



FEDERATION NEWS

Summer is very much on its way, the sun is shining (sometimes) and it is great to see so many children across the Federation using the outdoor space. It is also great to see so many sporting events going on as well as productions and all sorts of exciting learning opportunities. As the weather becomes warmer, please make sure that you send your child with a sun hat for lunch and break times and that they have applied sun screen before school. Also, please make sure that they bring a bottle of water into school. Please can I encourage all parents to send and leave PE kit in school. I know from my own days in the classroom how frustrating it can be when there is an opportunity to take the children out for an extra PE session only to find that half the children don't have the right kit because they have taken it home to use it elsewhere. The ideal situation is that children bring their kits into school and leave it for the half term. Occasionally, it might have to go home for washing (especially as the children get older) but most times it can just stay.

On a related note, from Monday 19th June (no sooner) children can stop wearing their **school ties**. One thing that really makes our children stand out when compared to the other local schools is their standard of dress and so please can I remind you that children still need to look smart and tidy even without a tie. If children choose not to wear a tie they are still expected to attend school with ironed shirts that are tucked in. Additionally, they are still expected to wear appropriate footwear. There may be some occasions such as attending church that the children are still expected to wear their ties and jumpers.

Sports Day – You will have seen from the dates section in recent newsletters, sports day is next Tuesday. As in previous years, KS2 will do their sports day in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon. We have shifted KS1 slightly so it now starts at 12:30pm. This should mean that we are able to do a joint KS1 and 2 celebration and prize giving at the end of the day. Please could you ensure that children have hats, sunscreen and plenty to drink on that day. Additionally, if it is slightly damp then a waterproof coat would be useful. Unfortunately, the British weather is not always predictable and so, we will send a text if we need to cancel. The decision to cancel a sports day will be made on the quality of ground underfoot. It will be lovely to see as many parents there as can make it.

New Parent Governor – We would like to welcome Ms Vikki Bendle as our new parent governor, who many of you will know as she has Evie at St Peters and Joel at St Rumon's, and is involved with our school PTA. We know she will be a valuable help to our governing body and are grateful to her for volunteering her time to join us.

PTA Summer Fair - Please remember to sign up on the volunteer list on the St Rumon's noticeboard or e-mail us directly (mmstead@btinternet.com) if you can help, even if only for 15 minutes, or with general offers to help, versus manning a specific stall. Thanks to all the people who have already volunteered their time or expertise - we really appreciate it! We are still in need of gazebos for the event - please let us know if have one we could borrow. Donations of second hand teddy-bears and books are trickling in; please leave yours at either school office. Thanks!

Mufti for Chocolate! There will be a mufti day held tomorrow - Friday 16th June in exchange for a donation to the chocolate tombola. Thank you.

PTA Summer Fair Cake Competition: win a prize at the Fair for the best Circus-themed cake, cupcake or biscuit! All entries will be sold on the day to raise funds and fill tummies. Let's all get baking and decorating...

Internet safety – I write quite regularly with information about keeping children safe when they are in the internet, and this week I would like to highlight two documents designed to keep parents and schools informed that have filtered into schools this week. The first is about Roblox, which is a gaming platform that quite a few of our children connect to and the next is a piece of research which looks at the link between children's mental health and what social media they use.

- Roblox is a user-generated multiplayer online social gaming platform, dubbed the 'new Minecraft'. In the game players are able to create their own virtual worlds within the platform, and invite others to join. Activities in the game world include exploring, crafting items, resource gathering and combat. The game can be played on mobiles, tablets and computers. It is a great and fun resource, however recently there has been added a chat facility on the site which means that strangers can message young players directly and chat to them. There is no age verification on this and currently no way to screen contacts or block messages. Please be aware of this if your child accesses Roblox at home.
- The Royal Society for Public Health and the Young Health Movement have published a new report, #StatusOfMind, examining the positive and negative effects of social media on young people's health. The report includes a league table of social media platforms according to their impact on young people's mental health. YouTube tops the table as the most positive with Instagram and Snapchat coming out as the most detrimental to young people's mental health and wellbeing. To find out more about Instagram (and other popular Apps such as Snapchat), visit the NSPCC and O2's website NetAware and find out more about how to start a conversation with your child about using these apps and how to set 'Privacy Settings'.

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.

Key Letters issued this week:

- Devon Music Mix
- NSPCC Pants letter

Church News:

Messy Church – 13 July. Methodist Church (TMC) Thursday 8th June - 4.30pm-6.30pm. A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Sporting success – Congratulations to our Quad Kids team who won the event last night and will now qualify for the West Devon Summer Games at Brickfields next Thursday! We have had a very busy sporting week and our tennis and rounders teams also did really well and enjoyed themselves in the local schools competitions.

Lost Property – Grace Neal has lost two named jumpers – if found please contact the office.

