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## FEDERATION NEWS

I cannot believe how quickly the weeks are flying by. Before we know it we will be at half term after an exciting first half term of learning.

**Parent Survey.** One of the things that the school signed up to this year, is a service called Perspective which mainly deals with internal school related things such as performance management systems. However, one of its key strengths is in the collation of data and so it is a very good way for us to send out surveys to parents, children and anybody else in the school community. Perspective have produced a survey all about how well your child has settled back into the new school year and I would love you to complete the survey so that we can use the results to inform our practices/ procedures etc. To access the survey you will need to click this link

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=ef784a7f-9595-459a-ac9c-932507a9426d>. The survey will stay live until 25th November 2016. If you would like to fill in the survey but do not have access to a computer then we will make the computer suite or laptop available during parents' evening. Please let us know if you if you would like us to do this.

**Parents' Evenings.** Sign up sheets are available in the offices for parents' evenings on the following dates:-

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.30pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.00pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

**Parents' evening for Year 5 and 6 children.** Our Year 5 and 6 children's Parents' evenings are going to be called family learning conferences and, as mentioned before the children will be taking a much larger role in it. In order for them to work well, parents of children in Year 5 and 6 will need to come in before their meeting time so that they have time to look at the classroom and in books with their children.

**Open morning for St Rumon's-** The date for this year's Open Morning for prospective parents is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 9.45am-11.30am. We will produce a poster soon but in the meantime please do share the date with prospective parents.

**Photographs** – Please can you ensure order forms are returned to the school office by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Love in a Box** – This week, children will be coming home with a Love in the Box leaflet. Mustard Seed Relief Mission is a charity providing relief aid to children in Eastern Europe. In keeping with our Christian values, we are encouraging children to pack a small shoe box with small Christmas gifts either on their own or with a friend. These boxes are then taken to Eastern Europe to be distributed to children at Christmas time. Last year we managed to collect **100 boxes** and it would be great to beat that target! We would love to see as many children taking part in this act of love & generosity. Boxes will need to be returned by **Friday 11th November**

**Friends of St Eustachius' Church 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Competition** – Thank you to all parents who came to the art exhibition presentation and also to Mrs Sullivan who arranged our entry – the children's work looked amazing.

**Catering Assistant Vacancy**– We have a vacancy for a temporary Catering Assistant (10hrs/week – approx 11.30-1.30pm) at St Rumon's CE Junior School. The role will involve the preparation and serving

| When                        | Time                   | Where  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 9th November 2016 | From 9:45am to 11:30am | Reception and users start from the school hall |

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of food. Food hygiene training will be provided. We are committed to safer recruitment and therefore all applicants will be required to undertake a DBS check. Application forms are available from either school office. Closing date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Flu Immunisation** – Years 1, 2 & 3 – **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Thanks to all parents who returned their consent forms to the school, which have now been collected by Boots. If you still wish to have your child vaccinated but did not return the form to school you will be able to go to the Boots store at 5-6 Duke Street, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 0BA (Tel: 01822 612609) to be vaccinated by the Pharmacist in the pharmacy. This also applies to children who are absent or are excluded on the day, for reasons such as fever or worsened asthma. Parents should call the store in advance to book in. Please note, this is the only store where they can be vaccinated as it is not a service which is available in other stores.

**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.

## **ST PETER'S NEWS**

**Morrisons Bag Packing Fundraiser** - I would like to say a massive thank you to Tom and Ewan and all the bag packers for their work last weekend. They raised nearly £400 which they are going to use towards athletics vests. I also received a lovely email from a member of the public today who said what a wonderful experience she had when one of our team helped her. I have copied the text here:

*"I was doing my shopping in Morrison's last Saturday when one of your pupils approached me to offer to help pack my bags. I agreed as my own grandchildren have done this in the past and I was so overwhelmed by his attitude and polite approach that I feel compelled to tell you about my experience. He greeted me so warmly with the loveliest smile and took great care over packing my bags. When I asked him about his school, he spoke with such pride and is clearly a well engaged young man. I took a seat after completing my shopping whilst waiting for a lift and he worked tirelessly to offer help to customers, extending a warm greeting to each and every person he spoke to. I congratulate you on selecting such a wonderful young man to put before the community."*

**Recorder & Netball Club cancellation** – These clubs will both be cancelled on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November due to Parents Evening. They will restart the following week.

**Cycling Proficiency Club**- Please note that the next cycling club will now be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (due to school being closed for Goose Fair and the instructor being unable to make the 19<sup>th</sup> November). There will be an additional session on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Year 3 Multi Skills Event** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. This takes place from 12.45 – 3pm. Children will be walked down to the college and brought back to school in time for the end of the day. Children need to have their outdoor PE kit for this day and a sensible coat for the walk down to the college and back. We are in need of additional parent helpers in order to meet the necessary ratios so would be very grateful for any able volunteers as without your help we may not be able to attend. Thank you in advance.

