

FEDERATION NEWS - What a busy week it has been. I would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all those who took part in last week's Music Showcase. It really was a lovely to see so many singers and instrumentalists perform to an audience with such confidence and dedication. As I said at the time, it takes hard work and dedication to build up musical skill and great inner steel to then stand up and perform in front of others. Well done all of you.



Hellos and goodbyes- This summer we will be saying a sad good-bye to Heidi Lewis, Donna Collacott, Emily Ramsden and Camilla Olver. Each and every one of them have been absolutely wonderful members of our staff, some for many years, and we will miss them all greatly. If any parents would like to make a donation towards a leaving gift for any of our staff, please hand this into either school office.

In September Mrs Riordan will be return to work two days a week. She will be working in Year 1 for one day/week and then working across the school for the other day. This week we interviewed on Tuesday for a Year 1/2 teacher and are pleased to say that we have appoint Heidi De Wolf to the post. On Wednesday we interviewed for a Y5/6 teacher and appointed Elaine Shaw. Both teachers impressed us at the interviews and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the staff. Unfortunately, because of the timing of these appointments, neither teacher is able to make the transition days. We will therefore arrange a date in the week commencing 16th July for Heidi to come and meet the Y1/2 pupils but, unfortunately, Elaine is unavailable until September.

Classes. We are hoping, following a few last-minute tweaks, to be able to send home class lists tomorrow. This year we have set out our policy for you, so parents know how we have placed the children. The policy is based on both research of best practice and practical knowledge and is as follows:

EYFS/ KS1

- Straight Foundation – youngest pupils
- Foundation/Y1 - Older reception aged pupils and youngest Y 1 as well as those Y1 pupils who need to cover some areas of the EYFS curriculum in more detail before they are ready to move fully onto the National Curriculum.
- Y1/2 – older Year 1 children and younger Y2 and those children in Y2 who did not pass the Y1 phonics test.
- Y2 – oldest Y2 children

Teachers: Mrs Collins, Miss White, Miss Evans, Miss Arscott, Mrs de Wolf

Y3/4 Rationale: - By age as close as we can to the child's term of birth which will ensure that the physical age difference between the children is very similar to them being in a single aged class.

- Y3/4 class 1: Younger Y3 and Younger Y4
- Y3/4 class 2: Middle Y3 and Middle Y4
- Y3/4 class 3: Older Y3 and Older Y4

There are a small number of pupils that, as a school, we have chosen to place in different classes.

Teachers: Mrs Giles, Miss Charlesworth, Mrs Prout, Mrs Knapp, Miss Harris

Y5/6 rationale: - by age as close as we can to the child's term of birth which will ensure that the physical age difference between the children is very similar to them being in a single aged class.

- Y5/6 class 1: Younger Y5 and Younger Y6
- Y5/6 class 2: Middle Y5 and Middle Y6
- Y5/6 class 3: Older Y5 and Older Y6

Teachers: Mr Stirling, Mrs Prout, Miss Burton, Ms Shaw, Mr Connors

This is the policy that we intend to continue with moving forwards. As always, there will be some children who would rather be with different children or be with a different teacher. Please encourage them to understand that class is all about learning and that the playground is about friendships and play. Please could I also encourage adults not to request a class change as this is very unlikely to be granted.

Ofsted - St Peter's recently had an Ofsted visit. The visit was a very positive one that affirmed the school's self-identified strengths and also the areas for future development. The inspection judged the school good in two out of the four areas, namely pupils' behaviour and safety and also in leadership and management. The overall judgement for the school is requires improvement which shows that the school has very much moved out of special measures. The lead inspector highlighted many very strong points about the school including the children themselves, the strong learning climate that we have achieved and our wide and exciting curriculum. It also praised the leadership for its clarity of vision, the accuracy of its assessment and the impact of actions taken. The lead inspector was very clear that there was nothing more that the school needed to do differently. As with all schools that have made lots of changes in quite a small period of time, there are some pockets of inconsistency and the team backed up the school's own findings on this. Ensuring that there are no pockets of inconsistency will be key to our work over the next year. The full report will be on our website shortly.

Clubs – Please note that all of our after school activity clubs finish this week.

PTA - Final PTA meeting of the academic year to be held on Tuesday 10th July at 8pm at the Bedford Hotel. A huge thank you to everyone involved with Sports Day and the Summer Fair! They were both a great success. We would like to thank the classes for running their stalls so brilliantly - it made a big difference to the PTA volunteers to have extra help.

