

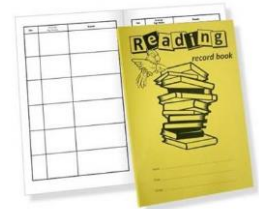


FEDERATION NEWS - What a lovely week with all the children doing a great job in their learning. Well done to all the girls who took part in the football tournament this week. I hope that you have a lovely half term and see you all on Tuesday 30th October.



Listening to children read - I am sure that most of you enjoying sitting with your children and listening to them read or sharing reading with them. At the start of school this is often based around children applying their growing phonics knowledge in order to physically master the act of reading. As they move up through the school the children are beginning to move from the mechanics of reading to explore the key messages, themes and authorial intent. When children are in Key Stage 1 and particularly in the first two years, parents tend to be very diligent with supporting their children in their reading development and this is vital. Schools are unable to provide the amount of time that it takes to hear all children read on a daily basis and so this is something that needs to be undertaken by parents.

Unfortunately, it is often the case that as children move up through the school, whilst their need for being heard doesn't change, the amount of parent involvement significantly decreases. It is very common for parents of Key Stage 2 children to rarely hear their children read and this does impact on their learning both in and out of school. Please could I ask all parents to hear their children read at least three times a week for at least 5 minutes and then sign your child's reading record books to say that you have. After half term teachers will look weekly in the reading record books and will check to see that there is a parent signature (a real one!!) at least three times a week. If there are three signatures a week then the child will get a raffle ticket. At the end of each term there will be a draw and one child from each class will win a book voucher as a reward. The more raffle tickets that the children receive the greater the chance they have to win. Obviously we would love children to have more than three signatures! You may be interested to hear about a recent American study that looked into the impact of parents reading with children and which came up with these highlights:-



- Children who read with parents for 20 minutes/ day read on average 1.8 million words a year and score in the top 10%
- Children who read with parents for 5 minutes/day read on average 282,000 words a year and score in the top 50%
- Children who read with a parent for 1 minute/day read 8000 words a year and score in the bottom 10%

Photo orders – Please can these be returned to the school offices by Tuesday 30th October.

Parents Evenings – These will be held on :

- Monday 5 Nov & Wednesday 7 Nov – 4.00-6.45 pm – St Peter's Parents' Evenings
- Tuesday 6 Nov & Thursday 8 Nov – 3.30-6.15 pm – St Rumon's Parents' Evenings

Sign Up sheets will be available from the school offices after half term (Tuesday 30th October).

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 11th November – If anyone would like their child to help lay the wreath on behalf of the Federation at the Town Memorial service, please let the school office know. Children will need to meet Mr Conners at 10.30am by the war memorial and be dressed in school uniform. Many thanks.

Love in a Box – Last week, children came home with a Love in the Box leaflet. Mustard Seed Relief Mission is a charity providing relief aid to children in Eastern Europe. In keeping with our Christian values, we are encouraging children to pack a small shoe box with small Christmas gifts either on their own or with a friend. These boxes are then taken to Eastern Europe to be distributed to children at Christmas time. In 2016 we managed to collect **100 boxes** and it would be great to beat that target! We would love to see as many children taking part in this act of love & generosity. Boxes need to be returned by **Friday 9th November**. Thank you.

Tavy 7 – Fun Run – The famous Tavy7 run is taking place at Plasterdown, near Tavistock on Sunday 28th October. As always Tavistock Athletic Club is organising a junior fun run to take place during the main race. The fun run is divided into 2 age groups. Years 3 & 4 run ¾ mile (younger runners may enter but must be accompanied). Years 5 & 6 and upwards run a 1.5mile course. The course is on flattish moorland and starts and finishes at the main Tavy7 start/finish area on Plasterdown. Entries cost just £3 and all finishers receive a medal (but since it's a fun run there are no individual or team prizes). Entries are on the day only and the race starts at 11.05pm (after the start of the main race). Please arrive early due to limited parking and to allow enough time to register. For travel, please follow the signs 'to the race' from Tavistock. If you need further information please visit www.tavy7.co.uk .Or email : martin@exley-deane.co.uk

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.

Nut Allergies – we have children and staff with nut allergies -please be reminded that nuts should not be brought into school by anyone.

