



**FEDERATION NEWS** - Welcome back to school and I hope that you had a really great Easter break in the glorious weather that we had. Speaking to the children it certainly seems that lots of them spent a lot of time out in the fresh air enjoying themselves which is great. I am really looking forward to the raft of amazing learning, visits and other opportunities that the children will experience this term. As always, if there is ever anything that you are not sure about please pop in and see your child's teacher or make an appointment to see Mrs Arscott or me.



**Value** - our value of this term is Respect - It would be really great if this week, around the dinner table you were able to discuss this value with your children. Perhaps you could discuss these words of wisdom: "Respect – to get it you must give it."

**Uniform** – I have been asked this morning whether boys are allowed to take off their ties as girls are wearing summer dresses. Summer dresses are part of the formal school uniform policy, along with the wearing of shorts. The removal of ties is down to my discretion and, as with the last two years, I will let parents and children know when it is ok to take them off. It is likely that children will be told that they can remove their ties shortly after half term but I will let you know before we remove them.

**Derriford Children's Ward Craft Donations** – If you are able to donate any nice crafty items / kits that would be suitable for Derriford Children's Ward – please bring them into either school office. **The children's ward does an amazing job for local families and they would be very grateful for any donations you may be able to make.** For more info please contact Meg Neal on 07397136923. Many thanks.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers** – we are now collecting for this up until 30 June this year. Please drop in any vouchers to either school office – these help us purchase equipment for the children to use at both schools. Please spread the word to family and friends. Thank you.

**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.

**SAFS Coffee Mornings** - The SAFS team are excited to announce two coffee mornings where we have invited Irina Jones the Tavistock Co-ordinator of the charity Home Start to join us. Home Start offers a unique home visiting, mentoring and befriending service to families and as we all know being a parent can be tough and sometimes we all need a hand.

Irina will explain about the work that Home Start does and what support can be offered to parents. Families can all need support for all kinds of reasons, illness, poor mental health, multiple birth, being new to the area or having no family support network. A volunteer can be there through the difficult times offering emotional and practical support. Volunteers visit the family once a week for a couple of hours. This simple approach has helped over a 1,000 families experiencing difficulties.

You might also be interested in becoming a volunteer. Vikki Bendle, one of our parents, will be available at St. Rumons to talk about how rewarding it is to be a volunteer for Home Start. There will also be a volunteer for you to chat with at St. Peter's.

The first coffee morning will be held at St. Peter's after the Easter holidays on **Friday 21 April** following family worship and the second at St. Rumon's on **Wednesday 26 April** also after family worship. Members of the SAF's Team will be at both coffee mornings: Angela Anning, Kate Hoare and Michelle O'Boyle. This is open to everyone as a social gathering, so please feel free to join us and share a cuppa and a biscuit.

**After School Clubs** – After school clubs start on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April** at both schools. Your child will bring home a slip either today or tomorrow if they have been successful in securing a place at one of our clubs. Please remember that children need to be collected by an adult at the end of these sessions.

**School Nursing Service** – The school nursing team work in partnership with schools and families to offer support, signposting and advice. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's health then please do make contact with the team. This may be to discuss: healthy lifestyles/wellbeing, medical conditions, concerns in regard to emotional health, bladder and bowel concerns or behaviour worries. Our school nurse is Nicky Freer, telephone number 01822 619705.

**Key Letters issued this week:**

- Clubs Letter
- Tag Rugby Letter – years 3/4

**ST PETER'S NEWS**

**Primary Swimming Gala** – Well done to our swimmers who attended the local swimming gala at Meadowlands pool just before the Easter holidays. All the children swam well and congratulations to our A team who were runners up.

**School Garden** – During the Easter holidays our school garden was vandalised and we are now very low on plants and equipment for our gardening sessions. We would be extremely grateful for any donations of plants/equipment to enable these gardening sessions to continue. Please have a chat with Mrs Sullivan for items that we desperately need. Many thanks.

**School Dinners** – The cost of a school dinner remains at £2.20. Cost for first half of term is £61.60 and for whole term is £138.60. If paying by cheque please make it payable to St Peter's Junior School.

**Tavistock College Transition Days** – There will be a Y6 Parent Information session and Meet the Tutor evening on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017. There will also be two Year 6 Step Up days – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The college will contact parents directly with more information regarding these arrangements.

**ST RUMON'S NEWS**

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

**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.

**Parking** – A reminder for Parents/Carers not to park on the main road outside of school at drop off or pick up time please, for the safety of the children. Please park in Abbey Car Park or Brooke Street Car Park. If you require a free parking permit please contact the office. Thank you.

**SUMMER TERM 2017**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – SAFS coffee morning at St Peter's after team point assembly.

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Years 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament at Tavistock Rugby Club.

Year 6 residential meeting for parents at St Peter's at 5.00 pm.

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April** – SAFS coffee morning at St Rumon's after family assembly.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – school closed – **May Bank Holiday.**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** : Year 6 Residential - Wye Valley.

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – World Day for Cultural Diversity – more details to follow near the time.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – **school closed - Half Term.**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Y6 parent Information session and meet the tutor evening at Tavistock College.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Step Up Transition days at Tavistock College

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Wizard of Oz Auditions** – at The Wharf Tavistock – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Tavistock Musical Theatre Company :Looking for pupils aged between 7-11 to audition during May – If interested please contact [tmtc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tmtc@hotmail.co.uk).