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

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

The Vestry Group - This is a group for children that meets during the family service each Sunday at 9.45 in the school newsletter. 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!

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

Messy Church @ Tavistock Methodist Church Tavistock – 4.30-6.30pm . A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal. (Date: July 12th at the Tavistock Meadows)

ST PETER’S NEWS

Football Club - As there is a match tomorrow, there will not be any after school or lunch time clubs. Those children who have been selected to play for the team against Tavistock Primary have received a letter.

Sports Day Record – Apologies to Logan Sulsh whose distance of 47.5m was a record breaker too! Congratulations – and sorry this was missed as another broken record in last week’s newsletter!

Mount Kelly Athletics – Well done to our school team who participated in the athletics competition yesterday (Oliver Reeves ; Sion Hathaway; Emma Lane; Orla White; Nicolas Maczugowski; Logan Sulsh; Ella Whitford; Bea Kinnear)!

	U9s	U11s
800m	Orla – 1 st	Bea – 2 nd Ella – 1 st Nicolas – 1 st
Ball Throw	Orla- 1 st Sion-2 nd	Bea - 3 rd Nicolas – 2 nd Logan – 3 rd
Long Jump	Orla- 3 rd	Bea – 1 st Nicolas – 1 st Logan – 2 nd
100m	Orla – 3 rd Sion – 3 rd	Bea – 2 nd Ella – 1 st Logan – 3 rd Nicolas – 1 st
Relays	St Peters – 3 rd	St Peters – 1 st

Multi Skills - Year 4 had a great time at the recent Multi Skills event held at Whitchurch Cricket club.

Feather Tor Class Assembly- 9.10am on Wednesday 18th July – All parents are welcome.

The Tempest Production – Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th July at 7-8pm. Tickets available for £1 each – On sale from Tuesday 10th July. As this performance will be outdoors , please bring your own picnic blanket/ chairs.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Piano Lessons – please note there will be no lessons on Friday 6 July owing to Mrs Marks' holiday.

Scooters/Bikes – could we please ask parents to ensure that children bringing scooters/bikes into school do not ride them down through the entrance alleyway, so that any accidents may be avoided. Thank you.

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 talk, ie, speak. 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 Max Beilby, Charlie Hamilton & Rama Khebo.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- School Reports

Spring Term 2018 Dates:

Friday 6th July – Year 3 Rosemoor visit

Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th July - Tavistock College Taster Days – Y6

Tuesday 10th July - Final PTA Meeting at 8pm at the Bedford Hotel

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th July – The Tempest Production at 7-8pm– **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

Wednesday 18th July – Feather Tor Class Assembly- 9.10

Thursday 19th July – Tavistock Town Relays

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

COMMUNITY

TIDY TAVY – Saturday 7th July - Meet at Meadowlands at 10am to help take part in clearing up the litter in our town and community!

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. £15 per child

Yelverton Bohemians Cricket Club, Langton Park, Plymouth Road, Yelverton. PL20 6HY.

Qualified and experienced coaches. To book please email brendenworth@me.com or call 07889518433

Tavistock Town Relays - Thursday 19th 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>

MEAVY MADNESS RACE -The 2nd annual Meavy Madness off road school run on Sat July 14th. Starting from the school grounds it is a fully marshalled, risk assessed, off road run with the choice of 3 distances – 1km, 2km and 5km – so whatever the age and running experience/fitness there is a distance that any pupils could tackle. Last year was a huge success with children from 11 different schools participating (including some from St Rumons and St Peter’s). The older fitter ones enjoying the challenge of the long race, the younger or less experienced children excited to experience their first taster of off road trail running and getting a medal! All the details are on the West Dartmoor Federation website located on the PTA Meavy page <http://www.westdartmoor.org.uk/pta/meavy/>.

Tavistock Musical Theatre – Alice in Wonderland – Saturday 30th June – 6pm & Sunday 1st July – 2.30pm & 6pm – Tickets £7.50 / £5(U16s). Box office: 01822 611166

Dartmoor Search & Rescue Team - Family Fun Day – Saturday 7th July 2018 – Tavistock Meadows from 10-4pm – Treasure Hunt, Duck race & Stretcher Race!



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