



**FEDERATION NEWS** - Well, after a long and excellent term we have finally arrived at the Christmas holiday. I would like to say thank you to all the staff and children who have worked so hard throughout the term and to the governors, PTA and other friends who do so much to help the school run well and enrich the learning of the children. Also, thank you to all the parents for the effort and support that you give the school. It has been lovely to see so many parents and grandparents during our excellent EYFS and KS1 Nativities and I hope to see lots more at our end of term service on Friday at 2:00pm at St Eustachius (please can all children be picked up at 3pm from the Church). If I don't manage to catch you, I hope that you have a lovely festive holiday and see you back at school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**Holiday Home learning.** If your child gets bored over the holiday why not get them to try **Kahoot**. There are apps for both IOS and Android which are free. By logging on, children are able to access thousands of fun quizzes on almost every subject. It really is a fun way of passing the time and learning. Additionally, why not challenge them to come up with a Christmas **Scratch** project – they could save it by creating their own log in (with parental oversight) and then show them when they come back in January. I might well do one of my own and then post a link on the school website for children to imitate or improve. Finally, don't forget that there is **Mathletics** that the children can log into to practice any area of their mathematics. If the children use **Live Mathletics** then make sure that they choose an appropriate level at the top of the screen. **Multiverse** is an excellent Mathletics game to help practice times tables.

**Santa Visit** - All the children enjoyed their visit from Santa and the presents they received for each of the classes.



**School Dinners** – Please note that due to increasing costs, it has been decided that it is finally time to increase the cost of school dinners at St Peters to £2.50 with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. 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. **The group will restart on Monday 7 January 2019.**

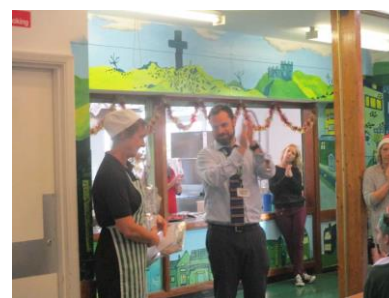
**Nut Allergies** – as we have children and staff with nut allergies, could we please remind you that nuts should not be brought into school by anyone.

