



**FEDERATION NEWS** - Wow, suddenly we are at the end of another school year (apart from Monday and Tuesday!). What a great year it has been and what a lot has been achieved. I would like to thank all the children, especially the Year 6 children who will be leaving this year. They have been a delightful year group and a pleasure to teach throughout their time in school. I wish you all the very best of luck as you move onto the next phase of your learning. I would also like to thank all the parents for their support during the year and the governors, who have worked tirelessly on behalf of our children throughout the year. Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who, as always, give their heart and soul into making the children's educational experiences the very best that they can be.

A special mention goes to the members of staff who are leaving us this summer. I would like to say a huge thank you for all the time, effort and commitment that you have shown the school over the time that you have worked here. Being in teaching is an iceberg of a job in that, the bits that people see are just a tiny part of all that you do. All of you have always gone the extra mile (or ten) for your pupils and we will miss you. Thank you Heidi, Donna, Emily and Camilla for all that you have done for us and good luck as you move on. Have a lovely summer all of you.

**Y6 Leavers Church Service** - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - 2- 3pm. All parents are welcome to join us on the last day of term to celebrate the end of another enjoyable academic year. **Please can all parents ensure they pick up their children at 3pm from the church.** Thank you.

**Books**– If your child has any school reading books at home please could they return them to school before the end of term. Many school exercise books are carried on from one year to the next so that we are not wasting paper and also so that we can ensure that the children are progressing well in their learning.

**Brilliant Tempest** – Thank you to the Year five and six children for their super work on the Tempest this week. They worked really hard to interpret the play in their own way and performed it superbly out in the school grounds. Good luck to the Year 3 and Year 4 pupils who will be putting on a show of The Not So Vicious Viking on Friday afternoon ( see below for more details).



**Summer Learning** – The summer holiday is a great time for families to spend together and for children to unwind from a hard year. However, it is also a time when children's learning can slip backwards if they are not being reminded of what they know and are using their brains. Additionally, if they are anything like me, after a few weeks they will be starting to get a bit bored! This summer, for those children in Y2,3,4 and 5 their teachers will set them some Mathletics tasks to do. This will be based on the learning that they have done this year.

**Mathletics** – This is a fun and easy to navigate maths online package for the children to use. The school has invested in this as we think that it will help children with their mathematics and also help parents to understand some of the key things we learn and the way in which we teach it. Your children will have been

given a log in and shown how to login at school before the end of term There are several components to Mathletics which can all be accessed at the top of the screen:

**Learn** – This is the section where the children can practice what they have been doing in school. Often, a teacher may have locked your child into a Learn activity which means that they have to do that before they can move onto anything else.



**Play** – This is a great section where the children, working at their own



independent level, can anonymously play against people from all over the world right within the secure settings of the program. If children time it right and are logged on at the same time they can often find themselves playing against one of their classmates (or even their teacher!) In the play section children can also

play Multiverse which is a great new game designed to improve children's times tables knowledge.

### Library reading challenge -

Don't forget to sign up for the summer reading challenge at the library. It would be absolutely fantastic to be handing out badges and certificates in September for lots and lots of children who have completed the challenge. Have a look out for our Facebook page for other activities to do as the summer progresses.



**Carnival - Saturday 21st July-** We are greatly looking forward to showcasing our Viking themed float at the Carnival on Saturday. If there are any parents who are able to help us to construct the float on **Saturday morning**, we will be meeting at St Peter's from **9.30am**. The more the merrier, as this will allow us to get it decorated more quickly. Any children wishing to help must be accompanied by an adult. Do come along if you would like to get involved. The procession will begin from Down Road. All children are welcome to join in (St Rumon's children need to be accompanied by an adult)– but you will need to complete and return the permission slips in the letters sent home – please contact the school office if you need another copy. **Please be ready in your Viking costumes and meet us in Down Road at 5.15pm. Our spot is number 42** which will be at near to the bottom end of Down Road. The judging will begin at 5.20pm. We have plenty of weapons and shields if you need any to enhance your costume! For St Peter's children who are walking without an adult, we are expecting to finish the procession at approximately **7.15pm in Market Road. Please collect your child promptly - we will wait next to the Launderette.** We look forward to a great day!

