

Autumn Term

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FEDERATION NEWS - Welcome back!

Welcome back to school and I hope that you all managed to enjoy your summer holidays. The children have come back to school and settled incredibly well and it has been a pleasure to see our new Reception children and Year 3 children settling into their new environments. As always, this year will be an exciting and busy one and so keep reading future newsletters to find out more about our curriculum and any new initiatives that we are running.

Value of the term – This term our Christian Value is love and it would be great if you could have a dinner table conversation about the two overarching ideas of Loving God and Loving your Neighbour. What does Loving your Neighbour mean to your children?

TERM DATES 2017-2018 – Please see below important term dates for your diary!

AUTUMN: Wednesday 6th September – Friday 15th December 2017. (Half Term: 23-27th October 2017) (Non- Pupil Days: Wednesday 11th October: Goose Fair Day)

SPRING: Tuesday 2nd January – Thursday 29th March 2018. (Half Term: 12th- 16th February 2018) (Non Pupil Inset Day: 19th February 2017 – please note that this extends the half term by 1 day)

SUMMER: Monday 16th April – Tuesday 24th July 2018. (Half Term: 28th May-1st June 2018) (Non Pupil Day: Monday 7th May 2018)

Parents Evenings – Please note that parents evenings will be held on the following dates. Sign up sheets for appointments will be available from the school offices from **Monday 25th September**. Monday 2nd October – KS1 Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.15pm @ St Rumon's Tuesday 3rd October – KS2 Parents Evening – 4pm-6.45pm@ St Peters Wednesday 4th October – KS1 Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6.15pm @ St Rumon's Thursday 5th October – KS2 Parents Evening – 4pm-6.45pm @ St Peters

School Photos – Family & Individual – all children will have their school photograph taken by Tempest Photography on the dates below. If you would like a family picture with siblings, please go to either school site for 8.30am.

St Peter's – 9 October St Rumon's – 10 October

PTA Meeting - next meeting on Monday the 18th of September, at 8pm at the Bedford Hotel. First drink on us! All welcome – Please come along and support the school!

Photo Consent Form – All previous photo consent forms will remain in force for this academic year. If you have changed circumstances regarding the use of your child's photograph – please advise the school office. Please can all new Foundation Stage children complete the photo consent form at the end of the newsletter.

After School and Breakfast Club.- We provide wrap around care for children attending St Rumon's and St Peter's – Breakfast Club on both school sites open for children at 7.45 am and After School Club at St Peter's from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Children are escorted from St Rumon's to St Peter's by school staff on a minibus.

Fees: Breakfast Club - £2.50 to include breakfast. Please make payment in advance by either cash in a named envelope or by cheque payable to 'St Peters CE Junior School'. Please note that parents are not allowed to build up a deficit and once a child is in arrears for £20 they will no longer be able to attend until the balance has been paid.

After School Club includes a hearty snack - £9.00 per session per child. (£8.00 for second child). All fees payable in advance to the office on either school site. Please make payment by cash in a named envelope or by cheque payable to 'St Peters CE Junior School' Please note that parents are not allowed to build up a deficit and once a child is in arrears for £45 they will no longer be able to attend until the balance has been paid.

We strongly advise advance booking for all clubs to be sure of a place. We have 20 places available at Breakfast Club daily and 18 places at After School Club. Booking and registration forms are available from the office on both school sites. We would request that all registration forms are updated annually to ensure we have your latest contact details. Please could we also ask that all booking requests state the exact days and dates being requested to avoid any confusion. We are able to accept childcare voucher from employers childcare schemes – If you need any help with arranging this – please do not hesitate to contact the office Many thanks.

Highways works – we have been informed by Devon County Council of the following disruption to roads near to the schools which may require you to allow extra time for the journey to school:-

- Forthcoming carriageway resurfacing work upon Vigobridge Road Tavistock. **Friday 29th September for 1 day** between the hours of 6pm and 7am upon Vigobridge Road.
- Forthcoming carriageway resurfacing work **on Tuesday 3rd October for 2 days** between the hours of 7am and 6pm upon Meavy Way.

Toddler Group – Our first toddler group this term will be held on Monday 18 September 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:

- Y5/6 Tavistock College Meeting invites
- Y6 Secondary School application advice letters
- Bikeability forms
- Dinner Menus

Church News: School Harvest Festival Service on Wednesday 27th September – Please can **ALL** children be dropped to St Eustachius Church for 8.50am. All parents are welcome to join us for the service. Thank you .

ST PETER'S NEWS

School Dinners- At St Peter's, school dinners will still remain at the cost of £2.20/day (or £11/week; £70.40 for the first half term or £147.40 for the whole autumn term). Payment must be made in advance. Please make payment by cash in a named envelope or by cheque payable to 'St Peters CE Junior School'. Please note that any additional payments are always carried forwards. Please note that parents are not allowed to build up a deficit and once a child is in arrears for £20 or more they will not be able to have a school lunch until the outstanding balance has been settled.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals- please complete the attached form at the end of the newsletter or telephone 0345 155 1019. Children eligible for free school meals will also be eligible for subsidised residential trips. Thank you.

Packed lunches – Please note that we are a **nut-free school** and would request that no nuts or nut-based products (i.e cereal bars containing nuts/ peanut butter flavoured items etc) are sent into school as we have both children and staff with severe allergic reactions. Many thanks.

No Family Worship tomorrow – Please note that there will be no family worship this Friday at St Peters. Thank you.

Year 6 Secondary school aplications – All Y6 pupils should receive a letter inviting tem to apply for their secondary school place and contains details of how to apply. Applications need to be submitted by 31 October 2017

Year 5 & 6 Tavistock College Parents Evening – Sarah Jones, (Principal of Tavistock College) has invited all parents of Year 5 & 6 students to join them for a brief presentation and an informal question

and answer session on Tuesday 10 October at 4.30pm at the St Peters School Hall.

