

**FEDERATION NEWS ...**

Welcome back to school and I hope that you all had a lovely summer break. It has been great to see the children so settled into their new classes and I am really looking forward to the exciting year ahead. I would like to say a special welcome to all our new children and parents and also to our new staff

- Miss White who will be teaching Year 2 in Lyd Class
- Ms Nutbean – After School Club Teaching Assistant
- Miss Macdonald – Apprentice Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Travis – Meal time Assistant

Finally, I would like to say congratulations to Miss Maddison who has returned to us after the summer as Mrs Avis Riordan (She will be known as Mrs Riordan to the children). If you ever have any queries or concerns during the year please do not hesitate to see your child's teacher in the first instance or me.

Reading presentation for parents

Next week we would like to offer parents a short presentation on teaching reading. During the presentation tips for listening to your children read will be shared. There will be a Reception and Infant presentation and a Junior presentation which will be held on different days as follows:-

St Rumon's – Wednesday 14th September

2:00 – presentation for parents in the hall presented by Mrs Weatherhead.

2:30ish – parents are welcome to pop into their child's class to see and share in some reading activities.

St Peter's – Thursday 15th September

2:30 - presentation for parents in the hall presented by Miss Charlesworth.

3:00ish – parents are welcome to pop into their child's class to see and share in some reading activities.

Meet the teacher

As last year we would like to offer parents the opportunity to have a chance to meet their child's teacher. These meetings will take the form of a short presentation by the class teacher on their expectations and class routines etc. as well as a chance for you to ask any questions. The teacher will repeat the same information twice for those children who have two children in the same school. Teachers will produce a brief handout and so, if you cannot make the meeting you will be able to ask them for a copy. Timings will be as follows.

St Rumon's on Wednesday 14th September

Session 1 – 3:10ish

Session 2 – 3:40ish

Mrs Lewis (Year 6) and Mr Stirling (Year 5) on Wednesday 14th September.

Session 1 – 3:40ish

Session 2 – 4:10ish

St Peter's (not including Mrs Lewis and Mr Stirling) on Thursday 15th September

Session 1 – 3:40ish

Session 2 – 4:10ish

Uniform:- it has been lovely to see all the children looking smart as they return to school for the new academic year. Please could I remind parents and children that all children should be wearing ties and black leather shoes rather than trainers should be worn. Additionally, long hair (whether on a boy or a girl) should be tied back as it is safer for children when using equipment, long hair that is not tied back often falls into children's faces when they are working and hair that is tied back is less likely to attract lice.

Homework:- I have copied a little bit of our homework policy below so that you know what to expect when. More can be explained about this during the 'meet the teacher' session next week.

Reception class expectations

- * Reading for 10 - 15 minutes a day.
- * Reading ladders are used to encourage the learning of key words and phonics.

Year 1 expectations

- * Reading for 10 – 15 minutes a day.
- * Reading ladders are used to encourage the learning of key words and phonics. Weekly spelling list based on the phase of phonics that a child is working within
- * Short weekly English or maths activity/ game

Year 2 expectations

- * Daily reading 15 mins
- * Weekly English or maths activity
- * Occasionally children may be asked to find out information related to the current class topic.
- * Weekly spelling list
- * Times tables and other number facts

Years 3 and 4 expectations

- * Daily reading 15 mins
- * Weekly English task and/or maths task
- * Occasionally children may be asked to find out information related to the current class topic.
- * Spelling list
- * Times tables and other numbers facts

Years 5 and 6 expectations

- * Daily reading 20 mins
- * Weekly English task and maths task
- * Spelling list
- * Times tables and other number facts including with challenging numbers such as $0.8 \times 7 = 5.6$
- * Cross curricular work or researching something ready for the next session as appropriate

Projects

Projects are an excellent way in which children can extend and share their skills in English and maths and a wide range of other areas of learning as well as helping them to develop skills of independent learning. They are also an excellent way to include the whole family in discovering more about the class topic. From Year 3 upwards one project is done each term. Projects may also be completed in some Key Stage 1 classes. The project may be designed to last for a half term or it might be shorter. When the children are not working on a topic they will revert back to a weekly English and/ or maths task. When children have project homework tasks they will continue to receive weekly spellings.

