

FEDERATION NEWS What a lot of things happening across the federation at the moment. Class trips, residential visits and sporting events are all being taken part in and the children are working incredibly hard on their learning too. I had the pleasure in watching our wonderful choir sing with R Windband at St Eustachius last Saturday and I have to say that it was an absolute pleasure. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents involved.



On Monday this week St Peter's had a visit from an Education Specialist on behalf of the Regional School's Commissioner who oversees all academies in the South West. Whilst there are very strict rules that mean we are not allowed to share extracts from the report with you, I can say that it was a really good visit where the specialist said that the school was an incredibly positive place and the children lapped it up. I thought that was a lovely thing to say that really summed up the experience that I know we all want for our children when they are in school.

Clubs – Please note that next week is the last week for after school activity clubs this term. Please note that Table Tennis club at St Peter's will be cancelled on Friday 24th March for the Disco. At the moment we are just beginning to plan out clubs for next term and wanted to ask whether there any parents with a real passion for anything that they would want to share with the children by running a club. Whether it be photography, art, cooking or DIY, it would be great to hear from you if you felt able to offer something. Please indicate on the slip below and return to the school office or email admin@tcsfstcmat.org . Thank you.

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers – we are now collecting for this up until 30 June this year. Please drop in any vouchers to either school office – these help us purchase equipment for the children to use at both schools. Please spread the word to family and friends. Thank you.

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 for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

Book Fair 2017 – A big thank you to all who attended and supported our Book Fair this year. With your help, we have raised approximately **£219.00** to buy new books for our school library which is fantastic! Thank you.

Comic Relief Day – Friday 24 March – Children are allowed to come into school wearing their school uniform back to front. If you would like to make a small donation for Comic Relief, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Volunteer Handbook - we have recently sent out a copy of our Volunteer Handbook to all adults who help at both schools. Please remember to return your completed form to the school office. Thank you.

Free Parent Training Session in Emotional Logic - Members of the Emotional Logic charity schools team, led by Christiaan Stirling, will be providing a free session for parents and staff on Wednesday 29th March, in St Peter's school hall, between 6pm and 7.30pm. If you would like to learn more about dealing with difficult issues such as coping with change, self esteem, depression, anxiety or anger, please come along. The team will teach techniques which can be used at home to explore difficult emotional issues (with both children and adults) and explain how many of the emotions that feel unpleasant have a useful purpose which can be used in the right way to develop emotional resilience. Parents who attend will be able to discuss various scenarios with other parents and will have an opportunity to talk privately with someone from the charity if they would like further support for their child or an adult they are concerned about. Please note that, due to the nature of the issues the team will be covering, this session is NOT suitable for children. More information about the charity can be found at www.emotionallogiccentre.org.uk

Primary Challenge - A reminder that the final part of the Primary Challenge takes part on Sunday 19th March at Tavistock College. Participants need to register in the Gym between 8.30-9.30am and the race commences at approx 10.00am. Please avoid parking at the college as it will be extremely busy and cars will not be permitted to leave the college car parks before 12.30pm. Please meet Mr Connors near the track entrance at about 9.50 for a team photo. Remember - parents are welcome to run too - let the organisers know at registration!

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Derriford Craft Donations- Mrs Neal & Mrs Gough are collecting donations of pens/ pencils/ craft sets to donate to the Derriford Children’s Ward. Please hand any donations into either school office. Many thanks

Key Letters issued this week:

- Volunteer handbooks issued
- Mount Kelly Cross Country event details
- Princetown Cross Country event
- Y3 Dartmoor Aspirations Day

ST PETER’S NEWS

Class Photos – Orders to be with the office by Thursday 23rd March. Many thanks.

Lunchtime Chess Club – thank you to Mrs Ross who is going to set up a chess club – The first taster session will be at lunchtime on Tuesday 21st March – Children need to sign up on the sheets in the corridor as there are only 14 spaces available and it will be done on a first come first served basis. Thank you.

Whitchurch Cross Country Competition– Congratulations to all our team members - we are currently sitting in first place in both the boys and girls yr 5/6 events.

Outstanding performances came from all team members (**Boys Team:** Nicolas Maczugowski – 3rd; Ewan Dix – 6th; Harry Moon – 15th; Ben Carty – 16th; Tom Brown- 17th; and Michael Stewart Reid – 26th . **Girls Team:** Hannah Walker – 3rd; Vharlotte Walker -6th; Bea Kinnear – 15th; Eva Brown – 18th; Izzy Hutton – 23rd; Ella Whitford – 31st).



Lost PE Kit – Evie/Scarlett de Brauw have lost their PE kit – including a pair of bright pink trainers – Please hand into the office if found, Thank you.