Breakfast Club & After School Club Booking Systems – All payments and booking for these clubs are now done via the School Gateway app. Please make sure any outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible in order to continue using the club. All bookings should ideally be made in advance for After School Club and Breakfast Club using the app or via the school office. All sessions must be paid for in advance and all balances must be in credit in order to use this facility.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Restart- a-Heart – Thank you to Mr Johnson and his team who came and taught all of our junior children first aid this week in a CPR session. This invaluable training will hopefully stay with the children and be a valuable life lesson. BBC Spotlight also came in to film one of these classes and it is hoped this will be broadcast **tonight!** Please tune in.

Girls Football – Congratulations to our Girls football team – they played well at the recent schools festival – especially as for many this would be their first time.

Digging Up Dartmoor – This has now been rearranged for the 31st October. The coach will leave school at 10.30 to allow the children to walk back up to school after the Church service.

Lost Glasses – Damien Bowyer has lost his prescription glasses in a red case – Please let the school office know if they are found.

Y5 London Visit – The children are planning to do some fundraising towards the costs of their residential next year - they are planning to hold two cake sales after school on 9 November & 23 November. We would be very grateful if the Y5 children could bring in donations of cakes on these mornings. They are also hoping to do a bag packing session at a local supermarket – possibly in December – more details to follow soon!

Football boots and shin pads - Football is becoming ever more popular in school with both boys and girls. In order to be safe, children need to have football boots and shin pads and yet these can be expensive to buy and worn out of quickly. If any parents have any old boots or shin pads (size 1 upwards) lying around at home that they are willing to donate to the school I would be very grateful.

Children's University – If your child is interested in participating in the Children's University scheme – please request a consent form from the office – once received, Children's University passports are available from the office for £2.50. Each child can gain bronze, silver and gold certificates in recognition of the extra-curricular activities they take part in. More details can be found at ...

<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk>

Y6 Secondary School Application Deadline – Y6 families need to apply for their child’s secondary school place by the **31st October**. The easiest way for these families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline . We appreciate that some families may not have made up their mind yet and not all Secondary schools have had their open evenings yet. If families don’t wish to or can’t apply online, they can contact their customer service centre on (0345)1551019 to request a hard copy of the form. Please note that a lot of secondary schools in Devon will be experiencing growth, so it is essential that you apply on-time. Late applications may be disadvantaged and miss out on a place at your local or preferred schools. It is therefore essential they you make an ‘on time’ application to give yourselves the best chance of securing a place at one of your preferred schools.

ST RUMON’S NEWS

Parking Outside School – This week, a car with a disability badge was unable to drop off a child due to the volume of cars already parked on the main road. Naturally, this causes unnecessary distress and we would again respectfully ask that you do not park outside school at drop off and pick up times, including from after school sports clubs. We have parking permits available for Abbey and Brook Street car parks between 8.45-9.15 am and 2.45-3.15 pm. Please contact the office if you require a permit. Thank you.

School Photos – please ensure all orders are returned to the school office by Friday 19 October.

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.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week after half term will be the synonyms for the word “wet”. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some examples of other synonyms as they come into school. We look forward to hearing them.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were; Joey Green, Zak Moody & Joshua Laur-Baker. Well done also to Tavy Class who won an extra day’s play on the climbing frame and scooters.

LETTERS HOME:

- New dinner menus will be issued after half term

CHURCH NEWS

Prayer for St Rumon’s and St Peter’s: A group meets once or twice a term to pray for our schools, the children and staff. If you would like to join us, please contact Hannah Waine on hcwaine@yahoo.co.uk

St Eustachius Auction of Gifts and Talents - at the Tavistock Town Hall on Friday the 19th of October at 19:00. Mr Peter Williams of Drakes Auctions will be in charge of proceedings and all funds raised will go the Church. Tickets cost £4, to include a drink and auction catalogue; they can be purchased from Book Stop on Market Street.

2018

Thursday 8th November - Messy Church - Tavistock Methodist Church

Weds 31 Oct – 9 am Schools’ Communion for All Saints’ @ St Eustachius (Please can all children be dropped off to church at 8.50am)

Thursday 13th December.- Messy Church - Tavistock Methodist Church

Fri 21 Dec – 2 pm Christmas Service @ St Eustachius (Please can all children be picked up from the church at 3pm)

2019

Weds 6 March – 9 am Schools’ Communion for Ash Wednesday @ St Eustachius

Thu 5 Apr – 2 pm Easter Service @ St Eustachius

Wed 5 Jun – 9 am Schools' Communion for Pentecost @ St Eustachius
Tues 23 Jul – 2 pm Y6 Leavers' Service @ St Eustachius

