



FEDERATION NEWS

Another great week - This week I have had the pleasure of joining four Year 5 pupils on a maths day at Plymouth University. The day was a fantastic one where the children had to work with others from different schools in order to improve their strategies for solving problems. As the day was focused on non-traditional problem types the children came home thinking that they had not even done any mathematics!

Homework – To make things more simple, both homework and spellings will now be sent home on a Friday. Homework will need to be in on Wednesday and spellings will be tested between Wednesday and Friday.

Debtors – The school tries to provide many services and opportunities to help its pupils and their families (school dinners, breakfast and after school clubs and several activity clubs). In order for these to continue, we cannot afford for people to still be owing the school money for any of the above. We are looking to introduce an online payment system before the summer and will need all outstanding monies to be cleared **with immediate effect**. The school wastes considerable time and money having to chase up parents who have not paid what they owe the school. In some cases we have parents who, unfortunately, despite many reminders still have not settled debts or discussed payment plans with the school. There are no separate funds available to schools in order to recover money that is owed and so these debts directly impact on the educational experience that we can provide for our children. As you are all aware, with current government funding cuts, this is a tough time for schools budget-wise and we would urge you to make a real difference to the school by ensuring that all payments are made promptly and in advance. Thank you for your support with this. More information about our exciting online payment system, which will be gradually introduced starting with after-school club, will be given out shortly.

Governor Vacancy – By now, you will have received a letter regarding the parent governor vacancy within the Federation. This is a valued and important role within the school and we are keen to hear from anyone who wishes to become involved in promoting high standards of education achievement, ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact and helping to continue to improve the school's performance. If you are interested and wish to find out more about what is involved and the level of commitment, please feel free to speak to any of our current Governors, whose details can be found on the school website, or Helen Tripp, Clerk to Governors on 01822 612085. Closing date for applications is midday on Friday 4 May.

Carnival Entry – Following the success of our carnival entry last year which won Best in Procession, we will once again be entering Tavistock Carnival. We would be really grateful if any parents might be able to supply a flat bed truck for us to decorate as part of our entry. If you could help us, please contact Miss Charlesworth, Miss Evans or the School Office.

Sports For Schools – Children have now completed their fitness circuits with the top athlete – Dan James. It is inspirational for the children to see what can be achieved with a positive mental attitude and determination to succeed. Could you please ensure that all sponsorship forms and money are returned to the school office by Thursday 10 May. Children will receive an award based on the amount of money they raise, with the schools receiving a percentage of the sponsorship money to be spent on PE equipment.

Tidy Tavi – I love the fact that a growing number of our children and parents take part in Tidy Tavi, which is a great way for our children to learn about the importance of community work. This month's Tidy Tavi is this Saturday morning at 10am at the entrance to Meadowlands. All equipment is provided. Although we finish at noon there is no pressure to do the full 2 hours even a 15 minute toddle can help us keep the town clean. It's a great way to do something for the local environment. Families are very welcome as are 4 legged friends.

CHURCH NEWS

The Vestry Group - This is a group for children that meets during the family service each Sunday at 9.45. It is run by a team of 3 and provides craft activities linking to the theme of the main service. Informal and fun. Please come along!

Child Focused Family Services - Please see dates for **additional** child focused family services at St Eustachius. These services will be a Family Worship service and held once a month for the next few

months, with refreshments available from 11:15 am and the actual service beginning at 11:30 am in church. **The service will aim to last for no longer than 40 minutes.** The dates are as followed:

- May 13
- June 10
- July 8

Messy Church @ St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock

Drop in from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the church. Come along for –Hospitality (hot meal); Crafts, activities and games (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. Contact Sarah on 07929911892 or sarah.pendle0@gmail.com

Messy Church @ Tavistock Methodist Church Tavistock – 4.30-6.30 pm . A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal. (Dates: May 10th, June 14th, July 12th)

ST PETER'S NEWS

Handball Festival - Congratulations to all of Year 5 who participated in the local handball festival. This was a great opportunity for the children to experience a new sport – they played really well and showed great sportsmanship!

Cricket – Congratulations to the cricket team who played on Tuesday. They all did incredibly well and the A team won the trophy!

Quad Kids – Good luck to our pupils who will be going to the Quad Kids athletics festival tomorrow!

Clubs – Please note that as advised, payment for clubs needed to be made **in advance**. We have a few cases where payment has not been received – please note that if payment is not made, the pupil will not be able to carry on attending and their space at the club will be given to those children next on the waiting lists.

(Monday – Dance – £22.50/term; Tuesday – Cricket (District Sports) - £25/term - Plymouth Argyle £25/term; Thursday – Board Games - £20/term.)

School Lunches

School lunches remain at £2.20 each. £63.80 for the first half of this term and £145.20 for the whole term. We do ask that school meals are **paid for in advance please**. If paying by cheque please make it payable to St Peter's C E Junior School.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Toddler Group – Please note our toddler group is held at St Rumon's on Mondays and has a new starting time of 1.30pm and will run until 2.45pm. All families are welcome and refreshments are available. Please come along for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

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 – 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 week will be rhyming words or sentences. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some other variations and interesting facts about this. 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 Matthew Clarke-Collins, Sophia Hicks & Harrison Pearce. Well done also to Meavy Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frame and scooters.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Rounders Tournament

Summer Term 2018 Dates:

Friday, 4 May - Quad Kids Athletics, Year 5/6 team selection

Thursday, 10 May – Yr 4 & 5 Rounders Competition

Weds, 23 May – 9 am: Schools' Communion for Pentecost @ St Eustachius Church

HALF TERM: 28 May – 1 June

11th-15th June - Y6 Residential to Beam House

Thursday 28 June – Devonport High School Familiarisation Day: 9am-3pm – Y6

Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th July - Tavistock College Taster Days – Y6

Monday, 16 July – KS1 Optional Parents' Evening – This is not a formal parents' evening but a 'drop in' evening for parents to pop in to see the class teacher if they have any concerns.

Tuesday, 17 July – KS2 Optional parents' Evening – This is not a formal parents' evening but a 'drop in' evening for parents to pop in to see the class teacher if they have any concerns.

Tues 24 July– End of Term Leavers' Service @ St Eustachius Church– 2.00 pm