

FEDERATION NEWS - Wow, loads of things have been going on this week in the children's learning. It was great to see some of the Reception children go out into the fresh air on the search for signs of Autumn yesterday. At the same time, some children were off playing in a netball tournament. Well done Netball A team for coming third. As well as that Great Mis Tor has been busy getting ready for their Remembrance assembly in school on Friday. Today the Year 6 pupils have been trained in how to be a 'Young Sports Leader' which will help them to guide younger children with their active play. Thank you to all those parents who completed the recent survey – please find a summary of responses attached at the end of the newsletter (apologies for this previous omission). Thank you also to all those who baked, helped and bought at our recent cake sale!



Remembrance Sunday, 12th November - Thank you to the parents who have wanted their children to take part in the remembrance service at the memorial on Sunday. As in previous years please could we meet at approximately 10:30am on Sunday morning near the memorial. It is always extremely busy there and so look at for me. We will then proceed as a small group to carry and place the wreath when the time is right. Please note that parents will need to be there to accompany their children whilst waiting.

NSPCC PANTS Campaign – we will once again be speaking to children in Years 1-6 over the next few weeks about this campaign, as we did last year. For further information please speak to your child's class teacher. – If you would like to view an example of teaching resources they can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/underwear-rule-schools-teaching-resources/>

Children in Need – Fri 17 Nov – children are welcome to come to school dressed in bright colours with a suggested donation of £1. Please note, no fancy dress costumes.

St Rumon's Open Morning – We will be holding an open morning for all prospective Foundation Stage parents and children due to start in September 2018 at St Rumon's on Monday 20th November from 9.30-11.30am. Please come along if you have any children due to start with us in September and bring any friends that this may also interest.

MTA – We have a vacancy for an MTA at St Peters. The role is for approx 1.25 hours/day Monday-Fridays (6.25 hours/week). Interested applicants need to request an application form from the school office and will need to complete DBS check.(- Closing date 17 November)

Catering Assistant – We have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant at St Rumons for 10 hours/ week. Interested applicants need to request an application form from the school office and will need to complete DBS check .(- Closing date 17 November)

PTA: Dates to note for you diary:

- **Christmas Fair** – Friday, 8th of December at St Rumon's. Please bring in toilet & kitchen roll tubes for the craft stall.

Next PTA meeting date to diarise - 8pm on Tuesday 28th November -please note that these are **now held at the Bedford Hotel**.

Toddler Group –Held on Mondays from 1.45pm – 2.45pm at St Rumon's School. All families are welcome and refreshments are available. Please come for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

Church News:

Confirmation Opportunity open to Year 5 & 6 - Our Vicar, Chris Hardwick, together with Trudi Massey and members of the Catylist Youth Team based in Tavistock, is preparing to deliver a Confirmation course on a Wednesday afternoon after School (finish by 4.15 pm). It is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith and there will be an opportunity to be Confirmed next year at St. Eustachius' Church, Tavistock, at the end of June by the Bishop of Exeter. Please talk to your child(ren) and see if this is a journey you may like to take. The following sessions are planned: 15th and 22nd November this term, and the 24th and 31st January, and 7th February 2018 next term. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please get in touch with Mrs Lewis at School or Revd Chris on 617432.

Messy Church at Tavistock Methodist Church (TMC) – Held on the second Thursday of the month from 4.30pm-6.30pm: (upcoming sessions: 9th Nov, and 14th Dec). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

Messy Church at St Eustachius Church – Held on the 1st Wednesday of the month in term time, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm (Upcoming sessions: 6th Dec). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Netball - Well done to all our netballers who played in yesterday's inter-school competition- it was great to see so many children enjoying the game.

Cross Country/Cyclocross Tournament – Good luck to our cross country runners and cyclocross competitors who are going to their tournaments in the next few days!

ST RUMON'S NEWS

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.

Nativity Tickets - we will be sending out ticket request forms for the KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Nativity early next week, so please ensure you check your child's book bag for these.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week next week will be “ph”. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

Breakfast Club – Please note that breakfast will stop being served at 8.25am. Thank you.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Layla Jago, Harry Malthouse & Iola Shillabeer. Well done also to Lynher Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frames and scooters.

