

FEDERATION NEWS

Here we are again at the end of another year and I can't believe that it has flown by so quickly. There are so many things to celebrate this year and also a few things that we need to continue to work on next year. As always, at this time of year we are busy taking stock of what we have achieved and what we would like to achieve and so making plans for the next year. I would welcome your input into this process and so, if you have an idea of something that you feel we need to improve and have an idea of how it might be achieved please fill in this online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QL35YTX>

PTA meeting: Thank you to all parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday.

Tavistock Carnival – A huge congratulations to our Carnival Club members whose float won 'Best in Procession' and 'Best in Class'. Thank you to Miss Charlesworth and Mrs Collacott for all their hard work. A massive thank you to all the children, parents and staff who helped to make the carnival such a success this year. A special thank you to Richard Brown for lending us the truck to decorate; Sarah Brown, Richard and Hazel Walker, Nikki Eddings Tom, Eva, Hannah, Charlotte, Paige and Lewis for helping us to decorate the float on Saturday morning; Sarah Pettit and Jo Harris for the amazingly scary face painting and Louisa Sullivan, Belinda and Jenny Atkinson for the horse and dog head props and to Mr John Collacott for lending us the PA system. Finally, a big thank you to all those parents who provided their children with brilliant costumes, walked along with us and entered the spirit of the carnival despite the awful weather!



View from a train- Thank you to the Y3/4 children who entertained us this week with their end of term presentation this week. Well done all of you, it was lovely to hear your poems and music and seeing your lovely art work.

Key Letters issued this week:

- All pupil reports
- Year 5 maths letter
- Lion King DVD

Church News:

Friday 21st July – End of term Church Leavers service – 2pm at St Eustachius – Every child in the federation will attend. All parents welcome. **All children need to be collected from the church at 3pm.** Thank you.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Book Amnesty – Please have a look around at home and bring in all library and Teacher choice books. We need them back for children to enjoy reading next year. Thank you.

Lion King – As promised here are some of the photos from our wonderful Lion King production- it really was spectacular!



Year 6 Lunch Menu – Friday 21st July – As is tradition, our Year 6 have voted for the following menu tomorrow: Burger in a Bun/ Vegetarian Pizza; Peas / Sweetcorn; Chocolate Cracknel

Family Worship – this will happen tomorrow as usual. Many thanks.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Walkers for Church Service tomorrow - Friday 21 July – If you are able to help us walk the children from school to church at 1.30pm please put your name on the board or let your class teacher know. Thanks.

Parking Permits – End of Term – you may have noticed that the parking passes issued for this year show an expiry date of 20 July, so will not cover our last day on 21 July. We have spoken to West Devon Borough Council who have advised that they have made a note of this and you must still display your parking permit on 21 July, but will not receive a ticket for the out of date permit.

Menu Change – Wed 6 September 2017 – Please note our roast option on our first day back will be Roast Chicken.

Piano Lessons – our Piano Teacher will have vacancies for any Y1 and Y2 children wishing to start lessons from September. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Marks on 01822 854224 or 07818 862971.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week next term will be the number 10. 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.

Breakfast Club – please note that last orders for breakfast will be taken at 8.25 pm. Thank you.

Year 2 children moving up to St Peters- As you will be aware the Universal Infant Free School Meals only apply to infant children and therefore once children are at St Peter's, school dinners will be charged for at £2.20/ day. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals- please complete the attached form

at the end of the newsletter or telephone **0345 155 1019**. **Children eligible for free school meals will also be eligible for subsidised residential trips. Thank you.**

SUMMER TERM 2017

Friday 21st July – End of term Church service – 2pm at St Eustachius - (all children to be collected from the church at 3pm)

Autumn Term 2017 Dates:

Wednesday 6th September : Autumn Term starts

Thursday 21st September – Y4 & Y5 Open Evening at Tavistock College

Thursday 21st September – Year 6 Junior Life Skills at Tavistock Town Hall – 1-3.30pm

Tuesday 10th October – Y5 & Y6 Parents Meeting with Tavistock College Leaders - 4.30pm @ St Peters

COMMUNITY NEWS

Summer HOLIDAY CLUB @ TMC - 'Parable Power' - Games, challenges, stories, crafts, songs, painting, fun and lots more. For school years Rec-Yr6 : 24-28th July @ TMC (Tavistock Methodist Church) 10am-12.30pm. To book - See flier, email chris@tmc.me.uk , call Chris 610649 or come along on the day.£10 per child (£5 for second child in family, 3rd child free)

Young Photographers Competition 2017 Overall theme of this year's competition is "Environment". There are 3 competition age groups: 4 to 9 years. 10 to 14 years. 15 to 18 years. There are 4 categories in each age group, they are as follows: 1)Wild and wonderful. 2) Tenderness. 3)Growing things. 4) People at work. Photographs may be submitted until 10 a.m. on the final submission day of Wednesday 4th October 2017. Entries to: Tavyside Health Centre, Abbey Rise, Tavistock. PL19 9FD, together with the entry fees. Envelopes should be addressed to The

T.P.A and marked "Photographic Competition". They regret that they are not able to return the photographs entered into the competition but they may be collected after the exhibition by arrangement with the T.P.A.

