



FEDERATION NEWS - It was great to see the whole of Y3/4 taking part in a mass cooking exercise this week. They had a wonderful time and learnt a lot about food preparation. It has been lovely to see the children in KS1 starting to practise for their nativities. I am sure that you will all be humming the tunes before long!



Christmas Tree Festival & Choir— our school Choir will again be performing at the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival on Friday 1st December at 2.30 pm at St Eustachius, which everyone is welcome to attend. Please also look out for our Federation's tree, that has been beautifully decorated by our children attending Christmas Tree Club. A big thank you to Mrs Collacott, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Biddiss and Mrs Tripp who have excelled themselves this year and helped the children to produce some lovely decorations. Please do make sure that you go and see it during the Christmas Tree Festival in put in a vote for our tree!

Choir at Dickensian Evening – After singing in the afternoon at the Christmas Tree Festival, our Choir will also be singing at Dickensian Evening. and so I would like to wish them good luck. If you would like to pop by and show your support to the Choir during Dickensian Evening then they will be singing at 6.30pm outside New Look (so please can Choir members ensure your children meet Miss Harris at 6.15pm and then collect them after the performance at 7pm). Many thanks.

Choir at Carols for the Community— Sunday 3rd December – Tavistock Town Hall: 6-7pm. Our Choir will be singing at this charity event organised by the Salvation Army. Please come along and support them.

Toddler Group – Please note our last toddler group this term will be held on Monday 4 December.

Children in Need – Thank you for all your kind donations. We raised over **£ 280.00** for this worthwhile charity.

PTA: Dates to note for you diary:

- **Christmas Fair** – Friday, 8th of December at St Rumon's from **4-6pm**. Please bring in toilet & kitchen roll tubes for the craft stall. Next PTA meeting date to diarise - 8pm on Tuesday 28th November -please note that these are **now held at the Bedford Hotel**.
- **Nativity Refreshments** - The PTA usually serves refreshments at the Nativity performances, but volunteers are needed to serve these. Please let the school office know or e-mail Michelle at mmstead@btinternet.com if you are able to help. We need 2 volunteers per performance at St Rumon's and 4 per performance at the Town Hall. Thanks!

Governors Feedback

Welcome to the latest governors feedback. We are about to head into a very busy but joyous part of the school year. We had the pleasure of hearing the Choir practising for the Dickensian Evening this week - it really got us into the Christmas spirit.

There are a couple of really simple things that, as parents, we can do to help: The first thing is making sure that we contact the school as early as possible when our children are absent from school. Please always call in on day one as early as possible. That way the school knows that your child is safe. It's a simple thing but if the school don't hear from you, they will be concerned and have a duty of care to ensure that your child is safe and being cared for. We take this responsibility extremely seriously to ensure that if there has been an emergency, you and the child in your care are safe or we can take action to get help.

The second thing is really simple. Mr Connors and the teaching team regularly talk to children across both schools about e-safety. We strongly encourage you to talk to your children about what e-safety is.

Technology is an integral part of school life, creating amazing opportunities in education and it enables teachers to equip children with skills for their future, but it is equally important that children of all ages understand e-safety and how to enjoy their technology safely, giving you peace of mind.

Finally, did you know that parents and carers can observe the governors meetings? If you have a particular interest or are just curious about what governors get up to, then you are welcome to come to see how we work as a team. You never know, it may inspire you to get involved and get stuck into an active role in our schools future.

It only remains to say that the governing body wish you all a peaceful Christmas - look out for the next governors' feedback message from one of the team in the New Year and please always feel free to talk to any of us if you have any questions.

Church News:

Confirmation Opportunity open to Year 5 & 6 - Our Vicar, Chris Hardwick, together with Trudi Massey and members of the Catylist Youth Team based in Tavistock, is preparing to deliver a Confirmation course on a Wednesday afternoon after School (finish by 4.15 pm). It is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith and there will be an opportunity to be Confirmed next year at St. Eustachius' Church, Tavistock, at the end of June by the Bishop of Exeter. Please talk to your child(ren) and see if this is a journey you may like to take. The following sessions are planned: 22nd November this term, and the 24th and 31st January, and 7th February 2018 next term. If interested, or would like to know more, please get in touch with Mrs Lewis at School or Revd Chris on 617432.

Messy Church at Tavistock Methodist Church (TMC) – Held on the second Thursday of the month from 4.30pm-6.30pm:(Next session:14th Dec). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

Messy Church at St Eustachius Church – Held on the 1st Wednesday of the month in term time, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm (Next session: 6th Dec). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Dance Club Show - Monday 27th November, 4pm. Families of children in dance club are invited to watch a showcase of their children's work this term. Please arrive at 4pm. Children will go to dance club as usual at the end of the school day, and they can leave with you when the show finishes (4:30). You do not need to buy any special costumes for this event, but if your child has something that they would like to wear for the show, please send your child to school on 27th with a dance outfit. There will be no time for them to change at 4pm. Clothes they can dance in, ideally bright or plain colours, sequins welcome, but please make sure any children wearing a skirt or dress wears leggings underneath. Bring cowboy/girl hats if your child has one.

Christmas Lunch – Our Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 13th December. The festive menu will be Roast Turkey or Vegetarian Roast with all the trimmings followed by a choice of Christmas Pudding and Ice cream; Chocolate Cracknel or Fresh Fruit Salad. Please can **all children at St Peters** complete the slip at the end of the newsletter to indicate whether they will be having a school Christmas lunch and if so, their preferred choice of lunch. Please can all slips be returned to the office by 1st December. Thank you

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Christmas Lunch – Children will be having their Christmas lunch on Thursday 15 December, and orders are now being taken by class TAs. As we have a small number of children that do not like roast dinner, we have included a pick and mix option this year. The choice of menu is as follows:-

- Roast Turkey OR Veggie Roast OR Pic n Mix (Ham or Cheese sandwich)
- Jelly & Ice Cream OR Xmas Pud OR Chocolate Cracknell OR Fruit Salad

Y1 & Y2 Nativity Tickets – please ensure that your ticket requests are returned by Friday 24 November, so that the office can start allocating tickets. Thank you.

Front Door – please can we remind everyone entering and leaving St Rumon's to pull the front door shut behind them. Thank you.

Dogs – can we please remind everyone that dogs should not be brought onto school premises or left unattended, as some children are frightened of dogs.

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.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week next week will be the number 15. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some interesting facts about this. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

Breakfast Club – Please note that breakfast will stop being served at 8.25am. Thank you.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Piper Benfield-Smith, Jacob Nutbean & Pippa Grindey. