



FEDERATION NEWS - Well, we are almost there. A tiring and rewarding term has almost passed us by and I am sure that you are looking forward as much as I am to both school and outside festivities. I would like to say well done to the Reception children for their excellent dress rehearsal of the nativity yesterday and good luck for this afternoon and tomorrow morning. I am really looking forward to the KS1 nativity next week and also the end of term service.

Well done to the Y5/6 footballers last week - The boys played a league and friendly match and did really well in both. The league team drew with Horrabridge Primary and the friendly team came up against Horrabridge Primary league team and did incredibly well against experienced and confident opposition. Today it is the turn of the girls and I am really looking forward to seeing how they do in what is the first ever match for most of them.

Rock Star Maths - As you will know we are working hard in school to improve the children's rapid recall of number facts and times tables. One way that we do that is through Rock Star Maths. Just to remind you that there is an app for both Android and IOS (the links to these are on the school website). Some children had experienced problems in logging in and so here is what they need to do:

- Search for Rock Star Maths Login.
- In the log in box type the name of the school as shown here.
- Then put in username and password. If they do not know that then please see their teacher.

Our value - We are coming to the end of this term's value which has been love. Just to end it would great if you were able to have a tea time conversation about this quote. "Imagine what seven billion humans could accomplish if we all loved and respected each other." As an addition have a chat about this quote. "Imagine a world where people queue up to help their fellow man, like they queue up to buy the latest iPhone."

No Smoking. – Please be reminded that it is not permitted to smoke or vape on any part of school grounds, Thank you.

No nuts– Please do not bring nuts into school in packed lunches or a part of snack – we have certain children and staff with serious allergies and would ask for your co-operation with this. Many thanks

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.

Tied up hair – we seem to have an increasing numbers of children wearing their long hair down. It has long been the school's policy that long hair is worn up whether that is a boy or a girl. The key reasons for this is that long hair not tied up invariably falls into children's faces when they are working, meaning that they are concentrating more on their hair than on their school work. Additionally, hair worn down is much more likely to attract lice as it is much more likely to come into contact with other children's hair. Please could I ask you to ensure that your child has a hair band with them.

E-Safety – Christmas is fast approaching and, if your children are anything like mine, then I am sure that you are getting many subtle (or not so subtle) hints about the games that they want for their tablets, consoles etc. Please can I ask you to check the ages carefully and resist pressure to buy games that are not suitable for them. Additionally, there have been two recently published articles that you may wish to read. The first is from the Children's Commissioner and has 12 ways that you can help children to stay safe when buying smart toys. <https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/11/23/the-12-ways-that-christmas-shoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

The second is by Which and explains the dangers of smart toys being hacked.

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/2017/11/safety-alert-see-how-easy-it-is-for-almost-anyone-to-hack-your-childs-connected-toys/>

Are your children safe on the roads? – I had a parent see me this week to say that she had witnessed two of our children playing a game that looked like they were running across a road in front of cars.

Christmas Choir– A huge well done and thanks to the choir for their hard work at the Christmas Tree Opening ceremony, Dickensian Evening, and Carols for the Community in the Town Hall on Sunday evening. The children were great ambassadors for the school and we have received wonderful feedback about their performance and behaviour from both the Church and the Salvation Army. Many thanks also go to the parents for supporting the choir by bringing them and attending these events. It is always much appreciated.



PTA: Christmas Fair TOMORROW– Friday, 8th of December at St Rumon's from **4-6pm**. Please come along and support the school. Thank you!

Nativity Refreshments - The PTA usually serves refreshments at the Nativity performances, but volunteers are needed to serve these. Please let the school office know or e-mail Michelle at mmstead@btinternet.com if you are able to help. We need 2 volunteers per performance at St Rumon's and 4 per performance at the Town Hall. Thanks!

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 - Just to remind you that there is no Messy Church tomorrow due to the Christmas Tree Festival. We will be making Christingles on Saturday 9 December at 10am in the church, followed by refreshments. These are being made for the Christingle service on Sunday 10 December at 4pm. 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!

