

**FEDERATION NEWS**

I cannot believe how quickly this half term has flown by. Have a lovely half term (hopefully in the sun) and I will see you back to school on Tuesday 4th June.

Health and Wellbeing week- Following the INSET Day on Monday 3rd June, KS2 will be holding a health and wellbeing week in school where the teachers will spend much of their timetable focussed on this with their children. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children and adults to spend some time thinking about the importance of health both physically and mentally and to learn about how to value wellbeing. On Tuesday 4th May Mr Stirling will run a parent workshop on Emotional Logic. Emotional Logic helps people to move forward in their emotional state (such as anger or anxiety) and forms part of our approach to teaching PSHE. It is also used in supporting pupils who are experiencing difficulties. The parent session will serve as both a great introduction to Emotional Logic and also help parents in dealing with their children at home. It will run from 1:45 – 3:15pm and I hope that as many parents as possible come along.

- **Resources with advice for both children and adults:**

- <https://www.ncb.org.uk/search/node/wellbeing>

- <https://www.emotionallogiccentre.org.uk/>

- <https://eh4mh.co.uk/about/>

- <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/>

- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/>

KS1 will be running the week later in the school year.

Holiday in term time - I seem to have been inundated lately with holiday requests in term time. Please can I remind you that, unless there really is an exceptional case, this will not be authorised. I thought that it might be useful to list a few things that will not be authorised:

- Parents' work commitments
- Cost of the holiday
- Flight availability
- Visiting family abroad
- Someone else booking a holiday on your behalf
- A cultural visit
- Leaving early to avoid traffic

Whilst I understand the frustrations that an unauthorised holiday request may cause, as a school we are tasked with ensuring the highest attendance that we can for our children. Statistically, we know that there is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement but also from a very practical teaching point of view it can be very frustrating knowing that a child will miss all or part of a unit. In turn that means that they have to try to find a way to ensure that the child catches up on the learning missed and, in a busy term, that is nearly impossible. Unauthorised holiday of more than 5 days over a 12 month period (not school year) is automatically picked up by the Local Authority and may result in a fine of £60 per parent, per day that the child is away **and** this is multiplied by the number of children that are away. For children in split families both parents will still receive the fine.

Monday 3rd June- Non-Pupil Day – Please be reminded that Monday 3rd June is a non-pupil day and that the children return to school on Tuesday 4th June after half term.

PTA - Summer Fair – The Summer Fair will be held on Friday the 14th of June from 4 to 6pm, at St Peter's. Please diarise this and help us to raise as much as possible. There are two PTA Summer Fair Planning meetings on Thursdays 23rd May & Thursday 6th June, at 8pm at the Bedford Hotel.

End of Day Collection – There are an increasing number of children who are being picked up late at the end of the day. St Rumon's school day finishes at 3pm and St Peter's finishes at 3.30pm. Although we understand that there can be an emergency situation where you may be unable to make it on time, in these circumstances we would ask that you contact the school office to let us know. If a child is collected late regularly, they may be taken to after school club and parents charged accordingly.

Toddler Group – Please note our toddler group will commence again on Monday 10 June.

Breakfast & After School Clubs – we would remind parents/carers that 24 hours' notice of cancellation needs to be given for each of these clubs. Any cancellations made outside of this period will incur a charge for the session. Please note, cancellations can only be made by contacting the school office.

Parking Outside St Rumon's – the children would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for not parking outside school at drop off and collection as result of their project on road safety.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Breakfast Club – As our Breakfast Club is now becoming really busy, can you please ensure you book your child's place in advance online, as we cannot guarantee a space will be available if you turn up on the morning. 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.

Collection by other adults – could we please remind you that the school office needs to be informed if any child is being collected by anyone other than their usual adult.

Class Assemblies – these will be held over the course of the next term on the following dates:-

- Lynher Class – Fri 7 June
- Tavy Class – Fri 21 June
- Meavy Class – Tue 25 June

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.

Headlice – we have had several cases of headlice in school over the last week. Could we please ask that all parents/carers check their children's hair and treat appropriately. We recommend that long hair is tied back. Thank you.

