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**FEDERATION NEWS** - The weeks are racing past as we start to think about Christmas and it has been lovely to see both the Reception children and KS1 children start to put together their Nativities. I love the fact that each year, the Y1 and 2 children and their teachers devise their own words for the Nativity and so it adds real meaning and purpose to their work.

**New Deputy Headteacher** – I am pleased to announce that Mrs Jo Arscott will be joining us in January as our new Deputy Headteacher. Jo is currently a senior teacher at Eggbuckland Vale Primary School and has recently had a secondment as Deputy Head at St Joseph's Primary. She is experienced in both Key Stage 1 and 2 and greatly impressed me, the staff, governors and the children during her two day interview. You may well have already seen her around school as she has been in several times over the last two weeks so that her transition into our school will be as seamless as possible. When she arrives in January, we will have a coffee morning in each school so that you can meet her.

**Communications Meetings** - Thank you to the parents who attended the communications meetings last week. There were some good ideas and suggestions that came from the meetings, including a small section on the newsletter listing any key letters that had been sent home that week. From this week we will add this to our school newsletters.

**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 along for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

**Sickness** – Please note that all children that are absent from school due to vomiting sickness should remain absent from school for 48 hours to ensure that the bugs don't spread. Thank you.

**Uniform** – Please could we remind parents and children that all children should be wearing ties to school, these can be purchased at either school office at a cost of £3.50.

**Christmas Tree Festival** – our school Choir will again be performing at the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival at 2.30 pm at St Eustachius, which everyone is welcome to attend. Please also look out for our Federation's tree, 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas',



that has been beautifully decorated by our children attending Christmas Tree Club. A big thank you to Mrs Collacott, Mrs

Hudson, Mrs Hugo and Mrs Sullivan who have excelled themselves this year and helped the children to produce some lovely decorations. Please do make sure that you go and see it during the Christmas tree festival in put in a vote for our tree – number 12.



**Dickensian Evening** - Our choir will, also be singing at and so I would like to wish them good luck. If you would like to pop by and show your support to the choir during Dickensian Evening then they will be singing outside New Look at 6.30pm so please ensure your children arrive there at 6.15pm. Many thanks.

**Children in Need** – Thank you for all your kind donations – we raised £265.10 so well done!

**Christmas Fair** - We hope you are all looking forward to the Fair next week (Friday 2nd December, 4-6) and will be able to come along and support the event. Things to look out for:

- Don't forget that tomorrow (Friday) is our "**Wear tinsel on your uniform and bring chocolate**" day - please bring donations of chocolate for the tombola.
- A great favourite every year is the Secret Present room (where parents are not allowed, but your child is helped to choose, wrap and label a Christmas present for you). We are woefully lacking donations of suitable presents at the moment, so would massively appreciate it if you could have a rummage round at home and bring in as many possible gifts as you can.
- We would be grateful for donations of cakes/ biscuits for the Fair. Please could you complete the slip at the end of the newsletter if you are able to donate one - we should be grateful if you could hand them in on the morning of the Fair (not before, or staff might eat it!) - ideally to St. Rumon's, but if you can't manage this, St. Peter's is fine.

The Fair is always great fun, with Santa's Grotto, refreshments (including mulled wine and mince pies), lots of stalls, games, craft activities, Y5 and 6 peddling goodies, and carols and Christmas songs led by the Federation choir. All the money raised is spent on the children in some way, so we hope it will get you into the festive mood.

**Clubs** – Please note that Christmas Tree Club has now finished - the last one was at the church on Wednesday. Next week is the last week for after school activity clubs except for Cycling Proficiency which finishes on Wednesday 6th December.

**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 along for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends. Please note that the last toddler group this term will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Tavistock Cooperative Learning Trust AGM** - The Trust AGM will be held at 5.30pm tonight, Thursday 24 November 2016, in The Innovation Centre, Tavistock College. All parents, carers and staff are warmly invited to attend.

