



## FEDERATION NEWS -

**Severe Weather** – I hope that we will not be affected by severe weather but this is some information to help.

### Reasons for the school closing/ partially closing

- Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely
- Basic amenities in the school cannot be maintained i.e. the school cannot be adequately heated or there is a lack of running water
- Conditions on site are dangerous for children and staff.
- Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous to travel.

It may be the case that only one site is closed i.e. St Peter's might be closed whilst St Rumon's is open.

### When you will know:

We aim to have information about whether the schools are open, closed or partially closed as early as possible and if possible by 7:30am however, due to the nature of many staff travelling in from considerable distances, it may not always be possible to know for sure by 7:30am.

### Places to check to find out whether we are closed/ partially closed:

- Check out St Rumon's and St Peter's homepages: [www.tavistockcsf.org.uk](http://www.tavistockcsf.org.uk)
  - Our Twitter/ Facebook sites
  - <https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure>
  - Tune into BBC Radio Devon
- If it is decided that the school will open, but the travelling conditions are difficult, parents should ring the school to advise that they are likely to be late.
  - Please do not assume that the school is closed as non-attendance for this reason would be recorded as an unauthorized absence unless there were extenuating circumstances.
  - Breakfast Clubs – because of the early nature of the breakfast club it may not be possible to give lots of warning as to whether these are running and so we ask that, on these very rare occasions, parents are patient with the school.
  - Heavy snow/ other extreme weathers might result in the school closing part way through the day. If that happens all parents will be contacted to come and collect their children. No child will ever be left unattended.
  - If you are not sure whether the school is open, please check the school website before phoning the school as it is very likely that the phone lines will be extremely busy.

We are fortunate that most families can walk to and from school – but for those who do have to drive, we understand that the children's safety is paramount and that parents will need to make a decision re travel based on their individual circumstances.

**Feather Tor Teacher** – We are pleased to announce that Mr George Bowles will be covering for Mrs Giles during her maternity leave. He will be coming into school from 11 February to have a period of handover with the children.

**Late Pick Up / Drop Offs** – There are an increasing number of children who appear to be arriving at school after registration. This will be marked as late and if arrival is after 9.15- becomes an unauthorised absence, which if more than 10 are accumulated, could result in an attendance penalty notice. More importantly, it is distressing for the child as they miss the start of lessons and is disruptive for all the children who have already settled into class. Please can you therefore ensure that all children are in school promptly between 8.45-9am at which point class doors close, to enable registration and lessons to start on time.

Also, it is also worrying for those children who are regularly picked up late. St Rumon's finishes at 3pm

and St Peters finishes at 3.30pm. Although we understand that there can be an emergency situation where you may be unable to make it on time and would contact us to let us know, if a child is late regularly- they may be taken to after school club and parents would need to be charged accordingly.

**Tesco Embroidered Uniform** - Tesco will close their school embroidered service on February 12 2019. The existing supplier will continue to provide the uniform at the same prices and can be found at [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) instead .

**School Dinners** – Please be reminded the cost of school dinners at St Peters is now £2.50/day. The cost for the first half term is £75 or £147.50 for the whole term for those wishing to pay up front. Any parents who believe they may be eligible for free school meals can contact the team to apply on 0345 155 1019 or contact the school office for an application form.

**Toddler Group** –held at St Rumon’s on Mondays (1.30pm - 2.45pm). All families are welcome. Please come along for music, singing, crafts, refreshments and to meet new friends.

**PTA** - The PTA’s Secretary has had to stand down, so we need to find a new one. Please contact us (mmstead@btinternet.com or symons.paula@gmail.com) to find out more. We share the work, so it's not as daunting as it sounds...

We are currently organising a disco for the grown-ups, as well as the Easter Disco for the children. Put Saturday the 11th of May into your diaries for loads of fun at the Tavistock Town Hall. Date yet to be confirmed for the Easter Disco.

**Nut Allergies** – as we have children and staff with nut allergies, could we please remind you that nuts should not be brought into school by anyone.

**Breakfast Club & After School Club Booking Systems** – Please make sure any outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible in order to continue using the club. All bookings and payments should be made in advance for After School Club and Breakfast Club using the app or via the school office.

#### **ST PETER’S NEWS**

**Cake Sales** – Year 3 & 4 children will be holding a series of cake sales on the playground after school from 5-7 February to raise money towards their Pixies Holt trip. Thank you for supporting them. Please could the following classes bring in their cakes as follows:-

- Tuesday 5 February – Pew Tor
- Wednesday 6 February – Feather Tor
- Thursday 7 February – Cox Tor

Many thanks.

