



FEDERATION NEWS - What a busy couple of weeks with sporting events, snow and even a visit from an Educational Specialist from the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office. I would like to say a well done to our excellent Sports Hall athletes who took part in the County finals on 23rd February and earned a fantastic bronze medal. This was the best a West Devon school has ever done so a great advert for St Peter's sports. On Wednesday 28th February the school had a visit from an Educational Specialist who was really pleased with what she saw in the school. She praised the behaviour and the learning behaviour in school and said that she hadn't seen a single child off task. She also praised the differentiation used by the teachers and the children's ability to talk about their learning. There was also praise for the learning environment and ethos in the school. We have not had a report yet and unfortunately are not allowed to share the full contents of it, but it was really pleasing that, even though (as with all schools) there are areas to continue to improve, the hard work of the staff and pupils is being recognised externally.

Lunch boxes - I am sure that you not have failed to notice the current media campaign aimed at improving the snacks that children are eating. The adverts, which come from NHS 'Change For Life' programme with the focus of not having more than two lots of 100 calorie snacks a day. As a school we try hard to ensure that our children get plenty of opportunities to exercise either at playtime, through PE sessions or through other planned experiences such as the Tavi 13 programme etc. When the children have school meals there is also strict guidelines about the ingredients and quantity that we give the children. However, over the last few weeks I have had several conversations with staff concerned that the contents of children's lunch boxes are not always appropriate, often consisting of mostly chocolate or pastry-based products. It is really important that we work together to ensure that our children get a healthy diet, so please can I urge all parents to consider what they are putting into our children's lunch boxes. There is some really good guidance on the Change For Life website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx> and there are some excellent ideas for what to put in lunch boxes at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#yPAcVOQZ0fvpzGRK.97> .



Attached to this newsletter is a simple poster produced by using ideas from the Change For Life website which I would encourage you to look at. There is even an app!

World Book Day - Well its better late than never! Thank you to all the children (and their parents) who worked so hard to come in dressed as their favourite character. During the day the children will have taken part in a wide range of activities designed to help them remember how much they love books. As part of the day all the children will be given a book voucher that they can use in book shops. Don't forget that the school has a 'Book Fair' on after school today and tomorrow that runs from 3:30 – 4:30.



International Women's Day - As well as being World Book Day in school today it also happens to be International Women's Day. It would be great if you could have a dinner table discussion of some of the key women that have made a real difference to your children's lives. Why not start with two our houses – Emmeline Pankhurst and Marie Curie.

PTA News

- PTA quiz for adults: Please note that this event will be **postponed** as insufficient tickets have been sold. Please look out for the future date. Our PTA works hard to organise a variety of events - please try to support them where you can. Thank you.
- Pupil Discos: Friday 16th March at St Peter's; 'Wear a Hat' disco for Foundation and KS1 from 16h30 - 17h30; 'Neon Glow' disco for KS2 from 17h45 - 18h45. £2/ child to include a hot dog, drink and face paint!

Please drop off at either office any unwanted bottles of wine, bubbly or spirits left over from the Festive Season. We can use them for the Summer Fair 'Water or Wine' game.

World Book Day – Thank you for all your efforts with some amazing costumes for World Book Day. Also thanks to the staff whose costumes were also fabulous! We hope they have all enjoyed the activities today!



Book Fair – we shall be holding a Scholastic Book Fair at St Peter's Junior School from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm **TONIGHT & TOMORROW**. Please come along and support us as we receive a percentage of sales made to buy books for our libraries. Children from St Rumon's and St Peter's are welcome.

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.

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.

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

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!

Child Focused Family Services - Please see dates for **additional** child focused family services at St Eustachius. These services will be a Family Worship service and held once a month for the next few months, with refreshments available from 11:15 am and the actual service beginning at 11:30 am in church. **The service will aim to last for no longer than 40 minutes.** The dates are as followed:

- April 8
- May 13
- June 10
- July 8

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

Messy Church @ St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock

- 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 0792991 1892 or sarah.pendle0@gmail.com

ST PETER'S NEWS

St Peter's Class Photos – Tuesday 13 March.

