

FEDERATION NEWS

As always, an exciting week at TCSF. I hope that you have all been able to enjoy the lovely weather that we have had lately.



Year 6 - Well done to our Year 6 children who, this week, have been sitting SAT tests. They have all worked really hard and can be proud of their efforts whatever their outcome. However, this week has not just been about tests and in the afternoons the children have been making the most of the lovely weather we have had this week. KS2 SAT tests are, unfortunately, something that all Year 6 children need to do, but provide a very narrow view of a child's ability and progress. It is important to know Year 6 children that you

are much more to our school than what you have done this week! Next week you have your wonderful residential to look forward to and I hope that you have a lovely time. I am very jealous that I am not going to be with you.

Congratulations! to Mrs Knapp and Mrs Riordan who are both expecting babies in the Autumn term.

Fidget Spinners/cubes – You have probably noticed that Fidget spinner mania has struck the school. Fidget spinners can be an excellent tool for those children who have been assessed as needing something to do with their hands in order to help them concentrate in class. For those children, there is an agreement in place with the child's parent and the class teacher for the child to use them (as long as they are using them correctly). For other children, unfortunately, fidget spinners are just a toy, that provides a distraction to themselves and other children. In school, we have always had a policy that discourages children from bringing in toys to school, as doing so often leads to issues between children with misinterpreted swaps, etc, as well as things going missing. These types of incidents can end up taking a great deal of time for both staff and children when they should be concentrating on learning. For this reason, please could I ask that fidget spinners/cubes are not brought into school unless you have an agreement with the class teacher for them to be used during lesson time.



Schools Communion Service – Our next regular Communion Service is on 7th June which is the first week back after half term. Please could you drop your child off at church at 8:50 am. If you are available to help walk the children back from church please could you contact your child's teacher.

Choir at St Eustachius on Saturday – I am looking forward to seeing the choir perform as part of the 10th anniversary Vocal Harem concert. The children will need to arrive at church for 7:00pm dressed in school uniform. The concert starts at 7:30pm and the children will be finished by the interval at approximately 8:15 pm. If you would like to like to watch the concert adult tickets are £5.00 and children are £2.00. If you have not yet returned your slip to say that your child is attending please hand it in to either school office.

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.

Closing date: 12th May 2017

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:

- Maternity news
- St Rumon's class structures for next year – KS2 to follow shortly
- Y3/4 Morwellham Quay visit

ST PETER'S NEWS

Opportunity for Y5 & Y6 - Our Vicar, Chris Hardwick, together with Trudi Massey and members of the Catylist Youth Team based in Tavistock, is preparing to deliver a 5 x 1 hour course on a Wednesday afternoon after School (finish by 4.30 pm). It is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith and there will be an opportunity to be Confirmed in June, at St. Eustachius Church, Tavistock. Please talk to your child(ren) and see if this a journey you may like to take. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please get in touch with Revd Chris on 617432.

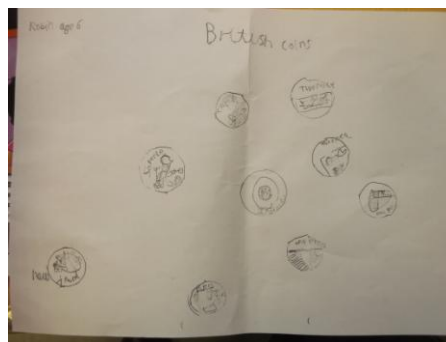
Clubs – Carnival Club – Tues 23 May – please note that due to a staff training session Carnival Club will be cancelled.

Medieval Arts Club – if your child attends this club could you please ensure payment of £40 is made direct to the Club provider by Friday 12 May – thank you.

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.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Blue Peter Badge – Well done to Robin Reed of Plym Class in receiving a Blue Peter badge for his drawings of British coins. Robin worked hard and produced a detailed picture of the coins, as you will see below.



Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Florence Lillicrap, Oliver Emptage, and Thomas Mudge. Well done also to Lyd 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 number 12. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this number. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

Lost Property – Charlie Hamilton in Meavy class has lost a named school jumper. Please could you check to see if it has come home by mistake.

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.

SUMMER TERM 2017

Monday 15th - Friday 19th May: Year 6 Residential - Wye Valley
Thursday 18th May – Y5 Cricket round 1, Whitchurch Cricket Club
Monday, 22nd May – World Day for Cultural Diversity – more details to follow near the time
Thursday 25th May – Y5 Cricket Final, Okehampton
Monday 27th May – Friday 2nd June – School closed - Half Term
Tuesday 6th June – Foundation Stage Visit to Morwellham Quay
Wednesday 7th June – Schools Communion Service @ St Eustachius
Friday 9th June – Y3/4 Tennis Tournament, The Meadows
Tuesday 20th June – Sports Day
Friday 23rd June – Year 3&4– Morwellham Quay
Tuesday 27th June – Reserve Sports Day
Saturday 24th June – TCSF Summer Fair – 12-3pm
Tuesday 27th June - Y6 parent Information session and meet the tutor evening at Tavistock College
Monday 3rd July & Friday 7th July - Year 6 Step Up Transition days at Tavistock College
Friday 7th July – Y1 & Y2 Visit to Wembury Beach

COMMUNITY NEWS

GO RIDE - On Saturday May 13th Tavistock Wheelers is staging a Go Ride cyclo cross race at Lewtrenchard School (EX204DP) for riders between school years 3 to 8. Go Ride is British Cycling entry level bike racing. All that competitors need is a bike in good working order with knobbly tyres and a helmet. Entry fee is £3 on the day. All competitors receive prizes and new competitors receive extra prizes Coaches are on hand to explain the basics to newcomers. This is a great chance for any youngsters wanting to try for the West Devon Team in the South West Youth Games to gain more experience (that trial is on June 10th). Registration is at 8.30, first race 9.00 All will be complete by 10.30. All new competitors will be given priority on the waiting list for Tavistock Wheelers Go Ride sessions. More details on cycling on Tavistock Wheelers Youth Cycling Facebook page.

South West Youth Games - An exciting opportunity for those children with a strength in their chosen field of sport to attend trials to represent West Devon at this year's Youth Games on Sunday 9th July in Okehampton. For more information visit <https://www.southwestyouthgames.co.uk>, or email corey@ocrasport.org.uk , phone 01837 54546 or like OCRA on Facebook! Please note that whilst St Peter's is promoting the games, we are not involved in organising your child attending. If your child is interested in giving it a go, just turn up at the venue in good time. Mrs Walker can answer any questions you may have.