Triathlon – Good luck to our triathletes tomorrow at the event in Meadowlands. Please ensure that you are in school at 8.45 ready to depart promptly at 9am to walk down.

Measuring height and weight of children in year 6 - The school nurse will be visiting St Peter's on Friday, 23rd June to measure the height and weight of our year 6 children. Letters were sent out at the beginning of the school year giving details about this and we have copies of any opt out forms received at that point. If you would like another copy of this letter please contact the office.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODY! - The order for the year 6 hoodies will be placed tomorrow (Friday). Anyone still wanting to order needs to contact Sarah Brown (07887 876015 or sarah277@btinternet.com) with details of the size, colour and forename and surname to be printed on the reverse of the hoody. Please note payment must be received before the order can be placed. You can pay by paypal (contact Sarah Brown for details) or by cheque / cash at the school office.

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

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Parking Outside of St Rumon's – Unfortunately we've received two complaints this week. One from residents on Dolvin Road, regarding parents/carers who are parking their vehicles on the pavement directly outside their front doors and another from Oakleys Coaches who have been struggling to park outside the school to collect our children at 3pm as there are too many cars parked outside. For safety reasons please do not park outside of the school. We provide free parking to all for both pick up and drop off times in Brook Street Carpark and Abbey Carpark. If you need a new permit please call into the office and we will arrange this for you. Thank you.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Alisha Holmes, Cameron Murray-Lunt & Oliver Henderson. Well done also to Meavy Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frames and scooters.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week next week will be the letter P. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this letter. 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.

Breakfast Club – please note that last orders for breakfast will be taken at 8.25 pm. Thank you.

SUMMER TERM 2017

Friday 16th June – Triathlon

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Tuesday 20th June – Sports Day

Thursday 22nd June – Tri Golf Finals – Summer Games

Friday 23rd June – Year 3&4– Morwellham Quay

Tuesday 27th June – Reserve Sports Day

Saturday 24th June – TCSF Summer Fair – 12-3pm

Tuesday 27th June - Y6 parent Information session and meet the tutor evening at Tavistock College

Monday 3rd July & Friday 7th July - Year 6 Step Up Transition days at Tavistock College

Friday 7th July – Y1 & Y2 Visit to Wembury Beach

COMMUNITY NEWS

Burrator Reservoir Family Sessions:

- **Sunday 25 June – 12pm-4pm** – Burrator Discovery Centre Open Day, 3rd Birthday and Fundraiser! Activities will include Art trail, Insect boxes, Bug hunting, Campfire cooking, Woodwork, Guided walks & talks, Charcoal demos, Hand painting, tea and cake, and much more. £2 per person.

If you need more information / want to book a session please phone 01822 855700 or pop into the Discovery Centre.

South West Youth Games - An exciting opportunity for those children with a strength in their chosen field of sport to attend trials to represent West Devon at this year's Youth Games on Sunday 9th July in Okehampton. For more information visit <https://www.southwestyouthgames.co.uk>, or email corey@ocrasport.org.uk , phone 01837 54546 or like OCRA on Facebook! Please note that whilst St Peter's is promoting the games, we are not involved in organising your child attending. If your child is interested in giving it a go, just turn up at the venue in good time. Mrs Walker can answer any questions you may have.

DHSB Open Evening – Tuesday 4th July from 5pm.

Contact Sarah Nicholson or (01752 208787) or visit www.dhsb.org

Duchy College Open Day & Food Festival – 24 & 25 June. 10am-4pm; Stoke Climsland. Nr Callington. PL17 8PB

Meavy Madness

Come and run the first ever Meavy Madness off road run

Saturday
1st July
2017

Off road
run
1 km, 2 km
& 5km
routes
available

Open to all
primary
age children

Meavy PTFA



runventure
www.runventureonline.com

Adults and other children can of course run with them but don't get race numbers or medals. All routes start from Meavy Primary School and Meavy PTA will be on hand with refreshments. This event is kindly supported by run venture - www.runventureonline.com

To enter visit www.westdartmoor.org.uk and go to the PTFA Meavy page where you will find more information and enrolment details or email meavyppta@hotmail.co.uk or call 07816 753694



Sunday 25 June 2017

10am - 12pm



Introduction to Wildlife Photography

This 2 hour session aims to teach you how to make the most of your camera, whether it be a bridge camera or DSLR, taking the best shots you can of a variety of wildlife.

Please bring any peripherals you have (selfie stick, tripod, remote shutter release) and we'll have you taking amazing images in no time. Patience will always be the most important skill!

£5 a person

For more information or to book your place please ring 01822 855700, e-mail heritage@swlakestrust.org.uk, Or Pop into the Burrator Discovery Centre

Photos pictured here were taken by the workshop leader Jacky Pearce, Wilderness Woman

