



FEDERATION NEWS -



Another half term is nearing the end... Well done to all the children involved with the Plym class assembly pictured above! Our Y5 children in London have been having an amazingly busy time visiting the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London and the Globe Theatre. They have also been enjoying the bright lights of the West End theatre production of Aladdin and sightseeing along the River Thames. It is a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience our capital city- Please check out our twitter pages to see photos of the children having a great time.

Also, this week the school have been completing activities with the children about staying safe on the internet. Please talk to your children about their awareness of this -there are lots of resources to help with this on our school website so please check it out.

Mrs Kate Hoare has decided that it is time for her to start a new challenge in her life and will therefore sadly be leaving us. She has been an invaluable member of staff for the last 15 years supporting both our children and their parent/carers. We know that you join with us in thanking Kate for her commitment and dedication over that time and wish her well in her future ventures. If any parents would like to contribute to a collection towards a gift, donations can be left at either office.

PTA News - The PTA is holding an evening quiz at St Peter's School for parents, carers & staff. The date and time are still to be confirmed; tickets £2 per person. Look out for the posters & other adverts! We will be having a meeting on Thursday the 8th of February at 8pm at the Bedford Hotel, to make final arrangements for the quiz - all are welcome!

- The Easter Discos for the pupils will take place at St Peter's on Friday the 16th of March, Foundation & KS1 from 16h30 - 17h30, & KS2 from 17h45 - 18h45. Please let us know if you'd like to help with the planning or on the day.
- Our next full PTA meeting is to be held on Tuesday 27th of February at 8pm at the Bedford Hotel, to plan the Easter Disco & the Summer Fair. There may also be a disco for the adults in the pipeline...

Parents' Evenings – Parents' Evenings will be held during the week commencing 26th February with Monday and Wednesday evening being for KS1 and Tuesday and Thursday for KS2. Sign up sheets will be available from the school office immediately after half term.

World Book Day – Thursday 1 March– As always there will be lots of activities across the Federation to celebrate this. Please can children in St Rumon's come to school dressed in sensible nightwear and bring with them their favourite bedtime story. Children in St Peter's can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring the book to school with them if possible. More details about World Book Day will be sent home next week.

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.

Sports Relief – Friday 23 March – we will be joining in with this event, by holding a “Boogie Friday” in the afternoon. Children may come to school dressed in sportswear for a donation to the charity.

Nut Allergies – as we have children and staff with nut allergies, could we please remind you that nuts should not be brought into school by anyone.

Tesco Bags of Help Appeal - our bags of help appeal is in Tesco now. Please encourage all your friends and family to shop in Tesco and place a counter for us. If we are successful the funding will be used to help with a much-needed revamp of St Rumon’s playground. It would be wonderful if we were able to secure the funding without which the work will not be able to happen. We are currently in second place and so really would be grateful for a much needed boost of votes!!

Toddler Group – Please note our toddler group is held at St Rumon’s on Mondays and has a new starting time of 1.30pm and will run until 2.45pm. All families are welcome and refreshments are available. Please come along for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

Church News:

Pancake Party - Tuesday 13th February (Shrove Tuesday) Pancake Party in the Parish Centre (PL19 8AU) from 4.30pm to 6pm. Fun, games and pancakes! All welcome.

Schools’ Communion for Ash Wednesday- Wednesday 21 February. Please can **all** children be dropped to the church for 8.50am

The Vestry Group - This is a group for children that meets during the family service each Sunday at 9.45 in the school newsletter. It is run by a team of 3 and provides craft activities linking to the theme of the main service. Informal and fun. Please come along!