Lunchtime Awards – congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Ava Philpotts, Jack Court & Nitai Seaney.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Elmer – Please keep an eye out for the Elmer trail in aid of St Lukes Hospice that will be popping up at



Mount Edgecombe over the summer. The children have been hard at designing the elephant and he looks amazing- A big thank you to Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Atkinson & Mrs Hodgkiss for all their help with the project!

Online Dinner Money - We are extending our online payment system to enable payment for School Dinners to be made with effect from half term. It is hoped that this will give parents greater flexibility to manage their online payments. In order for us to co-ordinate a smooth transition – we would ask you to all ensure you have completed the following two actions:-

- 1) Please note that any outstanding balances need to be settled immediately. Therefore, please can we ask that all balances for dinners up to the end of this term are paid by Friday 24 May – and this should include payment for all dinners your children have up to and including Friday 24 May.
- 2) Please ensure that you have successfully downloaded the app (detailed instructions below) and can see your child's name appearing within the app before half term. The dinner money option will appear on 3rd June. If you have any issues- please try to contact us before we break up on Friday so that we can sort these out.

Instructions for the app

In order to use this system, all parents will need to ensure they have downloaded the 'School Gateway' app and register with the e-mail held by the school to open their account. Please follow the instructions below to check that you can see your child on the homescreen of the app.

School Gateway is a parent portal accessible via smartphone app or website.

What you need to do now...Parents can download the School Gateway app for their smartphone or tablet from either;



Schoolgateway

- Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can receive messages from the school for FREE – this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

OR

Alternatively, School Gateway can be accessed via the website;
<https://login.schoolgateway.com>

- Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. Parents need to register for School Gateway with the same email address and mobile number that the school has stored in SIMS.
Note: If two parents are sharing an email address only one of them can use that email to register for School Gateway.
Once registered, a four-digit PIN will be sent to the mobile number which they registered with, which they will need to use to login to School Gateway.

Can't activate your account?

If you're having trouble activating your School Gateway account, it may be because school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

- From Monday 3 June, the payment system will be open for you to make payments towards dinner monies for next half term
- For parents who have any outstanding credit on our system, this balance will be transferred automatically by us to your account when the booking system opens on Monday 3rd June.

We know that with the introduction of any new system, there will be some teething problems – thank you in advance for your patience and understanding whilst we implement this system.

Cricket – Good luck to our Yr 5/6 cricketers who are playing at Whitchurch Wayfarers in Round 1 of the Local Schools festival today!

Y6 Residential to Mountbatten – Please note that the final balance payments (full cost was £308; or reduced amount for Pupil Premium children) are due by TOMORROW - Friday 24th May. Installment payments are welcome. Full payment will be required to enable your child to attend.

Change of menu for last day of term – The usual options will be replaced by Fish & Chips with a pot luck pudding on Tuesday 23rd July!

LETTERS HOME

- Online Dinner Money System Guidance
- Y1/2 trip to Wembury Beach

CHURCH NEWS

Messy Pentecost – Wednesday 5th June 3.30-5.30pm @ St Eustachius Church, Tavistock.

Prayer for St Rumon's and St Peter's: A group meets once or twice a term to pray for our schools, the children and staff. If you would like to join us, please contact Hannah Waine on hcwaine@yahoo.co.uk

Key Dates:-

- Wed 5 Jun – 9 am Schools' Communion for Pentecost @ St Eustachius
- Tues 23 Jul – 2 pm Y6 Leavers' Service @ St Eustachius

SUMMER TERM: 23 April 2019 – 23 July 2019

Thursdays 23rd May & Thursday 6th June PTA meetings (Summer Fair Planning) at 8pm at the Bedford Hotel.

Monday 3rd June – Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday 5th June – Yr 5/6 Cricket finals at Okehampton (subject to qualifying)

Friday 14th June – Summer Fair 4-6pm at St Peter's.