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.

Letters Home

- Year 4 Bag Packing
- Mr Conner's football club invite
- Cyclo Cross details

Autumn Term 2017 Dates:

Fri 10 November – 9.00 am – Great Mis Tor Class Worship @ St Peter's
Friday 10 November – 9.00 am-2.00 pm – Cross Country @ Castle Drogo
Wednesday 15 November – 9.30 am-1.00 pm – Y5/6 Cyclo-x in The Meadows
Tuesday 21st November - 6-6.30pm - Yr 5 Parents meeting – London Residential
Wednesday 22 November – 6.00 pm-7.00 pm – Governors Standards Committee Meeting
Wednesday 22 November – 7.00 pm-8.00 pm – Full Governors Meeting
Friday 1 December – 9.00 am-1.30 pm - Y4/5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Tavistock College
Friday 1 December – Tinsel & Chocolate Day at both schools
Thu 7 December – Choir to visit Stroke Club
Thursday 7th December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 2.30-3pm
Friday 8th December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 9.30-10am
Friday 8 December – 3.30 pm-PTA Christmas Fair @ St Rumon's
Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch & Party at St Peters
Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Nativity @ Town Hall, 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 14th December - Christmas Lunch at St Rumon's
Friday 15 December – 2.00 pm Advent Service @ St Eustachius
Friday 15th December – Last Day of Term
6th-8th February : Y5 London Residential
22-23rd February: Y4 Residential – Pixies Holt
11th-15th June: Y6 Residential to Beam House

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dadzone - a morning of Super Hero themed crafts and activities for children aged 0-11 with their Dads and honorary Dads. £2:50 per child to include bacon roll and refreshments. For more information contact Andy Marsh at info@tmc.me.uk

New Drama School - Are you interested in the Performing Arts? Do you want to boost your confidence, whilst making new friends and having lots of fun?

A potential new drama school could be coming to your area. Weekly classes of 90 minutes for 4 to 6 year olds and 3 hours for 6 to 18 year olds will teach you to sing, dance and act. All this comes with the opportunities of performing to friends, family and the public. With small class numbers, led by a professional principal and being taught by professional tutors. If you would like to register your interest or to find out more information please email me at tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk

Tavistock Swimming Club – Tavistock Swimming Club taster session for competent swimmers looking to progress if they love swimming and are wondering if the swim club is for you! Come along to a FREE session at Meadowlands on Saturday 11th November 4.30-5.30pm.

Rotary Young Photographers Competition – Theme: 'A Different Persepective'. Entries need to provide 3 photographs (max size A4) by Friday 5th January. Entry forms available from the school office.



Devon Public Health Nursing Service (School Nursing) in Primary Schools

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to the School Nursing team now that your child has started school.

Your School Nurse team works within schools and the wider community to:

- Provide health advice to help children and young people make the best of their education
- Provide advice and support to parent/carers and schools
- Support young people to look after their own health
- Direct children and their families to the right services.
- Undertake review of growth as part of National Child Measurement programme

This is provided via:

- A referral system so parents, carers, young people and professionals can request support from the School Nurse team/service
- Confidential clinic appointments
- Phone advice and support (contact details below)
- Awareness training to teaching staff re asthma, epilepsy and anaphylaxis

As a parent you can talk to the School Nurse about:

- Healthy lifestyle choices - including healthy eating and physical activity
- Worries about your child's physical and mental health
- Body shape or size
- Stress at school or at home
- Management of a health condition
- Keeping safe
- Friendships and bullying
- Sleep
- Bladder and bowel issues (toileting advice)

When we work with families, confidentiality and information sharing will be discussed with you. If there is a concern that someone may be suffering, or is at risk of significant harm information is shared following safeguarding procedures.

YOUR SCHOOL NURSE TEAM can be contacted at:

South and West Devon Public Health Nursing HUB - 0333 234 1901

If you would like advice from a School Nurse, or would like to make a referral for your child to the School Nursing Team - please contact the HUB on the number above.