Feather Tor Parents' Evening – Please note that due to sickness, Mrs Giles will need to postpone her

parents' evening slots tonight. Further details will be sent out via their class newsletter following her return .

Lego Club – Please could any parents who would be willing to run the Lego club after school next term on Wednesdays let the school office know, as Mrs Ross is hoping to restart the chess club and we need another parent helper to run this club with Mrs Higham.

Cross Country - Well done to the cross country runners who travelled to Okehampton on Monday to compete against 17 other teams from West Devon. You should all be very proud of yourselves - medal winners for each and every member! The girls from Year 5/6 won overall and qualify to compete in Torbay on 22nd March - congratulations girls and good luck.

Tavy 13 Primary Challenge - last few days to complete those 12 miles. Mrs Walker will be checking the log of miles and may ask you to do a few catch up laps next week. Make sure you have your PE kit, including trainers, in school EVERY day. Letters will be coming home very soon with details of registration on the morning of Sunday 18th March to complete your challenge and receive your medal and T-shirt.

Brass Tuition - Tuesday afternoons: Pete Jones has recently had an operation and will not be able to resume his brass music lessons until after the Easter holidays.

School Lunches- School lunches need to be paid for in advance please. Cost of each lunch remains at £2.20, £61.60 for this half term. If paying by cheque please make it payable to St Peter's Junior School. Thank you.

Y6 Leavers' Party – a meeting has been arranged for all Y6 parents/carers to discuss this on Monday 19 March at 6 pm at St Peter's. All welcome and we look forward to seeing you then.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

PTA Disco – Fri 16 March @ St Peter's – please note all Foundation stage children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.

St Rumon's Class Photos – Thursday 15 March.

Sports Relief – Fri 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.

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.

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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 “clever”. 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 Luke Allison, Florence Lillicrap & James Baker. Well done also to Meavy Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frame 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 SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Choir event
- Cross Country
- Easter Disco

Spring Term 2018 Dates:

Thursday 8th March – KS2 Parents Evening incl Brentor Thursday sessions
Friday 9th March – Swimming Gala
Tuesday 13 March - St Peters Class Photos
Wed 14 March - Cross country 2of 3 - Whitchurch Down
Thursday 15th March – St Rumon’s Class Photos.
Sun 18 March - Tavy 13 Primary Challenge final mile
Friday 23 March - **Sports Relief** “Boogie Friday” in the afternoon. Children may come to school dressed in sportswear for a donation to the charity.
28 March - Cross Country 3of 3 - Yelverton
Thursday 30 Mar-Fri 13 Apr – Easter Holidays
Mon 16 April – Summer Term Starts
Thursday 19th April – Y6 Class Transition Visit – Tavistock College @ 9.30am
Weds 23 May – 9 am – Schools’ Communion for Pentecost @ St Eustachius Church
11th-15th June: Y6 Residential to Beam House
Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th July - Tavistock College Taster Days – Y6
Tues 24 July– End of Term Service led by Y6 Leavers @ St Eustachius Church– 2 pm

COMMUNITY

Burrator Reservoir - Family Wildlife Watch Programme -10.30am-12.30pm

Come and take part in a range of wildlife and heritage themed activities followed by hot chocolate and biscuits. We will meet at Burrator Discovery Centre, unless alternative meeting point has been advertised. £3 per child, £2 per adult.

- Sunday 25 March – Minibeasts
- Sunday 29 April – Wild Flowers



Meadowlands
LEISURE CENTRE

Aqua Sport
Saturdays

1600-1630 ages 8-11
1630-1700 ages 11+

£2 per person, booking is essential.



Meadowlands Leisure Pool
The Wharf, Tavistock, PL19 8SP
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