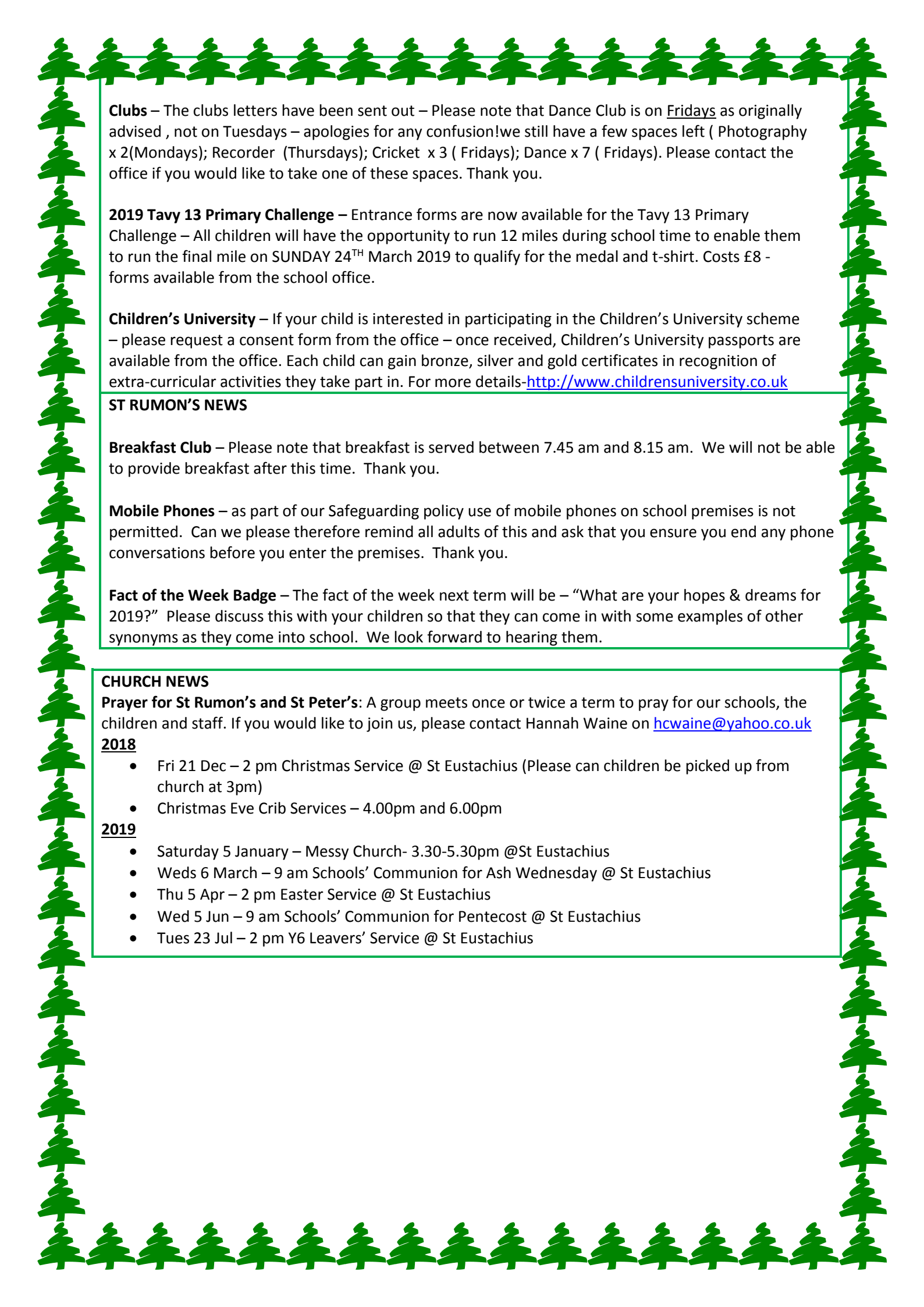
**Breakfast Club & After School Club Booking Systems** – Please make sure any outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible in order to continue using the club. All bookings and payments should be made in advance for After School Club and Breakfast Club using the app or via the school office.

#### ST PETER'S NEWS

**Goodbye Mrs Ward** – Mrs Ward is leaving us after many years as our catering assistant at St Peters. We wish her well for the future and would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years.

**Pixies Holt Deposit Reminder** – To secure your child's place on this trip, please ensure your slip and deposit are returned by tomorrow – **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**





**Clubs** – The clubs letters have been sent out – Please note that Dance Club is on Fridays as originally advised , not on Tuesdays – apologies for any confusion!we still have a few spaces left ( Photography x 2(Mondays); Recorder (Thursdays); Cricket x 3 ( Fridays); Dance x 7 ( Fridays). Please contact the office if you would like to take one of these spaces. Thank you.

**2019 Tavy 13 Primary Challenge** – Entrance forms are now available 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 - forms available from the school office.

**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 are available from the office. 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

**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.

**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 – “What are your hopes & dreams for 2019?” Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some examples of other synonyms as they come into school. We look forward to hearing them.

