



FEDERATION NEWS - I can't believe that this term has passed already and we are almost ready for our Christmas holiday. There have been so many great things to look back on this term - whether that be the super way that the Reception children came into school back in September and then produced such a confident performance in their Nativity last week; the fantastic KS1 Nativity yesterday or the class workshops that have happened throughout the school. The children have worked hard throughout the term producing some lovely work and we have enjoyed sporting success too. Overall, I think that we can look back on this term with a sense of pride and look forward to the next. If any children are looking for things to do over the Christmas holiday watch out for postings on the school Facebook Page that might appear at various times.

Have a lovely, relaxing Christmas and a happy New Year.

Nativity – Thank you to all the children who have been so wonderful in their nativity productions- we hope you enjoyed them. ITV Westcountry anticipate the film being shown on the evening news on Friday 22



December at 6pm – so try to watch out for them! We would like to thank Rentafford who lent us a van at no cost for the transport of all the St R's Nativity bits down to the Town Hall. We would also like to say thanks to the PTA for running the teas and mince pies at both shows, and all the extra parent/family helpers who helped us set up.

Last Day of Term Church Service – Friday 15th December (Tomorrow) at 2pm at St Eustachius Church. All parents welcome. A reminder that **all children must be picked up from the church at 3pm tomorrow.**

PTA - The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair last Friday and to all the volunteers. It was great to see so many new faces, together with the regular volunteers, without whom we wouldn't be able to run events - we really appreciate it! Thanks too for all the donations received. Our next meeting will be held on Monday the 15th of January, at 8pm at the Bedford Hotel.

Van needed – If anyone has a van and would be able to help out by taking a chest freezer to the tip for us – we would be really grateful – please let either school office know. Many thanks.

Tesco Grant - From 2nd January 2018, Tesco Bags of Help will need all our votes for our St Rumon's playground improvement project. Please ask your friends and families to vote for our project and use your tokens every time you shop.

Toddler Group – Please note our toddler group has finished this term and will commence again in the new year.

Church News:

A nativity pantomime, 'Angel at Large', is being performed at Tavistock Methodist Church Fri 15th December 7pm and Sat 16th December 3pm and 7pm. Adults £7.50, school children £5, preschool children free. Tickets from TMC office (01822 611049). All proceeds going towards funding a future production of the Tavistock Passion Play.

Confirmation Opportunity open to Year 5 & 6 - Our Vicar, Chris Hardwick, together with Trudi Massey and members of the Catalyst Youth Team based in Tavistock, is preparing to deliver a Confirmation course on a Wednesday afternoon after School (finish by 4.15 pm). It is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith and there will be an opportunity to be Confirmed next year at St. Eustachius' Church, Tavistock, at the end of June by the Bishop of Exeter. Please talk to your child(ren) and see if this is a journey you may like to take. The following sessions are planned: 24th and 31st January, and 7th February 2018 next term. If interested, or would like to know more, please get in touch with Mrs Lewis at School or Revd Chris on 617432.

Messy Church - This month we will be having a Mini Messy Church on Wednesday 20 December so we can prepare for the epic Crib Services on Christmas Eve!

ST PETER'S NEWS

Christmas Lunch - Thank you to our lovely kitchen staff (Mr Bird & Mrs Ward) for our Christmas lunch yesterday – it was delicious!



ST RUMON'S NEWS

Front Door – please can we remind everyone entering and leaving St Rumon's to pull the front door shut behind them. Thank you.

Dogs – can we please remind everyone that dogs should not be brought onto school premises or left unattended, as some children are frightened of dogs.

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 next term will be the number 20. 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.

Letters Home

- Beam House

Autumn Term 2017 Dates:

Friday 15 December – 2.00 pm Advent Service @ St Eustachius

Friday 15th December – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 2 January – Spring Term Starts

Thursday 4 January – Girls football match at Tavistock Primary (League)

Tues 16 January 2018 – NHS Eye Tests for Foundation Stage children

6th-8th February : Y5 London Residential

22-23rd February: Y4 Residential – Pixies Holt

11th-15th June: Y6 Residential to Beam House

COMMUNITY NEWS

Burrator Discovery Centre Events

- Saturday 16 December – Drop in between 10am-4pm - Christmas Wreath Making at Burrator!

Come and make your own wreath out of natural materials at Burrator Discovery Centre. £7 a wreath. Support, materials hot drinks provided.

- Wednesday 20 December – Drop in between 10am- - Family Activity Day at Burrator Discovery Centre. Will involve Christmas themed outdoor cooking, woodwork, and trail. £2/child, £1/adult.

Volunteering Dates

- ❖ Mon 18 Dec – 10am-3pm

PLEASE NOTE: Burrator Discovery Centre will be CLOSED for Christmas: Fri 22 Dec to Mon 8 Jan 2018

Clarinet for sale – Bousey & Hawkes Clarinet for sale – v good condition - £200 – please contact Andy on 01579 344186 if interested.

Rotary Young Photographers Competition – Theme: 'A Different Persepective'. Entries need to provide 3 photographs (max size A4) by Friday 5th January. Entry forms available from the school office.

Multi-Sports Camp Christmas Holidays

Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December 2017

Two fun-filled days of Multi-Sports!
A choice of Squash, Badminton, Football, Hockey, Cricket, Swimming, Basketball or Netball.

Coaches: Gareth James and Tom Honey

Where: Prep Sports Hall

Age: 9 to 13 years old

Time: 9:00 to 15:30

Cost: £35 per day or £60 for both days

Kit: Please bring trainers, a mouth guard, shin pads, your swimming kit and a change of clothes.

Food: Bring a packed lunch, snacks and a water bottle

Book: Please book your place on 01822 813164 or holidayactivities@mountkelly.com

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