**Y6 Mountbatten Residential** – The absolute deadline for deposits to be received to secure a place for your child is **tomorrow - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. Reminder letters will be sent out.

**Y5 Parents London Residential meeting** - London Residential meeting for parents at 6:00pm on 7th February - a chance to get further details and ask any questions you may have.

**2019 Tavy 13 Primary Challenge** – Entrance forms available in the school office for the Tavy 13 Primary Challenge – All children will have the opportunity to run 12 miles during school time to enable them to run the final mile on SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> March 2019 to qualify for the medal and t-shirt. Costs £8 – Please note that forms need to be received by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**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 will be issued. Each child can gain bronze, silver and gold certificates in recognition of extra-curricular activities they take part in. For more details-<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk>

## ST RUMON'S NEWS

**Y1/Y2 Sport England Survey** – children will have brought a letter home this week giving parents details of this survey which children will shortly be completing in class. There is also a quick survey for parents to complete, the link for which is:- <https://ipsos.uk/GZWWW> We would be extremely grateful if as many of you as possible could complete this survey for the school. Many thanks.

**After School Activity Clubs** – a reminder that payment for Clubs needs to be made to the school office if not yet already received. Cheques should be made payable as follows:-

- Football – Plymouth Argyle Football Club
- Cricket – Brenden Worth
- Show in a Term – Heidi Lewis
- Zumba & Martial Arts – St Rumon's CE Infants School

**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 week will be “what can you tell me about the 2 times table?”. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this number. We look forward to hearing them.

**Headlice** – we have had several cases of headlice in school. Please can we ask all parents/carers to check their child's hair and treat appropriately. We recommend that long hair is tied back. Thank you.

**Lunchtime Awards** – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Cerys Wiles, Amelia Smith and Ellena Riggs. Well done also to Lynher Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frame.

**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.

## LETTERS HOME

- KS1 Dartmoor Cricket Festival – 8.2.19
- Foundation Stage Trip to Newquay Zoo - 12.3.19
- Y1 & Y2 Trip to Morwellham Quay 27.3.19
- Y1 & Y2 Sport England Survey
- Y1 & Y2 NSPCC PANTS

## 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](mailto:hcwaine@yahoo.co.uk)

### Key Dates:-

- Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup> - Messy Church at Tavistock Methodist Church
- Weds 6 March – 9 am Schools' Communion for Ash Wednesday @ St Eustachius
- Thursday 14 March - Messy Church at Tavistock Methodist Church
- 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

**SPRING TERM: 7 January 2019 – 5 April 2019**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – Swim Gala

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Y5 Parents London Residential meeting at 6:00pm

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Cross Country @The Meadows.

**16-24<sup>th</sup> February** : HALF TERM – please note we do not return to school until Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** : Non-Pupil day

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Y5 London Residential

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Y4 Pixie's Holt

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Town Hall Disco (for the grown-ups, for a change!)

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June – Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Y6 Mountbatten Residential

**COMMUNITY**

**Violin Lessons** – Mrs Lewis offers violin lessons at St Peter's. £9 per 20min individual lesson, £6.50 per half hour in a group of up to 2-4 children. Violins can be borrowed from school. For more information or to book a lesson please email Mrs Lewis at [heidiclewis@gmail.com](mailto:heidiclewis@gmail.com)

**Mac and Laura Johnston**

Saturday 2nd February 2019

Contrasted indie duo, Mac and Laura, bring an uplifting blend of American and British alternative folk, with country bluegrass roots and harmonies that are rich and dynamic. At the heart of all that Mac and Laura do, is a love for people and a passion to write and share authentic songs that uplift and bring hope.

Fundraising concert for Trinity Balloons

Tavistock Methodist Church

£5 per ticket Available from Trinity Balloons crew or Eventbrite

**MESSY CHURCH**

St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock

Next Messy Church sessions:

Wednesday 6 February 3.30-5.30pm Messy Love (Candlemas)

Wednesday 6 March 3.30-5.30pm: Messy Lent (Ash Wednesday)

Wednesday 3 April 3.30-5.30pm: Messy Easter

Drop in for...

- Hospitality (food!)
- Crafts & activities (lots of messy fun)
- Friendship (for all the family)
- Fellowship (short Bible based celebration)

All the family welcome (children accompanied by an adult please)

There is no charge for Messy Church, but donations are welcome.

Other family services:

- Sunday 18 February 9.30am (Parish Centre)
- Sunday 10 March 9.30am (Parish Centre)
- Sunday 31 March 9.45am Mothering Sunday (Church)

Contact Sarah on 0178111192 or [sarah.ashford@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.ashford@gmail.com)

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