**Y6 SATs** – As mentioned last week, our Y6 SATs results were very good this year and considerably beyond the national figures in all areas both in terms of percentages of pupils at the expected level and in terms of children's average scores. I have been asked to explain the scoring in a little more detail. When the National Curriculum was re-written in 2014 along with it came an expectation that the vast majority of children would move through it at the same pace. From this arose a new way of assessing that basically says - is your child at the expected level or are they not yet there? Children who score highly in tests i.e. a 110 scaled score or above are said to be working at the expected level but at a greater depth within the level. For this reason, official records will only indicate that they are working at the expected level. This year we far outstripped the national figures for the percentage of children working at greater depth. For Year 6 parents the SATs documentation will show their scaled score and say whether they are working at the expected level or not.

### Scaled Score Level

Below 100	Not yet working at the expected level
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100 - 109	Working at the expected level
110+	Working at the expected level but at a greater depth

**Staff Leaving Gifts** - If any parents would like to make a donation towards a leaving gift for Heidi Lewis, Donna Collacott, Emily Ramsden or Camilla Olver, please hand this into either school office.

#### ST PETER'S NEWS

**The Not So Vicious Viking - Friday 20th July**-Year 3 / 4 Performance– all parents welcome – no tickets required will begin at 4pm on the bottom field (weather permitting) Please don't collect your child at the end of the school day - we will give them a quick drink and snack and get them changed into costumes before the start of the performance.

**Y6 Leavers** – The leavers party is tomorrow night and a reminder that the children can sign each other's shirts on Friday afternoon (tomorrow) as they will need to be in smart uniform for church on the last day of term

**Y6 Leavers Lunch** – As is tradition – the Yr 6 have been voting for the menu for the Y6 Leavers lunch on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - the menu will therefore be : Beef burger or Vegetarian Pizza with a choice of sweetcorn / beans / chips with Chocolate Cracknel for dessert.

**Last Day School Lunch** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – the last day of term will see the menu change to Salmon Nibbles / Vegetarian Burger with a choice of chips/ pasta/ sweetcorn / peas and salad plus selection of desserts!

**Football Club – cancelled** – There will be no Football clubs on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

#### ST RUMON'S NEWS

**Menu – Tues 24 Jul** – please note change of menu for last day in school will be:-

M/Oven Baked Fish OR Salmon Fishcake  
V/Savoury Cheese Muffin  
JP/Cheese & Beans  
PM/Beef or Cheese Roll

**Scooters/Bikes** – could we please ask parents to ensure that children bringing scooters/bikes into school do not ride them down through the entrance alleyway, so that any accidents/collisions may be avoided. Thank you.

**Headlice** – we have had a few cases of headlice in school recently. Could we please ask that you check child's hair and treat appropriately. We would recommend that long hair is tied back. Thank you.

**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.

**Lunchtime Awards** – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Charlie Langsford, George Stead & Piper Benfield-Smith. Well done also to Lynher Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frame and scooters.



### Summer Term 2018 Dates:

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Tavistock Town Relays

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Y3 & 4 Production of 'The Not So Vicious Viking' – 4pm at St Peters – all parents welcome

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Tavistock Town Carnival

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – LAST DAY OF TERM

### **AUTUMN TERM STARTS – TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

#### **COMMUNITY**

**Summer HOLIDAY CLUB @ TMC** - 'Seaside Rock' – amazing stories from the seaside. Games, challenges, stories, crafts, songs, painting, fun, prizes and lots more. For school years Rec-Yr6 25-28th July @ TMC (Tavistock Methodist Church) 10am-12.30pm .To book - See flier, email [chris@tmc.me.uk](mailto:chris@tmc.me.uk) , call Chris 610649 or come along on the day. £8 per child (£4 for second child in family, 3rd child free) (or £2 per day of attendance)

**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 19th 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 <http://tavistockathletics.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/tavistocktownrelaysindex.htm>

In addition local running legend, Adam Holland is doing a fund raising run (in aid of the kids run free foundation). He's inviting children to run with him for as little or as far as they like and they can start anytime between 3.30-5.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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