### Key Letters Issued this week

(this will now be a standard item to ensure people know what letters to expect home)

- **KS1 Nativity Ticket request letter**
- **Sue Weatherhead Retirement Tea Party invite**

### ST PETER'S NEWS

**Planetarium** - Our Year 5/6 children have been looking at space this half term in a topic that is called 'Out Of This World'. As part of the topic, the teachers thought that it would be a great idea to have a planetarium dome visit to bring the children's learning to life. Watch out for a report on the visit in next week's newsletter. As they came out I asked some of the children what they thought. "amazing", "fun", "lots of interesting facts", "exciting", "surprising" were just a few comments.



**Dodgeball Tournament** - Well done to Jake and Macy Polhill, Leo Easterbrook, Tom Vincent, Thomas Cole and Joe Waine who represented St Peter's in the recent Dodgeball Tournament. They were the smallest team to enter but played very enthusiastically and came 5th out of 8 teams.

**Christmas Lunch** – Our Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The festive menu will be Roast Turkey or Vegetarian Roast with all the trimmings followed by a choice of Christmas Pudding and Ice cream; Chocolate Cracknel or Fresh Fruit Salad. Please can **all children** complete the slip at the end of the newsletter to indicate whether they will be having a school Christmas lunch and if so, their preferred choice of lunch. Please can all slips be returned to the office by 30<sup>th</sup> November Thank you

## **ST RUMON'S NEWS**

**Clubs** – a reminder that our last club sessions are next week, with the last one being held on Friday 2 December.

**Christmas Lunch** – Children will be having their Christmas lunch on Thursday 15 December, and orders are now being taken by class TAs. As we have a small number of children that do not like roast dinner, we have included a pick and mix option this year. The choice of menu is as follows:-

- Roast Turkey OR Veggie Roast OR Pic n Mix (Ham or Cheese sandwich)
- Jelly & Ice Cream OR Xmas Pud OR Chocolate Cracknell OR Fruit Salad

**Nativity Tickets** – ticket request letters were sent home earlier this week, if you have not received one please let the office know. Could all requests please be returned by Monday 28 December so that we can allocate tickets. Thank you.

**Fact of the Week** – The number on Mrs Weatherhead's badge next week will be "11". Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this number. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

**Lunchtime Awards** – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Marcus Appleby, Nicolas Dobra & Alba Smith. Well done also to Meavy 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.

**Angel prayers** - We shall be setting up a Christmas tree by the front entrance with some blank angel cards available (designed specially for us by Mrs. Dawe), and we should love it if you and/or your child would take one home, write a Christmas prayer or Christmas wish on it, then bring it back in and hang it on our tree. Children can then take these home at the end of term to hang on your own tree.

## **AUTUMN TERM 2016 – Diary Dates**

**Last Day of Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Wear tinsel for Chocolate day

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Sports hall competition

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christmas Fair 4pm- 6pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Foundation Stage Nativity Play – 2pm

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Foundation Stage Nativity Play – 9.30am

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity - Tavistock Town Hall - 2.30pm and 6pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**– Christmas Lunch @ St Peter's

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**– Christmas Lunch and Party @ St Rumon's

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016** – Last Day of Term

**25 January 2017** – PTA AGM – 7.30pm

**23-24 February 2017:** Year 4 Residential - Pixies Holt, Dartmoor Outdoor Adventure Centre.

**15-17 March 2017:** Year 5 Residential - London.

**15-19 May 2017:** Year 6 Residential - Wye Valley

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Jumble Sale & Coffee Morning** – on Saturday 26 November in the parish centre from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Entry 20p and all proceeds to go to church funds.

**Winter at Lydford Gorge: Waterfall walk**, tea-room and Christmas kiosk. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, until 18 December, 11am-3:30pm,\*note except Sunday 4 December due to our winter fayre. **Christmas shopping** - Devil's *Cauldron entrance* - Shop open Wednesday-Sunday, 3 November-18 December, 11am-3:30pm. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 19-24 December, 11am-3:30pm. **Lydford Gorge Winter Fayre Sunday December 4, 11am-3:30pm (free entry)** Start off the Christmas season at Lydford Gorge. Local craftspeople will be selling Christmas gifts, local Christmas trees for sale, ranger crafts for all the family to join in with and hand bell ringers to entertain. Refreshments available from our tea-room.