Messy Church –at Tavistock Methodist Church on the second Thursday of the month from 4.30-6.30pm: (Next session:February 8th March.). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

Messy Church @ St. Eustachius’ Church Tavistock

- Wednesday 7 March – Lent & Mothers’ Day
- Wednesday 4 April – Easter

Drop in from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the church. Come along for –Hospitality(hot meal);Crafts, activities and games (lots of messy fun);Friendship (for all the family);Fellowship (short Bible based celebration). All the family welcome (children accompanied by an adult please). There is no charge for Messy Church, but donations are welcome.Contact Sarah on 07929911892 or sarah.pendle0@gmail.com

ST PETER’S NEWS

No Smoking – A reminder that all the school grounds and buildings are non-smoking. This includes the playgrounds. Please ensure that any friends and family members that are picking up are aware.

Reading Glasses – We have several pairs of reading glasses that have been handed into the office. If you think your child may have lost their glasses- please pop in to check if they are the ones we have.

Y4 Pixies Holt Residential – Please be reminded that the £15 deposits are due for payment by tomorrow (Friday 9 February). Thank you.

Brentor Parents Evening – Please note that as Miss Burton is away on a course, the date for the 27 February Parents Evening for Brentor will be replaced by Monday 5 March. The Brentor Parents Evening sessions available for Thursday 1 March remain unchanged.

Bike/Scooters – A scooter was removed without permission recently. Although, it was later found, we would recommend that all children ensure that they padlock their bikes/scooters for additional security.

Cycle Cross - Good luck to those children at cycle cross tomorrow at Mary Tavy. This is a really exciting event over the last few years so have fun!

St Peters Class Photos – Tuesday 13 March

Cross Country - Good luck to our Cross Country teams this afternoon - as they take part in the first event of the series in Tavistock Meadows.

Tavy 13 Primary Challenge – FINAL CHANCE to sign up for this event. All children have been running laps in school. If you would like to be part of the big finale at the athletics track on Sunday 18th March, please collect a form from the office or Mrs Walker. All participants will receive a medal and t-shirt on completion. This is a fantastic fun community event. Closing date for entries Friday 9th February.

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Church Walkers/ Helpers - Wed 21 Feb - Schools' Communion for Ash Wednesday. If you are available to help us walk the children back to school from church at approximately 10am it would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the notice board or let your class teacher know.

St Rumon's Class Photos – Thursday 15 March.

Phonics Session – Thursday 22 Feb – we shall be holding a session which all parents/carers are welcome to attend from 9.00 am until 9.20 am, to give you an insight into how we teach phonics and how you can help your child to learn to read and write.

After School Sports Club – a reminder that if your child is attending one of these clubs, to please make your payment to the school office. Thank you.

Breakfast Club – 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.

Umbrellas – whilst we are happy for children to bring umbrellas into school on rainy days, we do not permit them in the playground as they can be a hazard.

Coats – could we please remind you that children should come to school in a waterproof hooded coat, especially at this time of the year when we are experiencing inclement weather. Thank you.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week after half term will be the word “small”. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some other variations on the word and interesting facts about this. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Edith May Ewens, Emma Chambers & Samuel Gent.

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.

Spring Term 2018 Dates:

12th-16th February – HALF TERM

Monday 19th February – NON-PUPIL DAY

Thursday 22 Feb – **Phonics Session** at St Rumons—parents/carers welcome to attend from 9-9.20 am

22-23rd February: Y4 Residential – Pixies Holt

Fri 23rd Feb - Sportshall County Final at Life Centre, Plymouth

Wednesday 21st Feb – Ash Wednesday communion service – St Eustachius – All children to be dropped to the church for 8.50am.

Monday 26th February - KS1 Parents Evening - 3.30pm-6.15pm @ St Rumon's

Tuesday 27th February – KS2 Parents Evening - 4pm-6.45pm @ St Peters

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Thursday 29 Mar-Fri 13 Apr – Easter Holidays

Mon 16 April – Summer Term Starts

Weds 23 May – 9 am – Schools' Communion for Pentecost @ St Eustachius Church

11th-15th June: Y6 Residential to Beam House

COMMUNITY

Whitchurch Cricket Club Winter Training sessions – Thursdays at Tavistock College Sports Centre. U8s-U6 (6-7pm) U12s & U14s – (7-8pm). Please contact Steve Hodge on 07964790331.