Messy Church at Tavistock Methodist Church (TMC) – Held on the second Thursday of the month from 4.30pm-6.30pm:(Next session:14th Dec). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

Messy Church at St Eustachius Church – Held on the 1st Wednesday of the month in term time, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

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Y4 Bag Packing – A huge thank you to those children who came along and helped to bag pack at Morrisons – they raised a huge £800 which will go towards reducing the cost of the Year 4 residential trip for all the Year 4 children. Thank you for all your support.

Lost Property – Damien Bowyer has lost a named white school shirt (aged 11-12) and black PE shorts. Please contact the office if found. Thanks.

Registration – Please be reminded that children need to arrive in school in time to be settled in class and registered by 9am. The classroom doors open at 8.45am. Many thanks.

Headlice – We have had reports of headlice– please check all your children’s hair and treat accordingly. Thank you.

Lost Property – There is still have an awful lot of un-named lost property items (uniform, PE kit , bottles etc). Please could everyone who thinks that this may belong to them check to see if they can re-claim it before the end of term as it will get sent to the clothing bank.

Sportshall Athletics – Congratulations to our ‘A’ team who came 1st overall and have qualified for the West Devon Finals! (Ella Whitford; Tess Hopes; Bea Kinnear; Molly Hunt; Maisy Clarke; Lily Booth; Logan Sulsh; Nicolas Maczugwski; Harry Moon; Seb Folland; Sammy Symons; Eli Sephton) – and to our ‘B’ team who came 6th (Daisy Baker; Andrea Palmer; Evie Baker; Lara Dix; Amelie Pearce; Orla White; Michael Stewart-Reid; Bay Glover; Rafe Kinnear; Ed Small; Ethan Sullivan; & Jago Gibbs) ! There were some brilliant performances both as teams and individually with the Girls A Team winning 8 out of the 9 events and the Boys A team came in the top three in 6 events. The B teams placed in the top 3 in 3 events between them.

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Global Citizenship - We are creating a display board to reflect the cultural diversity within our school and to celebrate the importance of our global citizenship. Please send in any photos, postcards or travel memorabilia from destinations around the world that you wouldn’t mind being used as part of it. It could be a favourite family holiday, somewhere in the world you have family or even a location you used to live yourselves! Thanks in advance.

URGENT! PARKING SAFETY – A parent was hit by a car this week as it pulled up onto the pavement outside St Rumon’s during school drop off. Luckily the parent is ok, however, if this had been a child it could have been a very different story. Please do not park outside St Rumon’s School. We provide free parking permits for both Abbey Carpark and Brook Street Carpark. Please contact the office if you require a parking permit.

Dinner Menu – Wed 13 Dec – our menu has changed on Wednesday next week and will be as follows:-
M - Beef & Veg Pie ; V – Veggie Stir Fry Wrap ; JP – Beans/Cheese ; PM – Chicken/Hummus Wrap

Help Needed! – We have a parent who lives in the Monksmead area who, due to medical reasons, needs a bit of help getting their child to school. If you live in this area and feel this is something you could assist with please contact St Rumon’s school office.

Front Door – please can we remind everyone entering and leaving St Rumon’s to pull the front door shut behind them. 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 topic of the week next week will be Christmas. 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.

Breakfast Club – Please note that breakfast will stop being served at 8.25am. Thank you.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Cerys Wiles, Archie Hicks & Callum Macdonald. Well done also to Lynher Class who won an extra day’s play on the climbing

frames and scooters.

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

- Choir visit- stroke club
- Beam House – Y6 residential letter

Autumn Term 2017 Dates:

Thu 7 December – Choir to visit Stroke Club

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

Thursday 7th December – Girls football match at Horrbridge (League & Friendly)

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

Friday 8 December -PTA Christmas Fair @ St Rumon's : **4 – 6pm**

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch & Party at St Peters

Wednesday 13th December – Yr 1 & 2 (KS1) Nativity @ Town Hall, 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Lunch party at St Rumon's

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 and hot drinks provided.

- Wednesday 20 December – Drop in between 10am-3pm - Family Activity Day at Burrator Discovery Centre. Will involve Christmas themed outdoor cooking, woodwork, art and trail. £2/child, £1/adult.

Volunteering Dates

- ❖ Sun 10 Dec – 10.30am-3.30pm
- ❖ Tues 12 Dec – 10am-3pm
- ❖ 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 Perspective'. 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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