



**FEDERATION NEWS** - What a lovely couple of weeks. On Wednesday this week I had the pleasure of joining the Y6 pupils at the residential at Beam House. I saw them bodyboarding, completing a pretty hair-raising trapeze, abseiling and fencing in just the few hours that I was there. It was lovely to see the children enjoying a great range of activities, behaving well and learning to develop a range of skills that they would not necessarily get from the classroom.

**Ofsted** – As you know, we had a visit from two Ofsted inspectors last week at St Peter's. Unfortunately, I am not allowed to share details of the visit until the report is released, which will be in approximately 25 working days. I would like to say thank you to all the children and staff for all their hard work during the two days and for the hard work and dedication that they show day in and day out. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who were able to speak with the inspectors in person or completed the online questionnaire. The Lead Inspector, Sue Costello, asked that I write in the newsletter how grateful the team were for the enthusiasm of the parents which made evidence gathering easier and showed the strength of our relationship.

One strand for improvement that came out of the parent response was that we need to improve our systems for sharing with you the academic progress of your children. This is something that the staff, governors and I will think about over the remainder of this term. When we have come up with a few potential solutions I will be really keen to receive your ideas on them, so that we can ensure that we are fully meeting your needs in this area.

**Staffing and Classes** – Over the next week or two we will be organising the children into their classes for next year. This will be shared with you as soon as we are able to do so.

After over twenty years in teaching, much of it at St Peter's, Mrs Lewis has decided to leave us, in order to retrain so that she can take up a new role in the future. It is quite likely that we will still see her around as a supply teacher at times. We are currently advertising for an experienced Y5/6 teacher to replace Mrs Lewis for September.

**Ties** – It's got to that time where children are free to take off their ties. Please could this be **from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June and not before**. Please could I also ask that you keep them easy to locate at home as there will be some school events where the children are asked to wear them.

**Sports Day** – This will be held at St Peter's CE Junior School on Friday 22nd June – (St Peter's children will have theirs in the morning – 9.30am start; and St Rumon's children will come up in the afternoon for 12.30 start.) It will be lovely to see as many parents there as can make it. Unfortunately, the British weather is not always predictable and so, please could you ensure that children have hats, sunscreen and plenty to drink on that day. Additionally, if it is slightly damp then a waterproof coat would be useful. We will send a text if we need to cancel. The decision to cancel a sports day will be made on the quality of ground underfoot.

**The PTA will be serving refreshments at the Sports Day, so please let us know or leave your names at either school office, if you are able to help out for an hour or two between 9am and 3pm.**

**Art Exhibition** – Artwork produced by our Year 5 pupils will join other primary school children's work at an exhibition in Butchers Hall – last day is this Saturday, 16 June. Please do go along and take a look and support our children who have created some fantastic pieces.

**PTA Summer Fair** - The Summer Fair is taking place on Friday the 22nd of June, from 15h30 - 18h00, at St Peter's, after Sports Day. Everyone is welcome! We will once again have a Chocolate Tombola at the Fair, so will be having a **Mufti Day on Friday, 15th of June (tomorrow)**, where pupils may wear normal clothes to school in return for a chocolate donation for the Tombola. We also need wine bottles (both full and empty bottles) for the Water or Wine Game, so please could donations be left at either school office. If anyone has a gazebo that we could borrow for the day,

please could these be brought to either office, as soon as possible, so we have them ready for both events. Many thanks in advance!

We need to borrow gazebos to keep the sun (or rain) off the children at Sports Day and the stalls at the Summer Fair, so please let us know if you have one we could use, or leave it at either school office if you have one.

As the Summer Fair is at St Peter's, we are requesting St Peter's pupils to bring in eats for the refreshments stall - please bring in cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, scones, or other eats suitable for the Refreshments Stall to school on Friday the 22nd of June. (We will ask St Rumon's pupils to do the same for the Christmas Fair at St Rumon's in December).

**School Gateway** – Our online booking system has gone live for After School Club – thank you for all your patience as we ensure that the initial set up is working- Please do come and see us if you have any queries or difficulties in using the new system so that we can help you



You will eventually be able to make payments via credit and debit card, view balances and give online consent for activities . It will become the booking system for Breakfast Club and School Dinners. We hope that you will find School Gateway a valuable way to keep up to date.

**PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS DOWNLOAD THE APP/ SET UP A SCHOOL GATEWAY ACCOUNT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE US TO INTRODUCE THE ONLINE PAYMENT / MESSAGING SYSTEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.**

**What you need to do now**

- **Download the app:** If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone).
- **Visit the website:** [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

**Can't activate your account?**

If you're having trouble activating your School Gateway account, it may be because school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

**School Uniform** - Following the announcement that Tesco Direct will be closing, we have contacted them and they have confirmed that they will continue to provide the school uniform embroidery service. Please note, that at this time of year there is a high demand for items so at times there may be a slight delay in being able to order.

**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.

**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.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**The Vestry Group** - This is a group for children that meets during the family service each Sunday at 0945 in the church. It is run by a team of 3 and provides craft activities linking to the theme of the main service. Informal and fun. Please come along!

**Child Focused Family Services** - These services will be a Family Worship service and held once a month for the next few months, with refreshments available from 11:15 am and the actual service beginning at 11:30 am in church. **The service will aim to last for no longer than 40 minutes.**

**Messy Church @ St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock** - 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](mailto:sarah.pendle0@gmail.com)

**Messy Church** @ Tavistock Methodist Church Tavistock – 4.30-6.30pm . A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal. (Dates: June 14th, July 12th)

### **ST PETER'S NEWS**

**Cricket** - Year 5&6 cricket team played in the Plate competition at Okehampton last week and won all their 4 matches to finish in 3rd place. A fantastic day out - Well Done!

**Y3/4 Ukelele Showcase – Friday 15 June** – all parents are invited to join us in the Hall at 3 pm tomorrow for the Y3 & Y4 ukelele performance.

**Peace Posters** - Alan Roath popped into school recently to talk with the children about this year's peace poster completion. The theme of this year's poster is 'Kindness Matters'. As always, teachers will speak with their children about the poster before anything is sent home.

### **ST RUMON'S NEWS**

**Foundation & Y1 Multi Skills – Monday 25 June** – we are still waiting for some parent consent slips to be returned. If you need another letter, please see Mrs Morris or Mrs Tripp in the school office. Thanks.

**Sports Day – Fri 22 June – Menu Change** – please note the menu for Friday 22 June has changed as follows:-

M/Hot Dogs    V/Vegetarian Hot Dogs            JP/Cheese & Beans    PM/Beef or Cheese Roll

**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.**

**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.

**Wellie Boots** – we are looking to redesign our garden area and would be grateful for donations of any old wellie boots you have at home that you no longer need. Thanks in advance.

**Fact of the Week Badge** – The fact of the week next week will be synonyms for the word light, ie, when something shines it gives out a light. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with examples of other synonyms. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

**Lunchtime Awards** – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were James Gough, Tom Travis and Dibeh Alaoui. Well done also to Meavy Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frame and scooters.

### **LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

- Tavistock College – Open Morning at College and meeting at St Peter's, Years 4 and 5
- Y2 Transition

### Spring Term 2018 Dates:

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

**Fri 15 June** - Triathlon in the Meadows, letters sent to team members

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Mufti day for chocolate tombola

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Tavistock College attending St Peters to speak with Y4 & Y5 parents.

**Wed 20 June** - Quad kids County Final at Brickfields

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Quad Kids – West Devon Final

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Sports Day at St Peters CE Junior School (KS2 in the morning; KS1 will come up in the afternoon)

**Thursday 28 June** – Devonport High School Familiarisation Day: 9am-3pm – Y6

**Wed 4 July** - Athletics at Mount Kelly Prep

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Tavistock College Taster Days – Y6

**Monday 16 July** – KS1 Optional Parents Evening – this is not a formal parents evening but a 'drop in' evening for parents to pop in to see the class teacher if they have any concerns - @St Rumons

**Tuesday 17 July** – KS2 Optional Parents Evening – this is not a formal parents evening but a 'drop in' evening for parents to pop in to see the class teacher if they have any concerns @ St Peters

**Tues 24 July**– End of Term Leavers Service @ St Eustachius Church– 2 pm

### **COMMUNITY**

**South West Youth Games** - This is an exciting competition and celebration of sport happening at Dawlish Leisure Centre on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. If your child is interested please take them along to a trial and give it a go - dates for selected sports are on the attached table below. A date of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2-3.30pm has been added for Year 3/4 tennis at Tavistock Tennis Club. Remember Cyclo cross selection for Years 4,5 & 6 is this Saturday at 9am innMary Tavy - bring your own bike.