End of Day Arrangements - Please can **every** child complete the form at the end of the newsletter to indicate how we would expect them to make their way home. Many thanks.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week next week will be the number 10. 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.

Piano Lessons – our Piano Teacher will have vacancies for any Y1 and Y2 children wishing to start lessons from September. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Marks on 01822 854224 or 07818 862971.

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

Parking at St Rumon's – For safety reasons please do not park on the main road outside of school during school drop off and pick up. We have parking permits available for Abbey and Brook Street Car Park. Please contact the office if you require a permit. Thank you.

Autumn Term 2017 Dates:

Wednesday 6th September: Autumn Term starts

Monday 18th September – PTA meeting – Bedford Hotel -8pm

Thursday 21st September – Y4 & Y5 Open Evening at Tavistock College

Thursday 21st September – Year 6 Junior Life Skills at Tavistock Town Hall – 1-3.30pm

Wednesday 27th September - School Harvest Festival Service.

Monday 2nd October – KS1 Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.15pm @ St Rumon's

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Thursday 5th October – KS2 Parents Evening – 4pm-6.45pm @ St Peters

Tuesday 10th October – Y5 & Y6 Parents Meeting with Tavistock College Leaders - 4.30pm @ St Peters

COMMUNITY NEWS

Young Photographers Competition 2017 Overall theme of this year's competition is "Environment". There are 3 competition age groups: 4 to 9 years. 10 to 14 years. 15 to 18 years. There are 4 categories in each age group, they are as follows: 1)Wild and wonderful. 2) Tenderness. 3)Growing things. 4) People at work. Photographs may be submitted until 10 a.m. on the final submission day of Wednesday 4th October 2017. Entries to: Tavyside Health Centre, Abbey Rise, Tavistock. PL19 9FD, together with the entry fees. Envelopes should be addressed to The T.P.A and marked "Photographic Competition". They regret that they are not able to return the photographs entered into the competition but they may be collected after the exhibition by arrangement with the T.P.A.

The Voice Kids is returning to ITV in 2018 and we're looking for super talented singers aged 7-14* who

have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage. Applications for our second series are now open and can be submitted via the following link: http://www.itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply



Foundation Stage Children - Photo Consent form 2017-2018

Please indicate that you are happy for your child's photographs to be used in the following:-

| Name of Child | |
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| Photo used for internal school purposes | |
| (i.e on class display boards) | Yes / No |
| Photo on internet on official school sites | |
| (i.e school website) | Yes / No |
| Photo in external press | |
| (e.g Tavistock Times) | Yes / No |
| Video taken by school/ local press | |
| (e.g ITV Westcountry News) | Yes / No |

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St Peters - End of Day Arrangements

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Please indicate one of the following methods to show how you would usually expect your child to make their way home at the end of the school day:

W = Walk / Cycle home independently

P = Parent pick up ASC = After School Club

B = School Bus

O = Other carer pick up..(please specify the carer's name)

email Form

Application for Free School Meals Devon

Please fill in all sections so that your child's eligibility for Free School Meals (or your eligibility if you are applying for yourself) can be verified. You must indicate the benefit(s) you are receiving. If you have any questions, please call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

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circumstances change. I wish for Devon County Council to be able to assess my claim in future by a secure computer link with the Department for Education. I authorise Devon County Council to use my information to process my claim for Free School Meals and to contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial and continuing entitlement.

| Your signature | | Date | |
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| Devon Free School | Meals Application Form BR35 (1) revised Sept 2016 | | Page 1 |



Please post completed forms to:

Admissions Team, Room L102, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD or email to freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk or return it to your child's school.

Helpline 0345 155 1019

Important

You no longer have to reapply as we are able to carry out an audit check from time to time on your eligibility status. However, as soon as your circumstances change, for example, if you start to receive Working Tax Credits or you stop receiving any of the qualifying benefits, you must notify us by phoning 0345 155 1019. We will then inform your child(ren)'s school.

We are not informed automatically if your circumstances change and you no longer qualify for Free School Meals.

*Applications for Free School Meals are administered by Devon County Council for state-funded schools. You should apply to Devon if your child(ren) attend a Devon school - with the exception of Buckland Brewer Community Primary School, Colyton Grammar School, Parkham Primary School, Shirwell Community Primary School and also West Exe Childrens Centre Nursery to which you must apply direct.

Devon is also responsible for Free School Meals applications for Plymstock School, Coombe Dean School and Oreston Community Academy. If your child attends one of these schools, you need to apply to Devon.

How do I qualify?

If you receive any of these benefits you will be entitled to Free School Meals:

- Íncome-based & Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) on an equal basis
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) and with an annual taxable income assessed by HM Revenue and Customs to be less than £16,190
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- * Where a parent is entitled to a Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment received for a further 4 weeks when no longer qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. The criteria for Pupil Premium are the same as for Free School Meals (see Page 1). If we authorise your child's Free School Meals claim, it means that the school is able to receive the Pupil Premium funding for your child.

Universal Free School Meals All children in Key Stage 1 are automatically entitled to a free school meal. If you apply for Free School Meals for a child in KS1, we will check your entitlement for Pupil Premium only and inform the school that your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium. You can speak with the school directly to find out how they use the funding. Please note that we will not respond to your application for Free School Meals for a child in KS1 if he or she is already entitled to a free school meal. Even so, we ask all parents to complete this form as it enables schools to know about every child on roll who is eligible for the Pupil Premium additional funding.

You do not need to send evidence of your qualifying benefit(s) with this application. If we need evidence at a later date, we will contact you.

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