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FEDERATION NEWS

... As always, another great week has whizzed by full of great learning and exciting things.

Roald Dahl Day – Thank you to all the parents and children who made such a wonderful effort with their costumes to celebrate Roald Dahl Day! Don't forget to check out Tavistock Times Gazette to see some pictures.



The European Day of Languages – Monday 26th September – We will be celebrating the 6,000+ languages spoken around the world, promoting language learning and having some multilingual fun! If any parents can speak additional languages and would like to come along during the afternoon to talk to some of the children, or have any interesting resources (books/ games) - please contact your class teacher. Thank you in advance!

Governor Vacancies - As you will be aware, we have a vacancy for 2 parent governors and we look forward to receiving nomination forms from those wishing to stand by Weds 5 Oct.

In addition we have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Foundation governors are appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education with a nomination from the ex-officio governor. Foundation Governors exercise the same general responsibilities as other Governors. However, in addition Foundation Governors are the 'formal Christian presence' on the Governing Body; they are upholding the religious Trust Deed of the school. We are particularly looking for governors who have skills in finance, leadership and change management, Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools (SIAMS), computing, interpreting data, early years education and human resources.

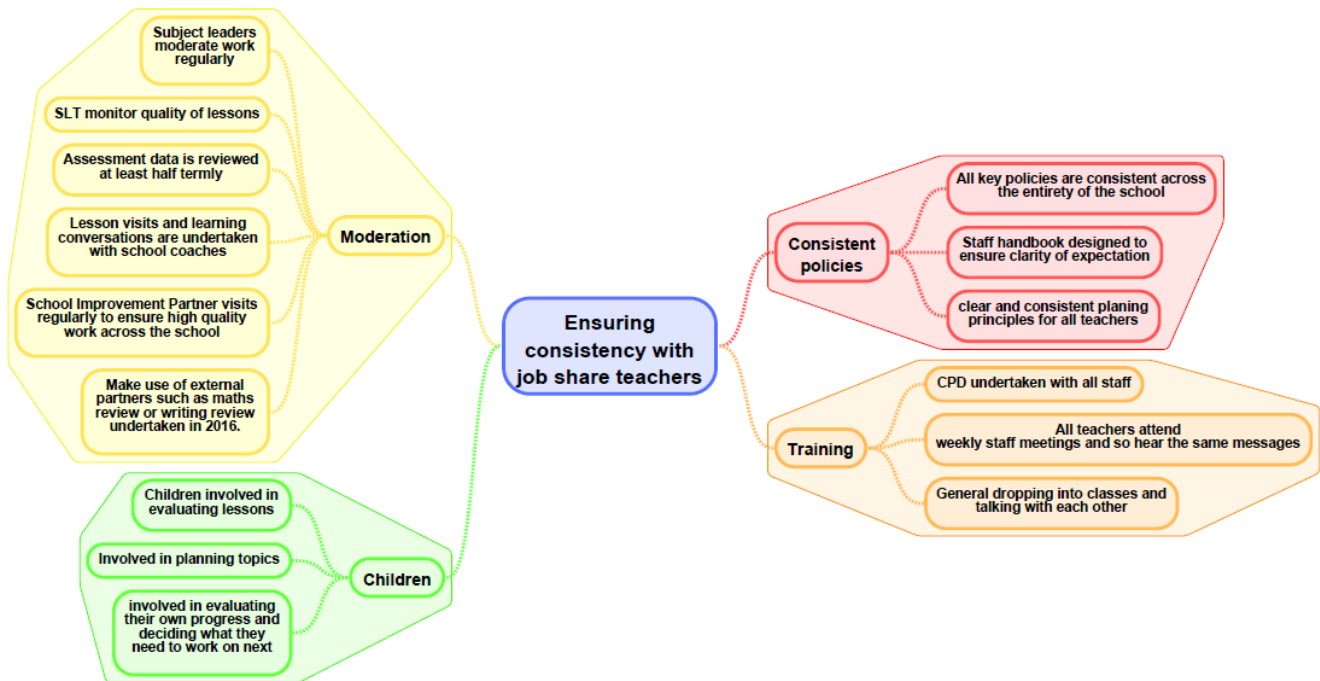
As a Governor you will need to be prepared to attend regular meetings as well as undertake specific roles and responsibilities. If you would like more information on the role of a Foundation Governor please phone Helen Tripp, (Clerk to Governors) at St Rumon's Infants school on 01822 612085.

Flu Immunisation – Years 1, 2 & 3 – Children in these years will receive letters regarding the flu immunisation clinics – please return the forms by Friday 23rd September

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

Consistency when we have job share teachers – a little while ago I was asked how, as a school we ensure consistency of practice when we have more than one teacher teaching a class. I have put together a diagram below that lists just a few of our strategies to ensure just that.

There are always so many exciting things going on in school that staff are working on and so if you ever hear of anything that you are interested to know more about please ask and we would be delighted to explain it.



ST PETER'S NEWS

Silver Sports Mark award – We are pleased to advise that we have retained our Silver Sports Mark award from the School Games. We feel this is a reflection of the development of sporting opportunities provided during and after school time.

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 TODAY**. Thank you.

