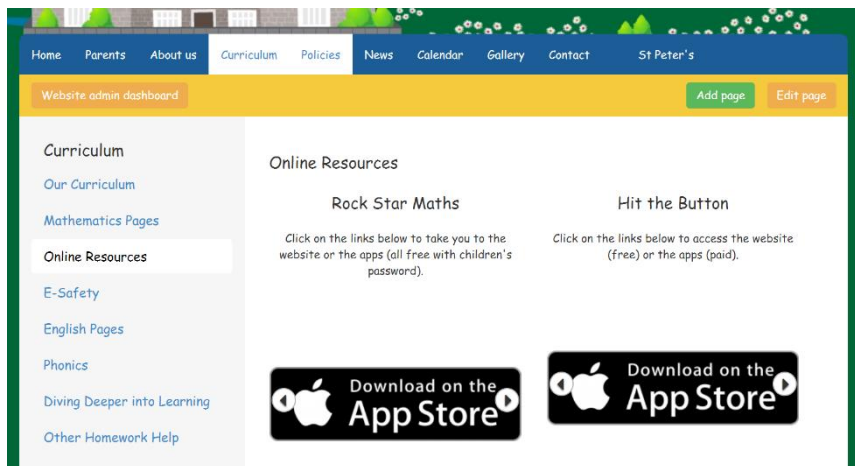


FEDERATION NEWS -

Another great week has flown past and, as always, the children have been hard at work with their learning.

Maths Mastery - On Monday this week Miss Burton and I took a trip to Launceston to join other maths mastery specialists to watch two maths teachers from Shanghai deliver maths lessons in the way they do in their country. This was a really enlightening visit and some of those techniques are being filtered into the school. The key idea is that all pupils can be successful (although success will look different for different children) if they put in the



effort. One of the areas of mathematics that we have been working on with the children is rapid recall of number facts and applying those number facts to a range of different situations. Please can I urge you to insist on your child practising 'Rockstar Maths' at home and also 'Hit The Button'. Both of these take very little time and can be run on pretty much any device. On our website we have links to the app stores to download the apps. 'Rockstar Maths' is free if the children log on with their school password. 'Hit the Button' has a small charge but can be played online for free. If you are not sure how to download the apps, do not know your child's password, do not have access to the internet at home or would like any other advice please do not hesitate to pop into school.

500 Word Story – This great annual competition is back and it would be lovely if the children could have a go at writing a story. The competition is open to children aged 5 - 13 and closing date is Thursday 22nd February. The 500 word story website has loads of excellent resources such as the [parents pack](#) and some fantastic [story starter videos](#) to get your children in the mood. If you would like even more inspiration check out [Once Upon a Picture](#) which has some amazing images that can prompt writing.



Tesco Bags of Help Appeal - our bags of help appeal is in Tesco now. Please encourage all your friends and family to shop in Tesco and place a counter for us. If we are successful the funding will be used to help with a much-needed revamp of St Rumon's playground. It would be wonderful if we were able to secure the funding without which the work will not be able to happen. We are currently in second place and so really would be grateful for a much needed boost of votes!!

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:

Vestry Group – All children are welcome to join this fun group that runs during the family service each Sunday at 9:45 at St Eustachius. They can take part in craft and other fun activities all linked to the main theme of the service.

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

Messy Church @ St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock

Wednesday 7 February – Pancakes & The Prodigal Son

Wednesday 7 March – Lent & Mothers' Day

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 07929911892 or sarah.pendle0@gmail.com

ST PETER'S NEWS

Cars on School Grounds – Please do not bring your car onto the school grounds during the school day. Our school mini bus driver was unable to safely turn her vehicle around earlier in the week because of cars parked in the turning bay. Thank you.

Tabletop Sale – A few girls in Year 4 are holding another tabletop sale at break again tomorrow to raise money for St Lukes Hospice. The girls have some handmade items and are selling these with books, games and other bits and bobs! Please send your child in with a small amount of change if you want to buy anything and help to support this worthwhile cause.

Tavy 13 Primary School Challenge – Children will run every week in school to build up to their 13 miles. They will need to sign up to enter the main Tavy 13 event and run their final mile on Sunday 18th March 2018. All participants will receive a medal and t-shirt on completion. This is a fantastic fun community event. Entry forms are available from the school office. Closing date : Friday 9th February.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Headlice – we have had several cases of headlice in school recently. Could we please ask that you check your child's hair and treat appropriately. We would recommend that long hair is tied back. Thank you.

Umbrellas – whilst we are happy for children to bring umbrellas into school on rainy days, we do not permit them in the playground as they can be a hazard.

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.

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.

Visitor Badges – Once again, these are running low and could we please ask you to check at home to see if you have any there and if so return them to the school office. Many thanks.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week next week will be the word "big". 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.

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 Pearl Fogarty, Jacob Davey & Joseph Shopland. Well done also to Tavy 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

- Football Letters
- West Devon Netball Finals

Spring Term 2018 Dates:

Fri 26 Jan – 12.30-3.30 pm – Sports Hall Final @ Tavistock College

Fri 26 Jan -2.00-3.00 pm – Geoffrey Cox Visit to Y5/6

Mon 29 Jan – *12.30-3.30 – Netball Finals @ Okehampton (**Please note revised time from last week*)

Tue 30 Jan – 4.00-7.00 pm – Youth Speaks Competition @ Mount Kelly

Fri 2 Feb – 9.30-12.30 - Cyclo Cross (postponed from last term) at Mary Tavy

6th-8th February : Y5 London Residential

Thursday 8th Feb – 4pm Cross Country competition in the Meadows-team to be selected.

12th-16th February – HALF TERM

Monday 19th February – NON-PUPIL DAY

Weds 21 Feb – 9.00am – Schools' Communion for Ash Wednesday @ St Eustachius Church

22-23rd February: Y4 Residential – Pixies Holt

Mon 26 & Weds 28 Feb – 3.30–6.15pm – KS1 Parents' Evening

Tue 27 Feb & Thurs 1 Mar – 4.00–6.45pm – KS2 Parents' Evening

Thurs 29 March – 2.00pm – Easter Service @ St Eustachius Church

Friday 30 Mar-Fri 13 Apr – Easter Holidays

Mon 16 April – Summer Term Starts

Weds 23 May – 9 am – Schools' Communion for Pentecost @ St Eustachius Church

11th-15th June: Y6 Residential to Beam House

Tues 24 July – 2.00pm – End of term service led by Y6 leavers @ St Eustachius Church