### **Tavistock Community Football Club (TCFC) Auction Night & Kit Aid –Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

TCFC are asking people to donate pre-loved good quality adult and junior football kit (shorts/ shirts) and boots/ trainers to charity in conjunction with Kit Aid – Please bring any donations along to the football club between 9.30-2pm. TCFC will also be hosting an auction in aid of the football club on Saturday night from 7pm – Star lots include Chelsea FC Hospitality tickets for 4.



Patron – Graham Taylor OBE



KitAid is a registered charity which collects and sends no longer wanted football kit (shirts, shorts, boots, goalie gloves and shinpads in good condition) to children and adults who also love football but live in some of the poorest parts of the World.

If you'd like to bring smiles to children who are as passionate about football as you are, it's time to 'tackle' your own boot rooms, bedrooms, lofts and garages and deliver any clean unwanted kit in a plastic bag or bin bag to:

**KIT AID COLLECTION**  
**@ TAVISTOCK COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB, CROWNDALE**  
**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - 9.30AM – 2PM**  
**BRING ALONG PRE-LOVED KIT (Shirts & Shorts)**  
**GOOD CONDITION, CLEANED FOOTBALL BOOTS/**  
**TRAINERS (tied in pairs please)**

We welcome donations of adult and children's kit.

*Thank you for your support!*

If you would like to know more about KitAid log on to [www.kitaid.net](http://www.kitaid.net) or [www.kitaid.blogspot.com](http://www.kitaid.blogspot.com)  
Registered Charity No. 112662  
Affinity Water's home grown registered charity

**Burrator Reservoir** - dates volunteering and events for November and December:  
***Practical Volunteering Days***

Tues 15 Nov – 10am-3pm

Fri 25 Nov – 10am-3pm

Tues 29 Nov – 10am-3pm

Mon 5 Dec – 10am-3pm

Sun 11 Dec – 10.30am—3.30pm

Fri 16 Dec – 10am-3pm

### ***Family Activities***

**Sun 27 Nov – 10.30am-12.30pm** – Family

Wildlife Watch Session – 'Fungi are fun!'. Wear outdoor clothes and footwear, meet at the Discovery Centre, £1 per person. Hot chocolate & biscuits provided.

**Sun 18 Dec – 10.30am-12.30pm** – Family Wildlife Watch Session – 'Christmas

## **AUCTION NIGHT**



**@ THE RED & BLACK CLUB**

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**DOORS OPEN : 7PM**

**AUCTION STARTS : 7.30PM**

**Come along for a drink and support TCFC !!**

**Loads of Great Prizes to bid for...**

woodland crafts'. Wear outdoor clothes and footwear, meet at the Discovery Centre, £1 per person. Hot chocolate & biscuits provided.

**Tues 20 Dec – 10am-4pm** – Family Christmas Holiday Activity Session – Drop in between 10am-4pm – Lots of different winter wildlife themed and practical activities to try. £1 per person.

**All Age Events:**

**Sat 17 Dec** – Annual Christmas Tree Walk & cut down your own Christmas Tree. Mulled wine and mince pies included. Limited places. *To book please ring SWLT Lidn Park Office: 01566 771930*

**Sun 18 Dec** – 10am-4pm – Come and make your own wreath. Drop into the Discovery Centre between 10am and 4pm. Materials provided. £5 per wreath.

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**Christmas Lunch Reply Slip ( St Peter's only)**

My child.....Class.....

My child will be bringing a packed lunch and will not require a school Christmas lunch

My child would like a School Christmas lunch (£2.20) on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Please circle your main choice of main course and pudding:-

Main	Roast Turkey	Vegetarian Roast	
Pudding	Christmas Pud & Ice-cream	Chocolate Cracknel	Fresh Fruit Salad