Tavistock College Transition Days – There will be a Y6 Parent Information session and Meet the Tutor evening on Tuesday 27th June 2017. There will also be two Year 6 Step Up days – Monday 3rd and Friday 7th July . The college will contact parents directly with more information regarding these arrangements.

ST RUMON’S NEWS

Class Photos –please return your orders and payment to the school office by Friday 17 March.

KS1 Trip to Devon Bird of Prey Centre – Monday 20 March - We will be leaving school shortly after 9.00 am and returning at 3.00 pm, in time for usual pick up. Children should wear their school uniform, sensible shoes or trainers. They will also need to bring a water bottle, waterproof coat and backpack to carry their lunch in. If the weather is warm please provide a sun hat and ensure you have applied sun cream to your child in the morning.

Art Club – Please note Art Club will still run on Monday 20 March after the trip to the Devon Bird of Prey

Centre.

Lost Property – Joshua Laur-Baker in Tavy Class has lost a red school jumper this week and Jacob Nutbean in Meavy has lost a pair of red spiderman gloves. Please check these items haven't come home to you by mistake. If found please hand into the school office or class teacher. Thank you.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week for next week will be the sound “ay”. 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 children. Thank you.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Alisha Holmes, Ava Squence & Owen Johnson. Well done also to Plym Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frames and scooters.

Church News

➤ **Friday 31st March** - End of Term Church Service - 2pm

SPRING TERM 2017– Diary Dates

Wednesday 15 March - Friday 17 March 2017: Year 5 Residential - London.

Sunday 19 March - Tavy 13 Primary Challenge

Tuesday 21 March - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Thursday 23 March - Cross Country - Princetown ***please note new venue & date***

Friday 24th March – Comic Relief Day

Friday 24th March – Mount Kelly Cross Country Festival – Newton Cup

Thursday 30 March - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala

Friday 31 March – Easter Church Service at 2pm

SUMMER TERM 2017

Monday 15 - Friday 19 May 2017: Year 6 Residential - Wye Valley

Tuesday 27 June - Y6 Parent Information session and Meet the Tutor evening at Tavistock College.

Monday 3 July & Friday 7 July - Year 6 Step UP Transition days at Tavistock College

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Sensory Garden Project – There is a community project to transform a piece of the gardens at Meadowlands (between the Tennis club and bowling green) into a sensory garden. Its a partnership between, the Town Council, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Roots to transition and Dementia Action Alliance. Funds are being raised by asking folk to sponsor a brick with a personalised message. Each brick is £35 -ideally they would like Tavistock families to sponsor a brick - for example its a nice way to have somewhere to remember a family member or to mark a special occasion. People can view more information via a facebook page (link below):

<https://www.facebook.com/tavistockcommunitysensorygarden/>

Easter Holiday Activity Weeks: 3-14 April 2017 – Nurture Childcare – Lucy Gardner

Registered Childminder and Qualified Teacher
Daily activities 08:00- 17:30 (half days available) (Easter Treasure Hunts/ Arts & Crafts/ Outdoor Exploration/ Ages 2-11; Call Lucy on 01822 611266

Easter Holiday Soccer Schools run by Saints Southwest from JUST £7.50** for a full course 10am-3pm in Paignton**, Dawlish, Okehampton, Plymouth**, Crediton, Langport, Exeter**, Truro, Taunton**,

EMOTIONAL LOGIC

FREE TASTER SESSION FOR PARENTS

Date: **Wed 29th March** Time: **6pm - 730pm**

Venue: **St Peter's Juior School, Tavistock**

Emotional Logic is a conversational skill that equips people of all ages to manage change, setbacks, disappointments and hurts more constructively. The Emotional Logic Centre is a not-for-profit training organisation started in 2003 by a doctor to help people grow more resilient at home, school and work, and so to face the ups and downs of life better.



Emotional Logic is proven to be safe and effective to help young people to overcome **anxiety, self harm** and **feelings of depression**.

This taster session will give you a practical introduction to Emotional Logic, so you can start to use it straight away in your home and school relationships.

Information will be available on how to continue your learning, or arrange a personal appointment for you, or your child/family.

Please inform the school if you would like to attend this **free taster session**.



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Kingsbridge, Ottery St Mary & Newton Abbot**. Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm. Ages 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm. To BOOK please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350. Saints Southwest Soccer Schools offer the opportunity for young players to improve their skills through a structured and enjoyable coaching programme devised and delivered by experienced and FA qualified coaches. The Soccer Schools are action packed days which allows children to learn new skills and improve match play whilst having fun.