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## FEDERATION NEWS

Another half term has whizzed by and I think that all the children are ready for their half term break. If I don't see you before have a lovely half term.

**Condolences** – It is with regret that I am informing you of the recent unexpected passing of one of our governors- Mr Chris Tromans. I would like this opportunity to send our sincere condolences to his family at this sad time and thank them for all his hard work and commitment as a federation governor.

**Bishop Visit** - On Friday St Peter's will have a visit from not one but two Bishops! Leonard Dawea is from Temotu and Ellison Quity is from Ysabel. It is exciting to have a Bishops from a completely different part of the World with us for the afternoon and I am sure that the children will gain a lot from it.

**World Book Day-** The School will be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It would be fantastic if the children could come into school dressed as their favourite book character and bring in the book that they are from so that they can discuss it. It would also be great if, during the half term break the children were able to take a photo of themselves doing some extreme reading. If you search Google there are lots of examples of extreme reading photos. Please could you print any photos and hand them in to Miss Charlesworth or email them to [e.charlesworth@tcsfstcmat.org](mailto:e.charlesworth@tcsfstcmat.org) if your child is in Key Stage 2 or Miss Riordan ([l.maddison@tcsfstcmat.org](mailto:l.maddison@tcsfstcmat.org)) if your child is in KS1. We have decided not to do 'book on a plate' this year but there will be many other fun things as part of the day such as book swap, a school staff shelfie (yes shelfie) competition and the opportunity for you to come into school in the morning to share some reading with your child. More details to come shortly after half term.

**Parents' Evenings-** These will be held on the following dates:

**St Rumon's –**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February: 3.20pm – 6pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February: 3.20pm – 6pm

**St Peter's:-**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March: 3.50pm - 6.10pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: 4.30pm – 7pm

Sign-up sheets will be available in the office immediately after half term. As with the last meeting Year 5 and 6 will run their parents' evening as learning conferences and the children will write out to those parents shortly to explain more about the process. As with all parents' evenings it is incredibly important that all parents attend and so, if you are unable to make an appointment during these dates please contact the class teacher to arrange a more convenient time.

**Police Safety Talk** - On Tuesday afternoon Kevin Williams came in to talk with the children in Year 1 and 2. He spoke with the children about road safety and how we treat roads when we're walking, safe driving, safety on bicycles and getting on and off buses. He then took questions from the children who were very interested to know more about his job generally. It was a lovely afternoon and the children really enjoyed it.



**Cross Country** - Good luck to our runners for the Tavistock Primary race this afternoon.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers** – we are now collecting for this up until 30 June this year. Please drop in any vouchers to either school office – these help us purchase equipment for the children to use at both schools. Please spread the word to family and friends. Thank you.

**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 our next toddler group is on Monday 27 February, after the half term break as Monday 20 February is a non-pupil day.

**Key Letters:**

- Castle Drogo cross country competition
- RWind Choir & Band letters – performing at St Eustachius
- Football Team letters

**ST PETER'S NEWS**

**Cross Country** – Good luck to our team of runners participating in tonight's Cross Country Series competition held at Tavistock County Primary. Team members need to meet Mrs Walker at **3.45pm** to pin their allocated numbers onto the team vests.

**Change of Date- Whitchurch cross country** competition date is now on Thursday 9th March – apologies for any inconvenience.

**Tavy 13 Primary Challenge** – Please remember to sign up – forms are available in the school office. Children are running weekly in PE lessons and any extra cross country events will also count towards the 12 miles. Final mile on the morning of Sunday 19th March. Forms need to be returned to school by Friday February 10th.

**Teampoint Assembly Cancelled tomorrow**– Please note that due to the bishop's visit tomorrow – there will be no teampoint assembly in the morning. Thank you.

**ST RUMON'S NEWS**

**Year 1 Assembly** - Year 1 have a class assembly tomorrow on Friday 10 February at 9am St Rumon's. Year 1 Parents are invited to stay and watch. Refreshments and a chance to have an informal chat with school staff will be available afterwards.

**Front Door** – we have been experiencing some problems with our front door lately and have arranged for an engineer to call. Could we please ask everyone visiting the school to ensure the door is pulled shut behind them when leaving and entering the building. Many thanks.

**Fact of the Week Badge** – The fact of the week for next week will be the number 20. 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.

**Piano Lessons** – Lessons will not be taking place on Friday 3 or Friday 10 February as our piano teacher is away. She will be running an extra session for all her pupils on Weds 22 February. A note and text has been sent home informing of this.

**Lunchtime Awards** – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Emma Chambers, Layla Allen & Daisy Brown. Well done also to Lynher 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.

## **Church News**

- **Saturday 11 March** – Concert Band & TCSF Choir at St Eustachius Church - 7.30pm Tickets available in advance (Adult £5; U16 £2.50; U10 – Free).
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - End of Term Church Service

## **SPRING TERM 2017– Diary Dates**

**Thursday 9 February** - Cross Country Tavistock Primary (1st of 3)

**13th-17th February** - **HALF TERM**

**Monday 20 February** – **Non-Pupil Day**

**Tuesday 28 February** - Year 5/6 cross country Castle Drogo

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – **St Rumon's Class Photos**

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

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Schools communion for Ash Wednesday at 8.50am at St Eustachius

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – St Peter's class photos

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Indoor climbing competition - Year 5/6 children

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Cross Country Whitchurch Down (2nd of 3) **(Please note change of date)**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Scholastic Book Fair

**Wednesday 15 March** - Cross Country - venue to be confirmed - (3rd of 3)

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

**Sunday 19 March** - Tavy 13 Primary Challenge

**Tuesday 21 March** - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief Day

**Thursday 30 March** - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Easter Church Service at 2pm

## **SUMMER TERM 2017**

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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Burrator Reservoir Activities**

- **Family Wildlife Watch Sessions 10.30am-12.30pm**

We meet at Burrator Discovery Centre. Each session will involve some wildlife/heritage focused games and a practical activity, followed by hot chocolate & biscuits. £1 per person. Please wear old clothes & sturdy footwear.

**Sunday 26 February** – Trees are changing

**Sunday 19 March** – A Railway Adventure

- **Family Activity Day - Wednesday 15 February - 10am –3.30pm**

Activities will include a combination of nature trails, wildlife art, games, practical activities and marshmallow toasting. It will cost £1 per person and you can just drop in, no need to book.

**Cricket Half Term Camp** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – 10am-4pm; £15/day at Tavistock College. For bookings/enquiries- contact Alex Jopling on 07507711595 or [alex.jopling@devoncricket.co.uk](mailto:alex.jopling@devoncricket.co.uk) or book online at [www.devoncricket.co.uk](http://www.devoncricket.co.uk)

**Messy Church** – at St Eustachius Church - Drop in from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the church

- Wednesday 1 March – Bible Mountains