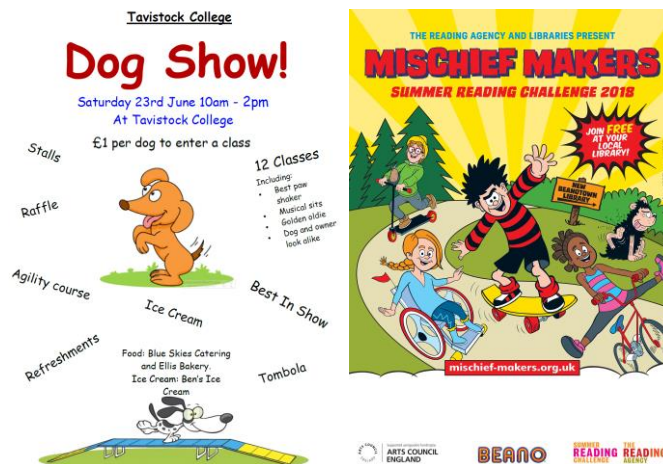
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**MEAVY MADNESS RACE** -The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Meavy Madness off road school run on Sat July 14<sup>th</sup>. Starting from the school grounds it is a fully marshalled, risk assessed, off road run with the choice of 3 distances – 1km, 2km and 5km – so whatever the age and running experience/fitness there is a distance that any pupils could

tackle. Last year was a huge success with children from 11 different schools participating (including some from St Rumons and St Peter's). The older fitter ones enjoying the challenge of the long race, the younger or less experienced children excited to experience their first taster of off road trail running and getting a medal! All the details are on the West Dartmoor Federation website located on the PTA Meavy page <http://www.westdartmoor.org.uk/pta/meavy/>.

**Tavistock Musical Theatre** – Alice in Wonderland – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June – 6pm & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July – 2.30pm & 6pm – Tickets £7.50 / £5(U16s). Box office: 01822 611166

**Dartmoor Search & Rescue Team - Family Fun Day** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Tavistock Meadows from 10-4pm – Treasure Hunt, Duck race & Stretcher Race!



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**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**  
**STARTS 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY @ TAVISTOCK LIBRARY**

**PTA Summer Fair**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
**3:30pm - 6pm**  
**At St Peter's Junior School**

- Barbeque
- Refreshments and cakes
- Bar
- Bouncy Castle
- Ice cream van
- Stalls & games including,
  - ❖ Chocolate Tombola,
  - ❖ Water Balloon Catch,
  - ❖ Beat-the- Goalie,
  - ❖ Hook a Duck,
  - ❖ Pick a Lolly,
  - ❖ Water or Wine,
  - ❖ Year 5 & 6 pedlars,
  - ❖ Book stall,
  - ❖ Bric- a-Brac.

Please come & join us after Sports Day!