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## FEDERATION NEWS

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a lovely half term in the autumn sunshine!

**Communication.** If you have not yet managed to find time to fill in the settling in survey for your child/ren please could you spare a few minutes to do so by clicking this link.

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=ef784a7f-9595-459a-ac9c-932507a9426d>. The survey will stay live until 25th November 2016. Currently we have had 12 responses and so, in order to get a real feel for the trends in the school it would be good to have some more.

The one area of the survey that seems to be coming out as an area in which we need to work even harder is communication. Unfortunately, the survey in itself does not help us to focus in on exactly what people would like us to do as an improvement and so I would like to offer an opportunity to meet with parents so that we can discuss what parents would like communicated, when and in what format.

The dates for the meetings are:

KS1 – 17<sup>th</sup> November at 2:15pm (meet in the school hall)

KS2 – 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2:45pm (meet in the school hall)

If you are unable to make the meeting please feel free to pop your ideas down in an email or phone call and pass them onto the office ([admin@tcsfstcmat.org](mailto:admin@tcsfstcmat.org)). if you can make the meeting please could you let the office know so that we know how many people to expect.

As a starter I have listed here what we currently do and how we are planning to expand it.

Type	What we do	What we are planning to do
Web based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Twitter</li> <li>➤ Website</li> <li>➤ Weekly school newsletter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Facebook – please see below</li> <li>➤ Improve use of VLEs</li> <li>➤ System of online payment</li> </ul>
Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Weekly schools newsletter</li> <li>➤ Weekly class newsletter</li> <li>➤ Letters re trips/ vists etc</li> </ul>	
Face to face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meet the teacher session (Sept)</li> <li>➤ 3 x opportunities for parent teacher conferencing</li> <li>➤ Weekly family worships</li> <li>➤ Individually arranged appointments</li> <li>➤ Termly class worships</li> <li>➤ End of topic exhibitions of work</li> <li>➤ Curriculum sessions: i.e. phonics and reading so far this year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Coffee mornings after class worship</li> <li>➤ Better communication of end of topic exhibitions</li> </ul>

**Facebook** – I am pleased to say that, following conversations with several parents, we will soon be launching a Facebook group page. The page has been set up to be invite only and will be limited to parents/carers and relatives. I am hoping that this will be a good way for us to communicate some of the lovely things that are happening and going to happen across the Federation. As we are about to launch something significant I think that it provides the ideal opportunity to take stock of our records of permissions for having your children's photos in the various media that we have. For that reason, I have attached a tick form and so please could I ask you to complete this, giving permission for your child's

photo to be used for school purposes. I apologise if you have recently completed a form for this and ask if you would still complete this form and return it to the school. So that we are able to launch our Facebook page by next week, please could I ask that forms are returned as soon as possible and no later than Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**New Parent Governors** – We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our two new parent governors – Claire Pearce and Louise Cooke. Thank you so much for volunteering your time and for your commitment.

**Parents' Evenings.** Sign up sheets are available in the offices for parents' evenings as follows:-

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.30pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.00pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

**Parents' evening (Family Learning Conference) for Year 5 and 6 children.** As previously mentioned, this term we are altering the parents' evening for children in Y5/6 so that your child will take the lead in discussing their learning. Please could you come in a little early and, in your child's classroom will be their books. Please take some time, to allow your child to talk through their school work with you and how their classroom environment helps them to learn. After this you will move onto your allotted slot in the room listed below.

- Mr Stirling and Mrs Prout will be in the ICT suite
- Miss Burton will be in the eye room (it will be signposted)
- Mrs Lewis will be in the room beside Mr Conners' office.

The children will bring home a prompt sheet for what kinds of questions you can ask your child.

**Open morning for St Rumon's-** The date for this year's Open Morning for prospective parents is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 9.45am-11.30am.

**Poppy appeal** - We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. Poppies and the various items (wristbands/ flexible rulers etc) will be available from school. At St Rumon's the poppy boxes will be in the foyer and at St Peter's the year 6 children will be in charge of selling the merchandise. Please send your children in with a donation to support this cause.

**Remembrance Sunday** – Sunday 13 November – If anyone would like their child to help lay the wreath on behalf of the federation at the Town Memorial service, please let the school office know. Children will need to meet Mr Conners at 10.30am by the war memorial and be dressed in school uniform. Many thanks.



**Love in a Box** –In keeping with our Christian values, we are encouraging children to pack a small shoe box with small Christmas gifts either on their own or with a friend. These boxes are then taken by the Mustard Seed Relief Mission to Eastern Europe to be distributed to children at Christmas time. Last year we managed to collect **100 boxes** and it would be great to beat that target! We would love to see as many children taking part in this act of love & generosity. Boxes will need to be returned by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Children in Need – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Children can wear something spotty in exchange for a suggested donation of a £1 to this worthwhile charity. We look forward to seeing your spotty creations!!

