

FEDERATION NEWS

I can't believe that another half term holiday is fast approaching – where has the time gone? As always, plenty of great things happening in and around the school. I had the pleasure of spending some time with Reception this week and loved seeing just how far they have come in their learning and social skills. I was even given a marriage proposal which was nice! I also spent time in with Year 1 as they were working on looking at different ways you could share numbers. Again, it was lovely to see and hear them talking so confidently about mathematics and using the correct vocabulary. Year 1 also had a fantastic visit from a member of the RNLI this week as part of their topic.



Y6 Residential – The children have been having an excellent time on their residential this week. Despite the fairly persistent rain, the children's spirits have not been dampened and they have positively thrown themselves into all their activities. I am looking forward to seeing them back tomorrow at approximately 5.30 pm – please keep checking the school's homepage for updates.



Choir – What a lovely experience last Saturday evening when some wonderful members of the choir joined two adult choirs to perform at St Eustachius. It was a fantastic experience for them and they did themselves and the school really proud. A big thank you to the children for all their efforts, their parents for bringing them and Mrs Prout and Miss Burton for their immense efforts in organising some really special opportunities for the choir this year. I would also like to say a massive THANK YOU! To the excellent Vocal Harem choir who worked with the children, and who very kindly donated £200 to the school to be spent on singing.



Classes – At this time of year parents are keen to know how the classes will be set up for next year. We are currently working on this complex process and will send out the information to you as soon as we are able to.

After School Club numbers - Our maximum after school club numbers are 18, so please could I ask parents to ensure that they pre-book for after school club to avoid disappointment. Additionally, I have been asked to remind parents that the latest that breakfast can be served at breakfast club is 8.25 am. If children arrive after this point they will be looked after but will not be able to have breakfast.

World Cultural Diversity Day – Monday 22nd May - Thank you to all our parents who have volunteered to come along to share their cultural experiences with our children next Monday. The children will be doing various activities to celebrate our differences and finding out more about

Schools Communion Service – Our next regular Communion Service is on 7th June which is the first week back after half term. Please could you drop your child off at church at 8:50 am. If you are available to help walk the children back from church please could you contact your child's teacher.

PTA Summer Fair – Please bring in any unwanted teddy bears or other stuffed toys to be donated to the Summer Fair. They will be the main event on one of our stalls. We are also planning on having a second-hand book stall, so would really appreciate donations of books in good condition. Books for all age groups are being collected, as there will be people of all ages at the Summer Fair. The PTA will be giving a prize to the class who provides the most donations, so get clearing at home – Thanks!

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

Key Letters issued this week:

- Parent Governor vacancy
- PTA Summer Fair letter

ST PETER'S NEWS

Parking in Greenlands – please can parents be mindful when parking around the school area at drop off and pick up times. We are keen to ensure that we show our resident neighbours due consideration and respect. Many thanks.

Carnival Club – Tues 23 May – please note this club has been cancelled due to a staff meeting.

Y5 Cricket – cancelled today due to pitch conditions following the heavy rain. All participants straight through to the final round next Thursday 25th in Okehampton. Look out for a letter in your child's bag.

Tavistock College Transition Days – There will be a Y6 Parent Information session and Meet the Tutor evening on Tuesday 27th June 2017. There will also be two Year 6 Step Up days – Monday 3rd and Friday 7th July. The College will contact parents directly with more information regarding these arrangements.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Menu Change – Mon 22 May - the menu for Monday will be as follows:-

M – Sausage Rolls V – Quorn Sausage JP – Cheese & Beans PM - Tuna/Cheese Sandwich
Dessert – Fruit shortcake

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Megan Morton, Dibeh Alaoui & Florence Pain. Well done also to Lynher Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frames and scooters.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week next week will be the letter G. 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.

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.

SUMMER TERM 2017

Monday, 22nd May – World Day for Cultural Diversity –

Thursday 25th May – Y5 Cricket Final, Okehampton

Monday 27th May – Friday 2nd June – School closed - Half Term

Tuesday 6th June – Foundation Stage Visit to Morwellham Quay

Wednesday 7th June – Schools Communion Service @ St Eustachius

Friday 9th June – Y3/4 Tennis Tournament, The Meadows

Tuesday 20th June – Sports Day

Friday 23rd June – Year 3&4– Morwellham Quay

Tuesday 27th June – Reserve Sports Day

Saturday 24th June – TCSF Summer Fair – 12-3pm

Tuesday 27th June - Y6 parent Information session and meet the tutor evening at Tavistock College

Monday 3rd July & Friday 7th July - Year 6 Step Up Transition days at Tavistock College

Friday 7th July – Y1 & Y2 Visit to Wembury Beach

COMMUNITY NEWS

Burrator Reservoir Family Sessions:

- **Sunday 28 May** – 10.30am-12.30pm – 'Brilliant Bogs & Magnificent Mires'. Come and learn about our important bogs found here at Burrator and wider Dartmoor. There will be lots of practical activities, including stream dipping, followed by hot chocolate & biscuits. Please wear outdoor clothes & sturdy footwear. £2 per child, £1 per adult.*
- **Wednesday 31 May – 10am-3pm** – Half Term Family Activity Drop In Day. Activities will include a combination of nature trails, art, games, practical activities and cooking on the camp fire. Just drop in, no need to book. No need to book, just drop by. £2 per adult, £1 per child.
- **Sunday 25 June – 12pm-4pm** – Burrator Discovery Centre Open Day, 3rd Birthday and Fundraiser! Activities will include Art trail, Insect boxes, Bug hunting, Campfire cooking, Woodwork, Guided walks & talks, Charcoal demos, Hand painting, tea and cake, and much more. £2 per person.

Volunteering Days:

- Friday 19 May – 10am-3pm
- Tuesday 23 May - 10am-3pm
- Tuesday 6 June – 10am-3pm
- Monday 12 June – 10am-3pm

- Sunday 18 June – 10.30am-3.30pm
- Tuesday 20 June – 10am-3pm
- Friday 30 June – 10am-3pm

If you need more information / want to book a session please phone 01822 855700 or pop into the Discovery Centre.

South West Youth Games - An exciting opportunity for those children with a strength in their chosen field of sport to attend trials to represent West Devon at this year's Youth Games on Sunday 9th July in Okehampton. For more information visit <https://www.southwestyouthgames.co.uk>, or email corey@ocrasport.org.uk , phone 01837 54546 or like OCRA on Facebook! Please note that whilst St Peter's is promoting the games, we are not involved in organising your child attending. If your child is interested in giving it a go, just turn up at the venue in good time. Mrs Walker can answer any questions you may have.