**Tavistock Town Relays** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July. As part of Carnival Week, Tavistock Athletics Club hosts a 1.1 mile fun run and relay races around the Meadows. Fun run starts at 5.30pm and is open to any age but under 8's must be accompanied by an adult. Junior Team relays are teams of 4 in year 5/6 and consist of each team member running a lap of 1.1 miles. It is a pre-entry event and if a group of you decide to run together, entry forms and more details can be found at <http://tavistockathletics.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/tavistocktownrelaysindex.htm>

**South West Games** – This multi-sport event will be held at Dawlish Leisure Centre on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018. If you would like to be part of Team West Devon – there are trials for the different sports detailed in the table below. Please note that this is not a School run event - if you are interested – you just need to turn up to the trials or contact Stuart Lord at OCRA.

**LOOKING TO JOIN A FOOTBALL TEAM?**



**TAVISTOCK CITY U11s**  
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COME ALONG TO ONE (OR BOTH)  
OF OUR OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS  
12 JUNE AND 19 JUNE 2018  
7PM

**TAVISTOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL FIELD**

Girls and boys welcome. For more information: [beckyconners1@gmail.com](mailto:beckyconners1@gmail.com)

**Cricket Camps** - Brenden Worth Cricket Academy  
Lots of fun, games, challenges and cricket  
Wednesday 25 July - Years 4, 5 and 6  
Wednesday 1 August - Years 3 and below  
Both camps run from 1.00 - 5.00 p.m.  
Yelverton Bohemians Cricket Club, Langton Park,  
Plymouth Road, Yelverton. PL20 6HY  
£15 per child  
Qualified and experienced coaches. To book please  
email [brendenworth@me.com](mailto:brendenworth@me.com) or call 07889518433



# PTA Summer Fair

Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June

3:30pm to 6pm

At St Peter's Junior School

- Barbeque
- Refreshments and cakes
- Bar
- Bouncy Castle
- Ice cream van

- Stalls & games, including Chocolate Tombola, Water Balloon Catch, Beat-the-Joelie, Hook a Duck, Pick a Lolly, Water or Wine, Year 5 & 6 pedlars, book stall, & Bric-a-Brac

Please come & join us after Sports Day!



**TEAM WEST DEVON – Primary School Age  
GET INTO SESSIONS- SW YOUTH GAMES**



SPORT	SCHOOL YEAR	WHEN & WHERE
Cyclo X	4,5 and 6 Girls & Boys	Saturday June 16 <sup>th</sup> Mary Tavy Recreation Ground- 9.00 am Bring a Bike of any sort
Girls Football	5 & 6	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May & Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June - OCRA Pavilion @ 18.00 Tavistock area – TBC
Gymnastics	3 & 4 Girls & Boys	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> April Okehampton College Gymnasium @16.15-17.15
High 5 Netball	5 & 6 Girls & Boys	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 18.30 .19.30 Okehampton College Playground- OCRA Pavilion
Tennis	3 & 4 Girls and Boys	TBC
Quicksticks Hockey	5 & 6 Boys and Girls	Tuesday June 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> 18.00-19.30 Okehampton All Weather Pitch Tuesday June 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> 18.00-19.30 Mount Kelly All Weather Pitch
Dance	3 – 6 Boys and Girls	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May ,Parklands Sports Centre Studio @ 14.00 WHATEVER YOUR STYLE -Bring your own choreography 30-45seconds – music to be on an ipod or mp3



ALL WELCOME – COME ALONG or FOR MORE DETAILS

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Tavistock College

# Dog Show!

Saturday 23rd June 10am - 2pm  
At Tavistock College

£1 per dog to enter a class

Stalls

Raffle

Agility course

Refreshments



Ice Cream

Food: Blue Skies Catering  
and Ellis Bakery.  
Ice Cream: Ben's Ice  
Cream



12 Classes

Including:

- Best paw shaker
- Musical sits
- Golden oldie
- Dog and owner look alike

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