

FEDERATION NEWS - I am starting today's newsletter with some slightly annoying news. Unfortunately, we have had a few instances of vandalism at St Peter's over the last few days which is both upsetting and will cost the school money to put right. Please could I ask all parents who live in the area of school to keep a note of anybody that is using the school grounds and let the school know. We will also report all acts of vandalism to the police and will seek prosecution. Please can I urge all parents to not allow their children on the school grounds when it is closed.



Remembrance Sunday - Thank you to the families of the children that took part in the remembrance service at the memorial on Sunday. The children did a magnificent job.

Choir – We are approaching that busy time of year again - the children will be performing at the Opening of the Christmas Tree Festival at 2.30pm and again later at the Dickensian evening (we are still awaiting confirmation of our performance time so will let you know as soon as we have heard).

NSPCC PANTS Campaign – we will once again be speaking to children in Years 1-6 over the next few weeks about this campaign, as we did last year. For further information please speak to your child's class teacher. – If you would like to view an example of teaching resources they can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/underwear-rule-schools-teaching-resources/>

Toddler Group – Please note our last toddler group this term will be held on Monday 4 December.

Children in Need – Fri 17 Nov – Children are welcome to come to school dressed in bright colours with a suggested donation of £1.

St Rumon's Open Morning – We will be holding an open morning for all prospective Foundation Stage parents and children due to start in September 2018 at St Rumon's on Monday 20th November from 9.30-11.30am. Please come along if you have any children due to start with us in September and bring any friends that this may also interest.

MTA – We have a vacancy for an MTA at St Peters. The role is for approx 1.25 hours/day Monday-Fridays (6.25 hours/week). Interested applicants need to request an application form from the school office and will need to complete DBS check.(- Closing date 17 November)

Catering Assistant – We have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant at St Rumons for 10 hours/ week. Interested applicants need to request an application form from the school office and will need to complete DBS check .(- Closing date 17 November)

Dogs in the playground – Please note that dogs must not be brought into the school grounds. This includes dogs being carried. If you are tying dogs up outside please ensure that they are well away from the school gates. Thank you.

PTA: Dates to note for you diary:

- **Christmas Fair** – Friday, 8th of December at St Rumon's. Please bring in toilet & kitchen roll tubes for the craft stall. Next PTA meeting date to diarise - 8pm on Tuesday 28th November -please note that these are **now held at the Bedford Hotel**.

Church News:

Confirmation Opportunity open to Year 5 & 6 - Our Vicar, Chris Hardwick, together with Trudi Massey and members of the Catylist 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: 15th and 22nd November this term, and the 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 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 (Next session: 6th Dec). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Cross Country– Congratulations to our cross country runners, who took part in the Castle Drogo event – Our girls team won overall with 964 points and our boys team coming second with 931 points. It was a fantastic performance and thanks must also go to our staff who run the cross country club and our parent helpers for all the training – it is obviously paying off!

Girls Team	Boys Team
Lara Dix – 4 th	Nicolas Maczugowski – 1 st
Tess Hopes – 5 th	Rafe Kinnear – 7 th
Bea Kinnear – 7 th	Seb Folland – 16 th
Emily Carty – 10 th	Harry Moon – 19 th
Ella Whitford – 15 th	Michael Stewart-Reid – 31 st
Amelie Pearce – 22 nd	Ed Small – 68 th
Molly Hunt – 31 st	

Cake Sale - A very well done to our Y6 Librarians whose cake sale just before half term raised £107 towards their goal of providing comfortable seating in the library - thanks to everyone who came along and supported this event. Thanks also go to Mike James & Steve Tripp of Westcountry Financial, who have agreed to boost the funds raised by a further £100, which will enable the Librarians to order the seating sooner than expected.

Lost Property – Fin Ross has lost a pair of glasses in a blue case. Both the glasses and the case are 'Star Wars' branded. If found –please contact the school office. Many thanks.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Front Door – please can we remind everyone entering and leaving St Rumon's to pull the front door shut behind them. Thank you.

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.

Lost Property – Scarlett Nutbean in Tavy Class has lost two named cardigans, one tie and a water bottle. If found please return to class teacher or the office. 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 week will be the colour purple. 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 Zak Moody & Isabella Alcock. Well done also to Tavy 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

- Nativity ticket requests Y1 & Y2

Autumn Term 2017 Dates:

Tuesday 21st November - 6-6.30pm - Yr 5 Parents meeting – London Residential
Wednesday 22 November – 6.00 pm-7.00 pm – Governors Standards Committee Meeting
Wednesday 22 November – 7.00 pm-8.00 pm – Full Governors Meeting
Friday 1 December – 9.00 am-1.30 pm - Y4/5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Tavistock College (trials held in-school between 13-24 November to select the teams for this event)
Friday 1 December – Tinsel & Chocolate Day at both schools
Thu 7 December – Choir to visit Stroke Club
Thursday 7th December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 2.30-3pm
Friday 8th December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 9.30-10am
Friday 8 December – 3.30 pm-PTA Christmas Fair @ St Rumon's
Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch & Party at St Peters
Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Nativity @ Town Hall, 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 14th December - Christmas Lunch at St Rumon's
Friday 15 December – 2.00 pm Advent Service @ St Eustachius

Friday 15th December – Last Day of Term

January – Spring Term Starts

Tues 16 January 2018 – NSH 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

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.

SANTA SPRINT!

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3rd December 2017 at 3pm
Bedford Square, Tavistock
A festive fun run in aid of CHICKS!

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A fun way to start the festive season!

The festive fun run will follow a route of approximately 1.5 miles, starting at Bedford Square and finishing at the bandstand in the Meadows. It's suitable for all ages & abilities!

Sign up now!

Entry fee: £10 for adults, £5 for children (3-16yrs), £25 for a family of four! This includes your free Santa suit and a medal.

And every extra penny you can raise in sponsorship will help CHICKS brighten the lives of disadvantaged children.

Find out more about raising sponsorship money by emailing kate@chicks.org.uk Everyone who raises over £50 will be entered into a draw to win a fantastic prize!

About CHICKS

CHICKS is a children's charity that provides free respite breaks to disadvantaged children living in the UK. The children we support come from a variety of backgrounds - they might be living in poverty, be young carers or have been bereaved. A week at CHICKS gives them the chance to enjoy new experiences and make new friends in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Enter online at chicks.org.uk/santa
If you have any questions, please call Kate: 01822 811020

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