



FEDERATION NEWS Welcome back to school and hope that you had a lovely half term. As always lots of good things going on this term. Thank you to the many parents who completed the parent questionnaire in October. Over the half term I started to analyse the responses which show both a very positive picture of the school and were very useful for our ongoing school improvement. I have included the summary documents with this newsletter. Two small issues seem to have emerged and so, as a school we will consider them further and get back to you. One issue raised was the Year 1 homework where some parents felt we gave too much. We will look into this and get back to you shortly. In Key Stage Two there were a few parents who felt that they did not receive enough or the right information about their child's progress. On this issue I think that it would be good to get a little more information and so, over the next week I will try to talk with parents in the playground to canvas your ideas further. Thanks again for completing them.

St Rumon's Open Morning – We will be holding an open morning for all prospective Foundation Stage parents and children due to start in September 2018 at St Rumon's on Monday 20th November from 9.30-11.30am. Please come along if you have any children due to start with us in September and bring any friends that this may also interest.

Tavyside Photography Competition Winners - Congratulations to Harry & James Malthouse who won the following categories in the Age 4-7 category:-

Wild & Wonderful – Harry Malthouse

Tenderness – James Malthouse

People at Work – Harry Malthouse

Growing Things – James Malthouse

Overall age group winner – Harry Malthouse.

Children in Need – Friday 17 Nov – children are welcome to come to school dressed in bright colours with a suggested donation of £1. Please note- no fancy dress costumes. Please help us support this worthwhile charity.

MTA – We have a vacancy for an MTA at St Peters. The role is for approx 1.25 hours/day Monday-Fridays (6.25 hours/week). Interested applicants need to request an application form from the school office and will need to complete DBS check.

Catering Assistant – We have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant at St Rumons for 10 hours/ week. Interested applicants need to request an application form from the school office and will need to complete DBS check.

After School Club - Due to high demand could I please ask parents to cancel bookings at least 24 hours prior to the session to enable us to reallocate your space to families on the waiting list. **Places cancelled with less than 24 hours notice will be charged for.** If parents wish to book/ cancel sessions, they must speak to either the school office or a member of After School Club.

PTA: Dates to note for you diary:

- **Christmas Fair** – Friday, 8th of December at St Rumon's. Please bring in toilet & kitchen roll tubes for the craft stall.

Future PTA meeting dates to diarise - all at 8pm on Tuesdays - 7th of November & 28th of November - please note that these are **now both going to be held at the Bedford Hotel.**

Toddler Group –Held on Mondays from 1.45pm – 2.45pm at St Rumon's School. All families are welcome and refreshments are available. Please come for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

Church News:

Messy Church at Tavistock Methodist Church (TMC) – Held on the second Thursday of the month from 4.30pm-6.30pm: (upcoming sessions: 9th Nov, and 14th Dec). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

Messy Church at St Eustachius Church – Held on the 1st Wednesday of the month in term time, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm (Upcoming sessions: 1st Nov, and 6th Dec). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Tag Rugby – Well done to both our Year 3&4 teams. Everyone worked hard and gained lots of experience for the future. Thank you to all the parents who transported and stayed to support the players.

Football Tournament – Well done to our boys & girls teams who went to play in the inter-schools tournament last week at the Crowndale football pitches! The girls team who played their first fixture improved with each game and played really well.

Netball & Cross Country Tournament – Good luck to our netballers and runners who are going to the inter-schools tournaments next week!

Lost Property – Lara Dix has lost her school shoes – named black lace ups – please contact the school office if found. Many thanks

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Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week next week will be Egypt. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

Mobile Phones – can we please remind all adults that mobile phones should not be used on school premises for Safeguarding reasons.

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 Nora May Galli, Lucas Gale & Tiana Peck. Well done also to Plym 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.

Milk – A reminder that children under 5 are entitled to free milk. Please speak to the school office.

Letters Home

- Castle Drogo cross country

Autumn Term 2017 Dates:

Wednesday 8 November – 9.45 am-1.00 pm – Netball Festival @ Tavistock College

Friday 10 November – 9.00 am-2.00 pm – Cross Country @ Castle Drogo

Wednesday 15 November – 9.30 am-1.00 pm – Y5/6 Cyclo-x in The Meadows

Wednesday 22 November – 6.00 pm-7.00 pm – Governors Standards Committee Meeting

Wednesday 22 November – 7.00 pm-8.00 pm – Full Governors Meeting

Friday 1 December – 9.00 am-1.30 pm - Y4/5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Tavistock College

Friday 1 December – Tinsel & Chocolate Day

Thursday 7th December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 2.30-3pm

Friday 8th December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 9.30-10am

Friday 8 December – 3.30 pm-PTA Christmas Fair @ St Rumon's

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch & Party at St Peters

Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Nativity @ Town Hall, 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Lunch at St Rumon's

Friday 15 December – 2.00 pm Advent Service @ St Eustachius

Friday 15th December – Last Day of Term

6th-8th February : Y5 London Residential

22-23rd February: Y4 Residential – Pixies Holt
11th-15th June: Y6 Residential to Beam House

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wizard of Oz -Tavistock Musical Theatre Company are proud to present The Wizard of Oz at The Wharf, Tavistock on Tues 31 October to Sat 4 November - 7.30 pm each evening and Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm. Tickets £13 per adult & £11 per child available from the Wharf Box Office tel: 01822 611166.

New Drama School - Are you interested in the Performing Arts? Do you want to boost your confidence, whilst making new friends and having lots of fun?
A potential new drama school could be coming to your area. Weekly classes of 90 minutes for 4 to 6 year olds and 3 hours for 6 to 18 year olds will teach you to sing, dance and act. All this comes with the opportunities of performing to friends, family and the public. With small class numbers, led by a professional principal and being taught by professional tutors. If you would like to register your interest or to find out more information please email me at tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk

Tavistock Swimming Club – Tavistock Swimming Club taster session for competent swimmers looking to progress if they love swimming and are wondering if the swim club is for you! Come along to a FREE session at Meadowlands on Saturday 11th November 4.30-5.30pm.

SJS Dance Academy – From 3yrs up – Ballet/ Jazz/ Tap/ RAD classes in Tavistock or Stoke Climsland – Contact Suzanne 01822 618952 / suzanne@sjsdanceacademy.co.uk for more details.

Tavistock College Cardiff Christmas Shopping Trip – Saturday 2nd December – Coach leaving at 6am and leaving Cardiff at 5pm – Cost £20/person – Contact Chantelle Cocker on 01822 614231/ c.cocker@tavistockcollege.org

Rotary Young Photographers Competition – Theme: ‘A Different Persepective’. Entries need to provide 3 photographs (max size A4) by Friday 5th January. Entry forms available from the school office.