Monday, 24th June – Friday, 28th June – Y6 Mountbatten Residential

Wed 3 July – Sports Day – am St Peter's; pm St Rumon's

Wed 11 July – Reserve Sports Day

Friday 19th July – Yr 6 Traditional Lunch choice

Friday 23rd July – Last Day of term

COMMUNITY

Violin Lessons – Mrs Lewis offers violin lessons at St Peter's. £9 per 20min individual lesson, £6.50 per half hour in a group of up to 2-4 children. Violins can be borrowed from school. For more information or to book a lesson please email Mrs Lewis at heidiclewis@gmail.com

Girls' Football Day – Football fun day. Tavistock 3G Tuesday 28th May, from 10.00am to 15.30pm. £15. Open to girls aged 8-14 years. If interested contact andymeeds@hotmail.com / 07784528645 or Donna Hone – 07495744107. Book early as limited space.

Tavistock Athletic Club - Tavistock Athletic Club has been selected for the 'Bags of Help' fund raising scheme at Tesco's Tavistock for the months of May & June. There will be 2 other good causes as well. The scheme that receives the most blue tokens is awarded £4000, 2nd place £2000 & 3rd receives £1000. We would like to update our equipment if we win and we'd truly appreciate your support. Please consider shopping at Tesco's, using your own bag and donating the blue token to Tavistock AC's fund raising cause. We're a busy community club, run by volunteers with around 300 members, split equally between juniors & seniors. THANK YOU!

All Star Cricket Course – 10 weeks from 5-6pm.(Friday 10 May – Friday 28 Jun) at Tavistock Cricket Club. £40/ course. All Stars Cricket provides boys and girls from 5-8 years old with 8 weeks of non-stop fun. The activity and game based programme is suitable for all skill levels, providing your child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket, while making friends in a safe and enjoyable environment. Further details available at : <https://allstarscricket.co.uk/tavistock> .

Wizard of Oz – Tavistock Children’s Theatre Club – Sat 8th June 3pm & 6.30pm.; Sun 9th June 2pm & 6pm. £8/adults £5/U16s...Box office :01822 611166



Westmoor Veterinary

Hospital open day!

Join us on Saturday the 25th May 2019 between 13:30 – 16:30 for an ‘access all areas’ behind the scenes look at how the hospital operates!

(Dog show 15:00 – Raffle 16:00)

- 🔍 **Practice Tours** – Learn about how a veterinary hospital is run, take a look at our operating theatres, animal ward, dental room, x-ray, ultrasound scanning room and more of what goes on behind the scenes!
- 🐕 **Dog show** – Enter our family friendly fun dog show
- 🎟️ **Raffle** – Prizes to be won, pet and human themed
- 📸 **Dog photos** – Have a selfie or family photo with your furry four legged friend(s) with a professional photographer!
- 🎨 **Face painting** – Become your favourite animal..
- 🍦 **Ice cream van**
- 🐍 **Reptiles**
- 🏠 **Themed rooms**
- 👋 **Meet the staff**
- ☕ **Stalls** – Craft, charities, tea/ coffee and cakes
- 🐾 **And more!**





Mount Kelly - High 5 holiday camps are running from their Mount Kelly site Tues-Fri this May Half Term. They’re offering children the most action packed, fun and inspiring programme possible to keep them active and captivate their young imaginations. They do this by filling their days with an exciting array of multi-sports and outdoor, adventurous activities... plus amazingly interactive arts and crafts. Highlights this May include: Swimming, Wild Cooking, “Spring Has Sprung” creative challenges and the outdoor Slip N Slide & Zorbs will also be making an appearance. Ages 5 to 15 years welcome. Booking can be made online via the website: www.high5sportscamps.co.uk. They are Ofsted registered and accept all childcare vouchers. Follow the fun on facebook and for any enquiries contact: 01752 215734 or email: info@high5sportscamps.co.uk

Summer Craft Market

Saturday 8th June
10am to 4pm

fundraising for
World Challenge
India Expedition
July-August 2019

at Tavistock
College in the
Refectory

facepainting craft stalls
 cakes and refreshments
 tombola and raffle



**FUN FOR
ALL THE FAMILY**



DUCHY COLLEGE
OPEN DAY
& SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL

Sun 23 Jun 10am - 4pm
Stoke Climsland, Nr Callington, PL17 8PB

Archery
Tractor & trailer rides
Meet the animals
Equine displays
Food and drink exhibitors
Digger driving challenge
Rifle shooting range
Children's creative zone
Fun family dog show
and lots more

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