



**FEDERATION NEWS** - It was lovely to share our Harvest Festival with so many of you yesterday. The children put together a lovely service with so many songs, readings, prayers and drama performances which highlighted some key poverty issues and celebrated the importance of the people who produce our food and appreciation of what we have.

**Parents' Evenings** – Please note that parents evenings will be held on the following dates. Sign up sheets for appointments are now available from the school offices.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – KS1 Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.15pm @ St Rumon's

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – KS2 Parents Evening – 4pm-6.45pm @ St Peters

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**School Photos – Family & Individual** – all children will have their school photograph taken by Tempest Photography on the dates below. If you would like a family picture with siblings, please go to either school site for 8.30am.

St Peter's – 9 October

St Rumon's – 10 October

**Attendance Reviews** – We have recently had our latest Attendance review with our Education Welfare Officer who reviews our attendance on a half-termly basis. She has re-iterated that following the high profile court cases of last year, that on the 6th April 2017 the Supreme Court issued their Judgement (currently available at: <https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/docs/uksc-2016-0155-judgment.pdf>), which confirms that parents should cause their children to attend school “full-time” and that this phase means for the whole of the time when education is being offered to children. She has confirmed that absence from school during term-time will only be authorized in exceptional circumstances. In Devon, legal action will be considered in the following circumstances:

- A) When there has been a continual period of unauthorised absences over a period of at least 5 days (10 half-day sessions) and the reason for the absence is known or suspected to be a holiday in term time, OR
- B) In any other case where the pupil has accumulated 10 or more unauthorised absences over a period of time, and there is evidence of support and/or challenge having been offered.

We are keen for all children to have their maximum attendance in school so that they can benefit from the full learning and educational experiences we offer.

**PTA** : Dates to note for you diary:

- Harvest Disco - Friday the 13th of October at the St Peter's Hall; Foundation & Key Stage 1 from 16h30 to 17h30; Key Stage 2 from 17:45 to 18:45. More information to follow next week.
- Christmas Fair - Friday the 8th of December at St Rumon's. Please bring in toilet & kitchen roll tubes for the craft stall.

Future PTA meeting dates to diarise - all at 8pm on Tuesdays; 3<sup>rd</sup> of October at the Bedford Hotel, 7<sup>th</sup> of November at St Peter's & 28<sup>th</sup> of November at the Bedford Hotel.

**Highways works** – we have been informed by Devon County Council of the following disruption to roads near to the schools which may require you to allow extra time for the journey to school:-

- Forthcoming carriageway resurfacing work upon Vigobridge Road Tavistock. - **Friday 29th September for 1 day** between the hours of 6pm and 7am upon Vigobridge Road.
- Forthcoming carriageway resurfacing work **on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October for 2 days** between the hours of 7am and 6pm upon Meavy Way.

**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 for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

## Church News:

**St Eustachius Harvest Festival – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – This year we will be celebrating harvest festival by collecting produce for the Tavistock Food Bank. Items that have been requested by the food bank organisers are: Smash instant potato; long life fruit juice; UHT milk; rice pudding; Coffee ;Sugar. Many thanks.

**Messy Church** at Tavistock Methodist Church (TMC) Thursday 14th Oct, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct; 9th Nov, Dec 14th 4.30pm-6.30pm. A fun time for families with crafts,songs,story,prayer and a meal.

**Messy Church** at St Eustachius Church Thursday 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 3.30pm-5.30pm. A fun time for families with crafts,songs,story,prayer and a meal.

## ST PETER'S NEWS

**Football Schools Tournament** – Well done to both our teams who took part in yesterday's tournament ( Matthew Sleep; Sammy Symons; Logan Sulsh; Michael Stewart-Reid; Harry Moon; Bay Glover; Eli Sephton; Rafe Kinnear; Jacob Whitcher; Sam Morris; Ed Small; Isaac Kelly; Thomas Vincent; Kieren McLaughlin; Harry Whitcher; Alfie Swinney; Sam Masters & Joe Waine) They all supported each other really well and enjoyed their matches.

