



**FEDERATION NEWS** - Welcome back to school. It has been lovely seeing all of the children in their new classes including our super new Reception children, new Year 3s and a few other new faces too. Please welcome Miss Elaine Shaw to Great Mis Tor, Mrs Heidi de Wolf to Lynher class and join in sending congratulations to Miss Jess White who got married over the summer and will now be Mrs Wiginton in Tavy class. Everybody has settled into their new class routines amazingly well. For all those new parents among you please feel free to pop in and see me if you ever have any questions. Additionally, for our new Reception parents we are holding a coffee morning for you to get to know each other. This will be on Monday 17th after school drop off in St Rumon's, you are very welcome to come along.

**Mathletics.** I mentioned Mathletics on a few occasions before the summer holiday and I know that some children and their teachers experimented at that time. The children have now all been moved to their new classes on the system. Starting from next week the teachers for children in Y2 upwards will set the maths part of their homework using Mathletics for a few weeks. This will help the children get used to using the resource. It would be great to show parents the power of Mathletics and so myself and Miss Burton will be running a parent session on it. This will be held in St Peter's School Hall at 9:45am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September (once family worship has finished).

**Homework.** A quick reminder that homework and spellings are sent home on a Friday.

**Value of the term.** This term our Christian Value is Truthfulness. It would be lovely if, as a dinner table conversation, you could discuss the how in courts we have to 'promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God'. Yet there are times when complete honesty could cause upset or trouble. When are these times and what should you do?

**PTA Meeting** -The PTA would like to welcome everyone to a new school year, especially our new pupils, parents and carers! Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday the 11th of September at 8pm, at the Bedford Hotel. We will be discussing the Harvest Disco and Christmas Fair, amongst other things. All parents, carers and staff are welcome, as you are all automatically members of the PTA.

**Breakfast Club & After School Club Booking Systems** – All payments and booking for these clubs are now done via the School Gateway app. If you would like your child to attend either of these clubs – you will need to ensure that you have completed the necessary registration paperwork so that you can be set up on the app. If you have any queries – please contact the school office so that we can help. Please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

**Breakfast Clubs** run from 7.45 -8.45 at both schools. ( £2.50/ session including breakfast)

**After School Club** runs from 3 – 6pm based at St Peters CE Junior School with a bus transferring pupils up from St Rumon's ( £9/ session; £8 for additional siblings)

**Books**– If your child has any school reading books / Bookworm books at home from previous academic years please could they return them to the school as soon as possible.

**Tavistock Cooperative Learning Trust** – A letter was e-mailed to all parents giving details of the dissolution of this Trust – The consultation period runs until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October and any comments/concerns regarding the 'Publication and Representation ' document can be addressed via our school office.

**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. Starting back after summer holidays on Monday 10 September.

**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.

#### ST PETER'S NEWS

**Bookworm Volunteers** – We are always grateful for any parents/ grandparents/ other friends and family who would be prepared to help listen to our children read on a regular basis. Letters were sent out this week with a form to complete if you are able to help- please complete and return this to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you ever so much in advance for your support with this – it makes a real difference to so many children.

**Fruit Break** – Please be aware that all children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit from home to have at break time.

**Gardening Help** – If any parents are able to help volunteer to tidy up the front garden – this would be appreciated- please let the school office know if you would be able to help . Many thanks.

**Dinners** – Please note that school dinners remain at the same cost of £2.20/day. Payment is requested in advance and dinners cannot be provided if any outstanding debts exist. You can send all dinner money payments either in with your child or hand it in straight to the school office.. we are also happy to accept higher payments in advance which can then be used as and when your child orders a meal – For example if you pay £22.00 – this gives your child credit for 10 meals. You will only be charged when your child has a school dinner. Please can any cheques for dinner money payments be made out to 'St Peter's CE Junior School'.

Your child might be eligible to receive free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals. Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

#### ST RUMON'S NEWS

**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.

**Fact of the Week Badge** – The fact of the week next week will be the synonyms for the word "happy", ie,

cheery, merry. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come with examples of other synonyms as they come into school each morning. We look forward to hearing them.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **2018**

Weds 3 Oct – 9 am Harvest Service @ St Eustachius (Please can all children be dropped off to church at 8.50am)

Weds 31 Oct – 9 am Schools' Communion for All Saints' @ St Eustachius (Please can all children be dropped off to church at 8.50am)

Fri 21 Dec – 2 pm Christmas Service @ St Eustachius ( Please can all children be picked up from the church at 3pm)

### **2019**

Weds 6 March – 9 am Schools' Communion for Ash Wednesday @ St Eustachius

Thu 18 Apr – 2 pm Easter Service @ St Eustachius

Wed 5 Jun – 9 am Schools' Communion for Pentecost @ St Eustachius

Tues 23 Jul – 2 pm Y6 Leavers' Service @ St Eustachius

### **Summer Term 2018 Dates:**

**AUTUMN TERM : TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER  
HALF TERM: 22-26 OCTOBER ( + NON-PUPIL DAY MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER)**

**Tuesday 11 September – PTA Meeting – Bedford Hotel @ 8pm**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Athletics Parents Session – 9.45am @ St Peters**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September – New Parents Coffee morning – St Rumon's @ 8.45am**

**Monday 17 September – Clubs start**

**Monday 24 September – Y3 Multi skills event**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Y6 Junior Life skills @ Tavistock Town Hall : 12.45 – 3pm**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Y2 Multiskills Event**

**Monday 8 – 14<sup>th</sup> October : Y5 Bikeability**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – St Peters Individual 7 Family Photos**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Yr 4/5/6 Boys Football festival @ Crowndale**

**Wednesday 10 October: Non Pupil Day – Goose Fair Day**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Yr 3-6 Girls Football festival @ Crowndale**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Restart A Heart first aid training – St Peters**

**Monday 22-26 October: Half Term**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Non- Pupil Day**

**31<sup>st</sup> October – Flu Immunisations @ St Rumon's & St Peters**

**7 November – Yr 4/5/6 Netball Festival@ Tavistock College**

**14 November – Yr 5/6 X Country – Castle Drogo**

**22 November – Yr 5/6 Bouldering Competition at Milton Abbott**

## **COMMUNITY**

**School Nursing Team Update** – Their latest newsletter is included as a separate attachment and covers lots of interesting information.