**Secondary School applications – September 2017** - Due to a technical hitch within the Admissions Team, rather than letters being sent to school for distribution to your Year 6 children, they were sent directly to the homes of the students instead. Each letter has a unique identifying number specific for each child and information for parents on how to apply for Secondary School for September 2017.

**The application process opens on 1<sup>st</sup> September and the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.** If anyone has not received a letter for their Year 6 child – please let us know or contact Admissions team directly on 01392 383000 / [sandra.dunstan@devon.gov.uk](mailto:sandra.dunstan@devon.gov.uk)

**Residential Trips** – dates have been booked for the following residential trips:-

- **Year 4 – 23-24 February 2017: Pixies Holt, Dartmoor Outdoor Adventure Centre.** Cost £55. Deposit of £30 due by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Year 5 – 15-17 March 2017: London.** Visit includes Lion King theatre trip, Houses of Parliament,

and river cruise .Cost £170. Deposit of £50 due by Wednesday 2nd November with the balance payable by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

- **Year 6 – 15-19 May 2017: Wye Valley:** Outdoor adventure activity week. Cost £270. Deposit of £50 due by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November with the balance payable by 18th April 2017.

All children will have received their letter giving further details about their trip's itinerary. **Children eligible for pupil premium funding will receive a 50% subsidy.** If there are any issues with managing payments, please come and see us to discuss. Additional Funding may be available via the Devon Education Trust and application forms are available from the office.

## **ST RUMON'S NEWS**

**Pumpkin competition-** We have kindly been donated the pumpkin that is on display at St Rumon's. If children would like to guess the weight of the pumpkin for 20p/go and the nearest to the correct weight will win the pumpkin! All proceeds will go towards the school.

**Fact of the Week** – The sound on Mrs Weatherhead's badge next week will be "oo". Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this sound. 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.

## **AUTUMN TERM 2016 – Diary Dates**

**Half Term – 24-29 October 2016**

**Last Day of Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 3 Multi-skills day at Tavistock Track. 10-12 and 1-3.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Tri Golf Festival at Whitchurch Primary School 1pm start.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Bikeability Week– year 5& 6

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Schools Communion Service at St Eustachius – 9am

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.30pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival at Tavistock Rugby Club. 1pm start

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's open Morning 9.45am-11.30am

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.00pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Netball Tournament at Whitchurch Primary School

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Cyclo X at Tuell Farm, Milton Abbot - 10am start.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Day

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Foundation Stage Nativity Play – 2pm

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Foundation Stage Nativity Play – 9.30am

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity - Tavistock Town Hall - 2.30pm and 6pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016** – Last Day of Term

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

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

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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Tavy 7 Fun run – 23<sup>rd</sup> October** –The course will be 1.5 miles. The cost is £3 for each runner. The fun run leaves straight after the main race at 11.05 am. All participants would need to be on the main field by 10.50 am. All runners finishing will receive a medal. See [www.tavistockathletics.co.uk](http://www.tavistockathletics.co.uk) for details

## **Tavistock Wheelers Go Ride Cyclo cross series**

- Saturday 22nd October - Lewtrenchard School- The event is for boys and girls from School years 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8/9.Registration is at 8.30am with races starting at 9am. Entry fee is £3.00 on the day and all races and prize presentations will be completed by 10.30am
- Saturday 22nd November Venue TBA

Novices are welcome, only requirement is bike in good working order with knobbly tyres and helmet. These races are always friendly and fun and we help those who are "having a go".

Races for year 3,4, 5 and 6, and a girls only race

All competitors receive prizes; Prizes for the series of 3 races; Prizes for any parent helpers (entered in a prize draw for cream teas each race):Details *Tavistock Wheelers Youth Cycling Facebook Group*

### **Burrator Reservoir Family Activities**

**Tues 25 Oct** – 10am-4pm - Following on from the success of the Tuesday sessions in August we are holding a Family Half Term Holiday to take part in a range of fun outdoor wildlife themed activities.

Please drop in between 10am-4pm. £1 per person

**Sun 30 Oct** – 10.30am-12.30pm – Family Wildlife Watch Session. Wear outdoor clothes and footwear, meet at the Discovery Centre, £1 per person. Hot chocolate & biscuits provided.

**Mon 31 Oct** – Our annual Halloween 'Spooktacular' Event with lots of traditional Halloween games, night walk and spooky storytelling. Organised in partnership with Ranger Ralph team at DNPA. £1 per person. *Please get in touch for more details and to book a place – 01822 855700.*