**Parking** – Please could we ask all parents to refrain from parking within school grounds to pick up your children at the end of the school day. Many thanks.

**Year 6 Secondary School Applications** – All Y6 pupils should receive a letter inviting them to apply for their secondary school place and contains details of how to apply. Applications need to be submitted by 31 October 2017

**Year 5 & 6 Tavistock College Parents Evening** – Sarah Jones, ( Principal of Tavistock College) has invited all parents of Year 5 & 6 students to join them for a brief presentation and an informal question and answer session on Tuesday 10 October at 4.30pm at the St Peters School Hall.

## ST RUMON'S NEWS

**PTA News** – The ST Rumon's CAKE Raffle is Back! On the first Wednesday of every month families will have the chance to win a homemade CAKE to take home. The number square will be available for people to add their name to in the entrance hall at St Rumon's on the first Monday and Tuesday and before the first Wednesday of the month's assembly. The winning number will be chosen in Family Worship that day. It's only 50p a square and all proceeds will go to the PTA (who help to fund school activities and projects). Any volunteer bakers who would like to help should email [gabbyfootner@hotmail.com](mailto:gabbyfootner@hotmail.com) or give their name to the school office. Many thanks.

**Mobile Phones** – can we please remind all adults that mobile phones should not be used on school premises for Safeguarding reasons.

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

**Piano Lessons** – Our Piano Teacher has vacancies for any Y1 and Y2 children wishing to start lessons from September. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Marks on 01822 854224 or 07818 862971.

**Breakfast Club** – Please note that last orders for breakfast will be taken at 8.25 pm. Thank you.

**Parking at St Rumon's** – For safety reasons please do not park on the main road outside of school during school drop off and pick up. We have parking permits available for Abbey and Brook Street Car Park. Please contact the office if you require a permit. Thank you.

**Lunchtime Awards** –Well done to Plym Class this week who won an extra day's play on the climbing frames

**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.

#### **Letters Home**

- NHS Y6 & Foundation Height & Weight letter – please return any opt out forms to the school office by Friday 13 October.
- Data collection sheets – please check all contact details are correct and return as soon as possible.
- Y4 Residential Letter
- Y6 Residential letter

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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Y5 & Y6 Parents Meeting with Tavistock College Leaders - 4.30pm @ St Peters

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 2.30-3pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 9.30-10am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch at St Peters

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch at St Rumon's

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February : Y5 London Residential

22-23<sup>rd</sup> February: Y4 Residential – Pixies Holt

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Residential to Beam House

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Wizard of Oz** -Tavistock Musical Theatre Company are proud to present The Wizard of Oz at The Wharf, Tavistock on Tues 31 October to Sat 4 November - 7.30 pm each evening and Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm. Tickets £13 per adult & £11 per child available from the Wharf Box Office tel: 01822 611166.

**Tavistock Rugby Club** – Sandy Park, Trelawny Road for Boys and Girls rugby from age 5-16. Come along and have a go! TRFC are looking for new players of all ages to play rugby in a safe and friendly environment.

**Plymouth College Open Morning** – 7<sup>th</sup> October : 9.30 – 12.30pm

**Young Photographers Competition 2017** Overall theme of this year's competition is "Environment". There are 3 competition age groups: 4 to 9 years. 10 to 14 years. 15 to 18 years. There are 4 categories in each age group, they are as follows: 1) Wild and wonderful. 2) Tenderness. 3) Growing things. 4) People at work. Photographs may be submitted until 10 a.m. on the final submission day of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Entries to: Tavyside Health Centre, Abbey Rise, Tavistock. PL19 9FD, together with the entry fees. Envelopes should be addressed to The T.P.A and marked "Photographic Competition". They regret that they are not able to return the photographs entered into the competition but they may be collected after the exhibition by arrangement with the T.P.A.

**Shebbear College Open Week** – 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Tel 01409 282001/ registrar@shebbearcollege.co.uk