#### CHURCH NEWS

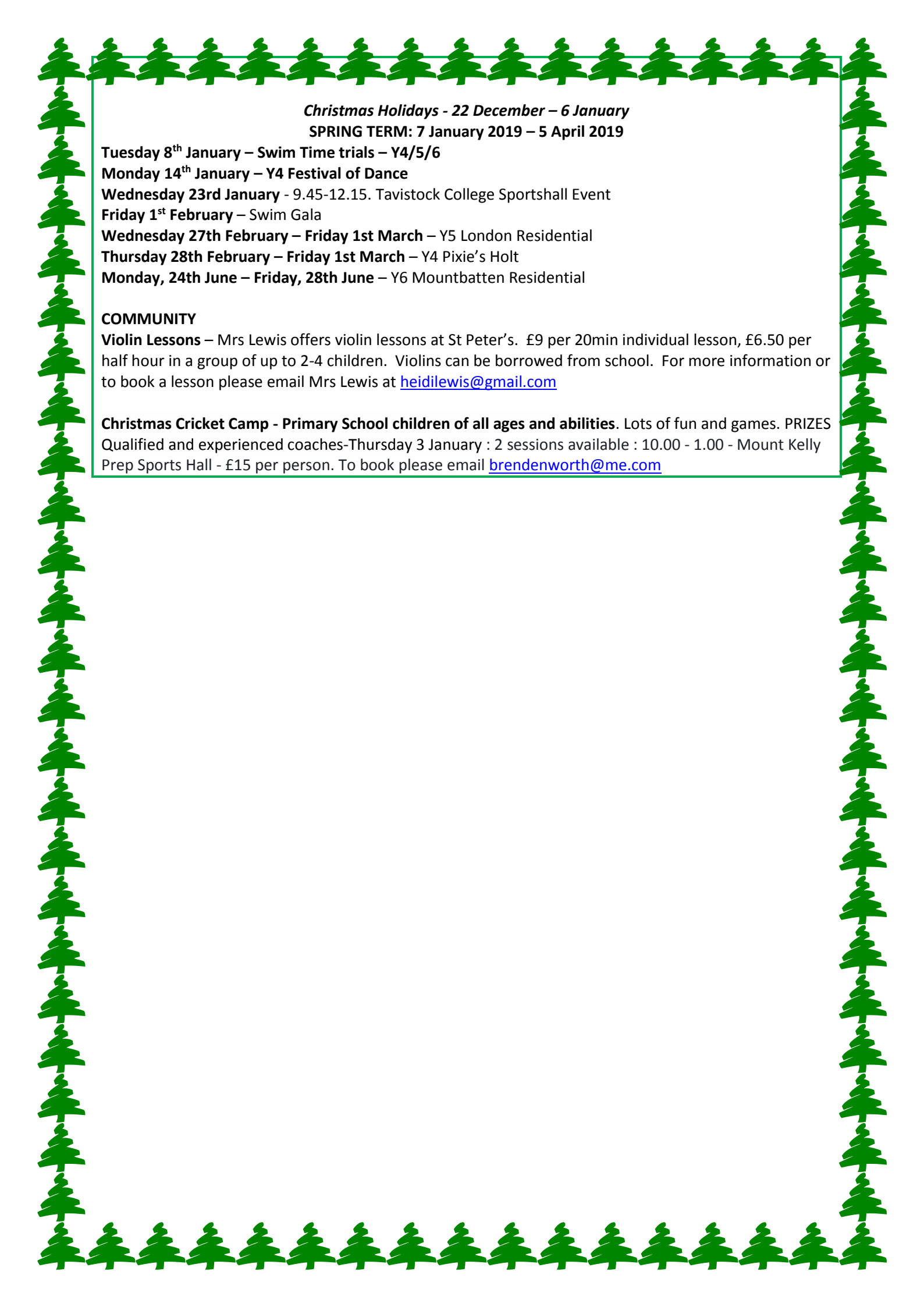
**Prayer for St Rumon’s and St Peter’s:** A group meets once or twice a term to pray for our schools, the children and staff. If you would like to join us, please contact Hannah Waine on [hcwaine@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hcwaine@yahoo.co.uk)

##### 2018

- Fri 21 Dec – 2 pm Christmas Service @ St Eustachius (Please can children be picked up from church at 3pm)
- Christmas Eve Crib Services – 4.00pm and 6.00pm

##### 2019

- Saturday 5 January – Messy Church- 3.30-5.30pm @St Eustachius
- Weds 6 March – 9 am Schools’ Communion for Ash Wednesday @ St Eustachius
- 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



**Christmas Holidays - 22 December – 6 January**

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

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Swim Time trials – Y4/5/6**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Y4 Festival of Dance**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - 9.45-12.15. Tavistock College Sportshall Event**

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

**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**

**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 [heidilewis@gmail.com](mailto:heidilewis@gmail.com)

**Christmas Cricket Camp - Primary School children of all ages and abilities.** Lots of fun and games. PRIZES

Qualified and experienced coaches-Thursdays 3 January : 2 sessions available : 10.00 - 1.00 - Mount Kelly Prep Sports Hall - £15 per person. To book please email [brendenworth@me.com](mailto:brendenworth@me.com)