Secondary School applications – September 2017 - Due to a technical hitch within the Admissions Team, rather than letters being sent to school for distribution to your Year 6 children, they were sent directly to the homes of the students instead. Each letter has a unique identifying number specific for each child and information for parents on how to apply for Secondary School for September 2017.

The application process opens on 1st September and the closing date is 31st October 2016.

If anyone has not received a letter for their Year 6 child – please let us know or contact Admissions team directly on 01392 383000 / sandra.dunstan@devon.gov.uk

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

Tavistock College SEND Inclusion evening – Monday 26th September from 5-7pm. Parents of children with additional needs are invited to attend this meeting if they have any particular concerns regarding their child's transition to college. Please contact them on 01822 614231 for more info.

Parking – Please can parents please take care not to block private driveways when parking on Deer Park Rd. Thank you.

Harvest Festival - Wednesday 5th October - The service takes place at the start of the day at St Eustachius church and so please could I remind you to drop your children off there at 8.50am rather than at school. Children who use breakfast club will be walked to the church by school staff. This year the children's harvest gifts will be donated to the homeless shelter- Shekinah mission – www.shekinahmission.co.uk - Is a Devon based charity that provides opportunities for people in recovery from homelessness, drug and alcohol issues, offending behaviours or mental ill health. The church will be giving to the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. Children are asked to please donate (if they wish) **dried pasta, easy cook rice Angel Delight or Cup-a-Soup** at the Harvest Festival on Wednesday 5 October. Thank you.



ST RUMON'S NEWS

Flu Vaccines for Y1 & Y2 Children – please remember if you would like your child to have the vaccination consent forms need to be returned to the school office by Friday 23 September.

Plea for a carpenter – We have received the kind donation of some worktop for our staff kitchen and would be grateful if there is any parent/carer who would be willing to come and install it for us – please could you speak to Mrs Tripp or Mrs Morris in the school office if you are able to help.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Toby Gascoigne, Lola Peek & Joel Baker. Well done also to Lynher Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frames and scooters.

Fact of the Week – The sound on Mrs Weatherhead's badge next week will be "ng". Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this sound. 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

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

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

Tuesday 4th October - Primary Maths Challenge event at Tavistock College: 4pm - 6pm. .

Wednesday 5th October – Harvest Service at St Eustachius – 9am

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.

Friday 18th November – Children in Need Day

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

Friday 16th December 2016 – Last Day of Term

COMMUNITY NEWS

Plymouth Art Weekender - Children's University is working with Peninsula Arts, who are putting on the 'Plymouth Art Weekender' in collaboration with many different art companies within Plymouth, on the

23rd, 24th and 25th of September. This is a validated event, so the children will receive stamps for the different stations they visit and activities they take part in. For more information on the event and for a map of the weekend, please go to the website: <http://plymouthartweekender.com>

Tavistock Wheelers Go Ride Cyclo cross series

- Saturday 24th September Whitchurch School Whitchurch School School Road, Tavistock, PL19 9SR
- Saturday 26th October Lewtrenchard School
- Saturday 22nd November Venue TBA

Registration at 8 30-9 AM start. Novices are welcome, only requirement is bike in good working order with knobbly tyres and helmet. These races are always friendly and fun and we help those who are "having a go". £3 entry fee, on the day Races for year 3,4, 5 and 6, and a girls only race

All competitors receive prizes; Prizes for the series of 3 races; Prizes for any parent helpers (entered in a prize draw for cream teas each race):Details *Tavistock Wheelers Youth Cycling Facebook Group*
Shebbear College Senior School and Sixth Form Open Week - 3rd - 7th October - Full details at www.shebbearcollege.co.uk or call 01409 282001

Homestart – Volunteers required – If you could offer friendship, and support to parents who are having a tough time, then you could be a valuable volunteer for 'Home Start South and WestDevon' – a charity set up to help families in your area. If you would like to meet new people, gain experience, build your CV and help other parents by volunteering just two hours per week, please contact Margaret Stenning for more information: mcstenning@hotmail.co.uk

Brass Band Open Morning - Make a **NOISE** in the world with Stannary Brass Band. The band is holding a recruitment morning in Saturday 24th September from 10am until 1pm in the Bedford Square. Come and listen to the Training and Senior band playing, chat to the players and have a go on the various brass instruments. Please bring your parents they are welcome to join us. If you already play a brass instrument and would like to join the band come along on Saturday and have a chat with one of us. We meet on a Wednesday evening and offer free tuition and a free instrument

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

Burrator family activities: For more info about the following activities, phone (01822) 855700

- **Sunday 25 September** – 10am-11am – Pilates taster session with Lorraine, on the Lower Lawn (next to Burrator Discovery Centre) followed by tea & cake. A joint fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support 'Coffee Morning' event and Burrator.
- **Thursday 6 October** - Evening Talk: 'Bodies on the Moor' by Simon Dell. 7pm arrival for refreshments, 7.30pm-8.30pm talk. £3 per person



Young Photographer of the Year Competition 2016

wildlife holiday
garden weather

Tavyside Patients' Association
Closing date: 4th October 2016
For further information see our website www.tavyside.org