**School Christmas Fair-** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 4-6pm at St Rumons. There will also be a 'Wear tinsel for a Chocolate Tombola Donation' day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - children may decorate their uniform with tinsel. There will be a PTA meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm at St Peter's to finalise arrangements for the Fair. All parents are welcome and any offers of help gratefully received! We are also requesting presents for the secret santa room (a plea for presents appropriate for dads too please!!)

**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.

**Tavistock Cooperative Learning Trust AGM** - The Trust AGM will be held at 5.30pm on Thursday 24 November 2016 in The Innovation Centre, Tavistock College. All parents, carers and staff are warmly invited to attend.

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

**Clubs** – Children sign up to clubs for the whole term and are expected to commit to attending all the sessions. It is really important that if a child is not attending an after school club for a particular reason that the school is informed.

**Recorder & Netball Club cancellation** – These clubs will both be cancelled on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November due to Parents Evening. They will restart the following week.

**Drum Lessons** – Jack Toy will start offering drum lessons at St Peter's from next Tuesday (8<sup>th</sup> November) during the school day. Cost of sessions is £8 for 30 minutes. Please contact Jack Toy directly on 07908940391 if you would like to book in a slot for your child. Thanks.

**Morning Fruit break** – children should only bring in a piece of fruit which should be kept separate from their packed lunch and stored in their classroom. Thank you.

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

**Fact of the Week** – The number on Mrs Weatherhead's badge next week will be 5. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this number. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

**Lunchtime Menu** – Apologies for any confusion this week regarding our lunchtime menu. Yesterday we sent home a new amended menu to all children. Please check in your child's bag. We are on week 2 this week and week 3 (green) next week. Thank you.

**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**

#### **Last Day of Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.30pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

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

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – St Rumon's open Morning 9.45am-11.30am

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.00pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Netball Tournament at Whitchurch Primary School

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Cyclo X at Tuell Farm, Milton Abbot - 10am start.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – PTA Meeting

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Day

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Wear tinsel for Chocolate day

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christmas Fair 4pm- 6pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Foundation Stage Nativity Play – 2pm

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Foundation Stage Nativity Play – 9.30am

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity - Tavistock Town Hall - 2.30pm and 6pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016** – Last Day of Term

**25 January 2017** – PTA AGM – 7.30pm

**23-24 February 2017:** Year 4 Residential - Pixies Holt, Dartmoor Outdoor Adventure Centre.

**15-17 March 2017:** Year 5 Residential - London.

**15-19 May 2017:** Year 6 Residential - Wye Valley

**COMMUNITY NEWS**



KitAid is a registered charity which collects and sends no longer wanted football kit (shirts, shorts, boots, goalie gloves and shinpads in good condition) to children and adults who also love football but live in some of the poorest parts of the World.

If you'd like to bring smiles to children who are as passionate about football as you are, it's time to 'tackle' your own boot rooms, bedrooms, lofts and garages and deliver any clean unwanted kit in a plastic bag or bin bag to:

**KIT AID COLLECTION**  
**@ TAVISTOCK COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB, CROWDALE**  
**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - 9.30AM – 2PM**  
**BRING ALONG PRE-LOVED KIT (Shirts & Shorts)**  
**GOOD CONDITION, CLEANED FOOTBALL BOOTS/**  
**TRAINERS (tied in pairs please)**

We welcome donations of adult and children's kit.

Thank you for your support!

If you would like to know more about KitAid log on to [www.kitaid.net](http://www.kitaid.net) or [www.kitaid.blogspot.com](http://www.kitaid.blogspot.com)

Registered Charity No. 113968  
 Affinity Water's home grown registered charity

*Youth Cycling Facebook Group*

**Tavistock Community Football Club (TCFC) Auction Night & Kit Aid –Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November** -TCFC are asking people to donate pre-loved good quality adult and junior football kit (shorts/ shirts) and boots/ trainers to charity in conjunction with Kit Aid – Please bring any donations along to the football club between 9.30-2pm.

TCFC will also be hosting an auction in aid of the football club on Saturday night from 7pm – Star lots include Chelsea FC Hospitality tickets for 4.

**Tavistock Wheelers Go Ride Cyclo cross series**

• Saturday 22nd November Venue TBA  
 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”.

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*

Christmas Fayre |

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Crafts Stalls Galore!

Blue Skies Catering  
Burgers, hot dogs and nachos

Games and Prizes!

Raffle!

From 6pm to 8pm in the Main Hall  
 Tavistock College  
 Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

**AUCTION NIGHT**

**@ THE RED & BLACK CLUB**

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**DOORS OPEN : 7PM**

**AUCTION STARTS : 7.30PM**

**Come along for a drink and support TCFC ::**

**Loads of Great Prizes to bid for...**

**Maths Information sessions: Child:.....Class.....**

I would be interested in attending a parents maths awareness session Y / N

Topics I would like to get more information about are (please circle) :-

Fractions / Place Value / Current teaching methods / Calculation strategies/ Use of imagery / Assessment Levels

Other (please detail).....

Signed.....