Contact Details sheet - At the start of the school year it is important that schools have their records up-to-date and the correct permissions, medical records and consents for pupils. We will shortly be sending out forms and so please look out for them.

Value of the term - This term our school Christian Value is Truthfulness.

Mrs Weatherhead - Mrs Weatherhead will be leaving us at Christmas this year as she has decided to retire. Sue has been an amazing ambassador for the school for a great many years and will be sorely missed. The governors and I have just begun the process of finding a replacement for her and will be in a position to say more later in the term.

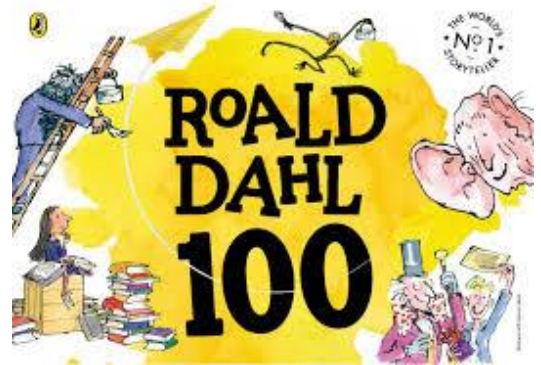
Toddler Group – Please note our Toddler Group will start again on Monday 13 September at 1.45 pm until 2.45 pm and we look forward to seeing you all then.

Breakfast & After School Club – A reminder that breakfast clubs are available at both school sites from 7.45 – cost per session is £2.50 which includes breakfast and your children have opportunity to choose from a range of healthy breakfast options and play in a safe environment before the school day starts.

After School Club is situated at the St Peter's site from the end of the school day until 6pm in Roos Tor classroom. A high tea is offered and a variety of play opportunities suitable for all ages. Children have the opportunity to make different friends and relax after their busy school day. (Cost per session is £9/

child and £8 for any additional siblings). There are some places still available each day at After School Club. Children are now travelling by bus from St Rumon's to St Peter's which is proving a great success. Our out of school clubs provide a homely and friendly environment for children at the beginning and end of their school day with familiar staff from both schools. If you are interested in your children attending either of these clubs, please contact the school office for the necessary registration forms.

Roald Dahl Day – Friday 16th September 2016 - As you may already be aware, next week marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl – the world's number one storyteller – and celebrations will be taking place throughout the globe to honour this day. To join in the worldwide celebrations, each school will be undertaking some activities based around the work of Roald Dahl on Friday 16 September. If children would like to, they are welcome to come into school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character. We are aware of the short notice so please do not feel it is compulsory for children to dress up. You may find the following website of help with costume ideas:-



<http://www.roalddahl.com/charity/fundraising-and-events/dahlicious-dress-up-day/dressing-up-tips>. We look forward to seeing the children's costumes on the 16th.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Y6 Junior Life Skills - Thursday 22nd September — The Y6 children will once again be attending Junior Life Skills at the Tavistock Town Hall- Please can parents pick up their children from the Town Hall at the **earlier time of 3pm**. Thank you.

Old T-shirt – Please can all children bring in and keep an old t-shirt that can be used for art in their PE kit. Thank you.

Reading Roundabout – Year 5 and 6 children will be visited by this service to explore everything that is wonderful about the world of reading on Friday 16th September. Year 3 & 4 will then be visited on the 29th September.

Wasps Nest – St Peter's – Please take care when accessing the St Peter's site from the Deer Park entrance – there has been a wasps nest reported – We have arranged for it to be destroyed, but please take care.

Parking – A reminder for parents not to park on the school site at drop off and pick up time for the safety of the children. Please park in one of the adjacent streets in Greenlands / Deer Park Rd or in the nearby car park. Many thanks.