The Wind in the Willows - A production@ the Garden House – Saturday 5th August- 6pm. For tickets visit www.boxtreeproductions.co.uk. Adults £14; Children £10; Family ticket - £37

Burrator Reservoir Family Activity Days:-Sunday 30 July: 10.30am-12.30pm – "**Butterflies are Beautiful!**" Family Wildlife Watch Session. A range of wildlife themed activities followed by hot chocolate and biscuits. £2 per child, £1 per adult. Family '**Drop in' Activity Days**. £2 per child, £1 per adult. Thursday 3, Tuesday 8,



Wednesday 16 and Thursday 24 August: 10.00am-3.00pm



19th July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Christopher's Multi Academy Trust started in 2013 with a single school in special measures. So much has changed since that tentative start and we are now a successful Trust of 15 church and community schools with just over 2,500 primary pupils. The word 'successful' is key. The easiest indicator of our success is the rising profile of Ofsted judgements: four schools have been inspected this year and two have moved up a grade and two have remained as good.

The results of teacher assessments and national tests show an improving profile too. This is not the case in every school, for everything but we have this collective information and are able to act on it to ensure all pupils, no matter where in the Trust are getting great teaching.

Our individual schools are improving and much of this is due to the power of being part of a collective. Thanks to the drive and ambition of our headteachers, working with directors, there have been significant changes to the way we work together. The main aspects are very much behind the scenes for the moment such as streamlining the operational aspects of schools; health and safety, finances, building maintenance. The intense pressure on finances due to rising costs and shrinking budgets is an area of real concern as we have to demonstrate our fiscal competence directly to the Department for Education as we are not able to seek recourse to any Local Authority should a school get into a long-term deficit.

We have begun networking in specialist areas of school improvement, including special educational needs, early years and individual subjects. This will enable us to share ideas and work together to develop Trust wide approaches that are about best practice based on evidence.

I have worked for the Trust since November 2016 and have been hugely impressed at the willingness of everyone, at every level, to embrace the challenges of new ways of working. We are all very aware of the bad press relating to Academy Trusts and directors and officers are committed to building up the collective understanding of what we stand for and how we operate.

Establishing relationships with schools in the most challenging circumstances has been the priority for me over the past few months. I have been able to meet with parents, staff and local governing bodies at these schools and with directors am planning more visits in the coming year.

I wish you all a great summer vacation and I look forward to a new academic year that continues to see our schools flourish within their communities, safe in the knowledge that they are within an honest and open organisation. It's not going to be an easy 2017-18 but working together I am sure that we will overcome obstacles as they arise.

Jo Evans

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Evans'.

Chief Executive Officer

Please fill in all sections so that your child's eligibility for Free School Meals (or **your eligibility if you are applying for yourself**) can be verified. You must indicate the benefit(s) you are receiving. If you have any questions, please call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Incomplete forms will be returned and this may delay the start date for your claim.

1 Your name and address

Title Initial(s) Surname

Date of Birth National Insurance Number

Address

Postcode email

Telephone Relationship to the child(ren)

2 Your partner if living at the same address

Title Forename and Surname Date of Birth National Insurance Number

3 Your children for whom you are applying, attending a school or sixth form in Devon*

Forename	Surname	Gender	Date of Birth	School	Year

4 Your benefits - please select the benefit(s) you receive which entitles you to Free School Meals

<input type="checkbox"/> Income Support (IS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
<input type="checkbox"/> Income-based & Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) on an equal basis	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit (WTC) and annual income below £16,190 a year
<input type="checkbox"/> Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (for a further four weeks after no longer qualifying for WTC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

5 Your benefits - declaration

I confirm that as far as I know, the information I have given above is correct. I will tell you immediately if my details or circumstances change. I wish for Devon County Council to be able to assess my claim in future by a secure computer link with the Department for Education. I authorise Devon County Council to use my information to process my claim for Free School Meals and to contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial and continuing entitlement.

Your signature Date



Please post completed forms to:

Admissions Team, Room L102, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD or email to freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk or return it to your child's school.

Helpline 0345 155 1019

Important

You no longer have to reapply as we are able to carry out an audit check from time to time on your eligibility status. However, as soon as your circumstances change, for example, if you start to receive **Working Tax Credits** or you **stop receiving any of the qualifying benefits**, you must notify us by phoning **0345 155 1019**. We will then inform your child(ren)'s school.
We are not informed automatically if your circumstances change and you no longer qualify for Free School Meals.

*Applications for Free School Meals are administered by Devon County Council for state-funded schools. You should apply to Devon if your child(ren) attend a Devon school - with the exception of **Buckland Brewer Community Primary School, Coilyton Grammar School, Parkham Primary School, Shirwell Community Primary School** and also **West Exe Childrens Centre Nursery** to which you must apply direct.
Devon is also responsible for Free School Meals applications for **Plymstock School, Coombe Dean School and Oreston Community Academy**. If your child attends one of these schools, you need to apply to Devon.

How do I qualify?

If you receive **any** of these benefits you will be entitled to Free School Meals:

- Income-based & Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) on an equal basis
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit (**without** Working Tax Credit) and with an annual taxable income assessed by HM Revenue and Customs to be less than £16,190
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Where a parent is entitled to a Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment received for a further 4 weeks when no longer qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. The criteria for Pupil Premium are the same as for Free School Meals (see Page 1). If we authorise your child's Free School Meals claim, it means that the school is able to receive the Pupil Premium funding for your child.

Universal Free School Meals All children in Key Stage 1 are automatically entitled to a free school meal. If you apply for Free School Meals for a child in KS1, we will check your entitlement for Pupil Premium only and inform the school that your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium. You can speak with the school directly to find out how they use the funding. Please note that we will not respond to your application for Free School Meals for a child in KS1 if he or she is already entitled to a free school meal. Even so, we ask all parents to complete this form as it enables schools to know about every child on roll who is eligible for the Pupil Premium additional funding.

You do not need to send evidence of your qualifying benefit(s) with this application. If we need evidence at a later date, we will contact you.