Autumn Term 2018 Dates:

**AUTUMN TERM : TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER
HALF TERM: 22-26 OCTOBER (+ NON-PUPIL DAY MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER)**

Monday 22-26 October: Half Term

Monday 29th October – Non- Pupil Day

Tue 30 Oct – Flu Immunisations for all pupils in Foundation Stage-Y5

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Thurs 1st November – Planetarium

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Wednesday 7th November – Yr 4/5/6 Netball Festival@ Tavistock College

Fri 9 Nov – 9.00 am – Brentor Class Worship

Tue 13 November – 9.30 am until 11.00 am – Open Morning @ St Rumon's for Sept 19 Starters

Wednesday 14th November – Yr 5/6 X Country – Castle Drogo

Fri 16 Nov – Children in Need Day

Mon 19 Nov – Fire Safety Talks for Y2 & Y5

Thursday 22nd November – Yr 5/6 Bouldering Competition at Milton Abbott

Wed 19 December – 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm - KS1 Nativity @ Town Hall

Wednesday 19th December – St Peters Christmas lunch

Thursday 20th December – St Ruumon's Christmas lunch

Fri 30 Nov – Tinsel & Chocolate Day

Fri 7 December – Dickensian Evening

Wed 12 December – 2.15 pm – Foundation Stage Nativity @ St Rumon's

Thu 13 December – 9.30 am – Foundation Stage Nativity @ St Rumon's

Fri 14 December – Christmas Fair @ St Rumon's

Friday 21st December – Last Day of Term Church Service CALENDAR

Christmas Holidays - 22 December – 6 January

SPRING TERM: 7 January 2019 – 5 April 2019

Wednesday 27th February – Friday 1st March – Y5 London Residential

Monday 4th March – St Rumon's Parents Evening

Tuesday 5th March – St Peter's Parents Evening

Wednesday 6th March – St Rumon's Parents Evening

Thursday 7th March – St Peter's Parents Evening

COMMUNITY

Violin Lessons – Mrs Lewis is starting violin lessons at St Peter's. £10 per half hour for individual lesson, £4.50 per half hour in a group of up to 4 children. Violins can be borrowed from school. For more information or to book a lesson please email Mrs Lewis at heidilewis@gmail.com

Tavy Joggers – Introduction to running for beginners - Sessions start on the track at Tavistock College on Saturday mornings 9.50am - £2/session for 16yrs+. All sizes and ages – Off the couch sessions – for anyone who hasn't done exercise for a while – All you need are trainers, comfy layers and enthusiasm!

Rotary Young Photography Competition - 3 age groups (7-10, 11-13 & 14-17 as at 31/08/18) . Entrants are required to produce a portfolio of 3 photographs with the theme ' Beauty of Nature'. Entrance is free. Closing date: 5th January 2019. Entry forms available from the school office.

Half Term Holiday Camps - Our holiday camps are running from the beautiful Mount Kelly site every day this October Half Term. We're offering your children the most action packed, fun and inspiring programme possible to keep them fit, healthy and away from screens. We do this by filling their days with an exciting array of multi-sports and outdoor, adventurous activities... plus amazingly interactive themed arts and crafts. Highlights this October includes: Go-Karting, Rock Climbing, Wild Cooking, Totally Tag Rugby and Trampoline Time. Ages 5 to 15 years welcome, booking can be made online via our website: www.high5sportscamps.co.uk. We are Ofsted registered and accept all childcare vouchers as payment. Follow the fun on facebook and for any enquiries our office number is: 01752 215734 and email: info@high5sportscamps.co.uk



COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

A Compassionate Friend lends a helping hand or friendly ear to friends or neighbours who have a life limiting illness or affected by loss. Our awareness session builds a compassionate friends' skills and confidence to have open, honest and sensitive conversations and to think about ways they can help and support those in their community.

- Thinking about how we can have compassionate conversations.
- How taking the time to **LEND** a helping hand or a friendly ear can make a difference.
- What support services are available for those at end of life or experiencing loss.

The sessions are free and open to all, and will cover the following:

- Breaking down taboos and myths about death and dying.

To book a place please visit us online at www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk/compassion or call **01752 964250**.

DATE Monday 29th October 2018

TIME 1.00pm - 3.00pm

LOCATION Tavistock Parish Church: St Eustachius, 5A Plymouth Rd, PL19 8AU

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Sunday 28th October 2018

FUN RUN

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