Dogs – Please note that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds during school pick up/ drop off. Thank you.

Dinner Payments –Please note that the cost of school dinners remains at £2.20/day. We would request that all school dinners are paid for in advance. We are happy to accept payment by cheque, payable to 'St Peters CE Junior School'. The cost for a half term is £74.80 and for the whole term is £151.80.

Lift Share Request – If anyone is happy to lift share with a family that lives near Morrisons – please contact the office and we will put you in contact with each other. Thank you.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Medical Appointments/School Lunches – Could we please remind you that if your child is going to be late to school due to a medical appointment, that you advise the office of their lunch choice when advising of the appointment. This will assist the kitchen in preparing the meals for the day. Thank you.

Fact of the Week – The letter on Mrs Weatherhead’s badge next week will be “S”. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about the letter. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

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.

AUTUMN TERM 2016 – Diary Dates

Non-Pupil Day – Wednesday 12 October 2016

Half Term – 24-29 October 2016

Last Day of Term – Friday 16th December 2016

Friday 16th September 2016 - Roald Dahl Day

Thursday 20th September – Swimming starts for Coxtor class

Thursday 22nd September – Y6 Life Skills – Tavistock Town Hall- pick up from there at 3pm

Tuesday 4th October - Football Tournament at Crowndale pitches 1pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 5th October – Harvest Service at St Eustachius

Friday 7th October - Year 2 multi-skills day at Tavistock Track. 1-3.

Monday 10th October – Individual & Family Photos – St Peters

Tuesday 11th October – Individual & Family Photos – St Rumons

Friday 14th October - Year 3 Multi-skills day at Tavistock Track. 10-12 and 1-3.

Tuesday 18th October - Tri Golf Festival at Whitchurch Primary School 1pm start.

Monday 31st October – Bikeability Week– year 5& 6

Wednesday 2nd November – Schools Communion Service at St Eustachius – 9am

Tuesday 8th November - Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival at Tavistock Rugby Club. 1pm start

Thursday 10th November - Netball Tournament at Whitchurch Primary School

Tuesday 15th November - Cyclo X at Tuell Farm, Milton Abbot - 10am start.

Wednesday 14th December – KS1 Nativity - Tavistock Town Hall - 2.30pm and 6pm

Friday 16th December 2016 – Last Day of Term

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mansbridge Balment Primary Schools Promise - a donation will be made to schools for properties sold and let through them. For qualifying properties they will donate: £50 For Residential Sale /£25 For Residential Letting (tenant find and/or managed) to the Primary School nearest to the property concerned, upon completion of the sale or the commencement of the tenancy. The payment will be made provided the sale of the property exchanges on or before 31/3/17, or in the case of lettings that the tenancy has commenced by that date. If you are interested, please contact your nearest office, quoting “Primary School Promise 2016” *This promotion applies to the Tavistock, Okehampton, Yelverton, Bere Alston, and Lettings offices only. Tel: TAVISTOCK 612345 : YELVERTON 855055 :

Horrabridge FC – Y5 Training on Tuesdays from 6-7PM at Horrabridge Fillace Park. For more information call Jan Hughes 01822 854115: mail@yelvertonconstruction.co.uk. Or just come along!!

Harvest Festival – Tavistock Parish Centre – Saturday 1st October from 6-8.30pm All welcome. Entertainment and games for all.



The poster for the Young Photographer of the Year Competition 2016 features a grid of four photographs. The top-left photo is a close-up of a white cat's face with green eyes, labeled 'wildlife'. The top-right photo shows a sunset over the ocean, labeled 'holiday'. The bottom-left photo is a close-up of a pink flower, labeled 'garden'. The bottom-right photo shows a snowy landscape with a house, labeled 'weather'. The text 'Young Photographer of the Year Competition' is at the top, and '2016' is in large pink numbers to the right. At the bottom, it says 'Tavyside Patients' Association' and 'Closing date: 4th October 2016'. For further information, it directs to the website www.tavyside.org.