

FEDERATION NEWS I hope that you have all had a lovely week. Great work happening across the federation at the moment, and children are really engrossed in their learning.

Do you know what you children are doing on their phones?

Many children in the school have phones and access to computers and a range of other devices that are connected to the internet. This can be a great thing to enable communication and as a tool to help learning and recreation. However, lately two instances have occurred where the internet, including Youtube and Instagram, have been used inappropriately by children in the school. Please can I remind all parents that in order to have an Instagram or Facebook account children should be at least 13 years old and so no primary aged children should have an account.

In school we spend lots of time discussing safety on the internet with the children and also have visitors into the school to work with the children but I do feel that, many times, children forget that advice when they are away from the school site and fall into the trap of doing things that in school they would all say they shouldn't do.

At the moment I have two main concerns with children's usage:

1. That children are taking part in online discussions and arguments in which they are using language that they would not dream about using in front of you or in school. This is often immortalised on the web for the whole world to see.
2. That children are accessing and playing games that are clearly not meant for their age group.

Please can I urge all parents to carefully vet what games children are playing on their phones, computers, tablets and consoles and ensure that they stay away from highly violent games.

Additionally, please could I ask all parents of children who have social media accounts to ensure that they monitor and discuss with their children the content of what they are doing on it. Children should not have access to computers when they are alone and should not have phones, tablets or computers in their rooms at night.

Both Facebook and Instagram have facilities to report underage children using them and so, any future issues that arise from children using those social networks will result in the school reporting the underage use. At the moment I am researching useful resources for parents to further add to our website so do please keep looking.

PTA – Thank you to all the attendees at the meeting – Our next meeting will be on 9th May 2017 at the Bedford Hotel at 7.30pm. The Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 24th June from 12-3pm. More details to follow.

Derriford Children's Ward Craft Donations – If you are able to donate any nice crafty items / kits that would be suitable for Derriford Children's Ward – please bring them into either school office. **The children's ward does an amazing job for local families and they would be very grateful for any donations you may be able to make.** For more info please contact Meg Neal on 07397136923.

Carnival Club - Are there any parents out there who own a flat back truck (similar to the one pictured) who would be willing to lend it to us to use for the Carnival? We need to construct a carriage, so the truck would have things attached to it, but it would not need to carry any children. If anyone could help us we would be most grateful. Please get in touch. Thank you!



Catering Assistant Vacancy – We have an opportunity for a Catering Assistant working 10 hours per week at St Rumon's as part of our busy catering team. If interested, please contact the school office for an application form. Interested parties will be required to complete a DBS check prior to starting work.

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:

- SATS exam breakfast
- Choir – Tavistock Sings letter

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Lost property :

- **iPhone** - Aaron Robertson has lost his green iPhone. Please check that your child has not taken it home in error. If found please hand into school office. We do not encourage children to bring their mobile phones to school and do not take any responsibility for them if they choose to bring them into school.
- **Cardigan** – Emily Tripp has lost her named green cardigan. Please check that your child has not taken it home in error. If found please hand into school office. Many thanks.

Tennis Club - Please collect your children on a Tuesday from the door by Feather Tor.

Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival – Our children had a great time at the recent Tag Rugby festival at Sandy park – A big thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and to Mrs Carty who provided hot chocolate in the hail!

School Garden – Thank you to all the parents and children who have donated items to replace those vandalised!

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.

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Reception Tapestry – In Reception classes the teachers routinely take photographic evidence of the children in their learning as part of their ongoing assessment. These are uploaded onto a system called Tapestry and recently we shared logins for this so that parents could securely log in and see evidence of their own children at work. Many parents said that they did not receive the log in – so please could you check your spam/ junk folders for this e-mail. If you are still experiencing difficulties – please contact your class teacher.

Parking – A reminder for parents/carers not to park on the main road outside of school at drop off or pick up time please, for the safety of children/pedestrians. Please park in Abbey Car Park or Brooke Street Car Park. If you require a free parking permit please contact the office. Thank you.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Callum Macdonald, Ruby Grindey & Ethan Hygate-Lowe. Well done also to Tavy 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 K. 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.

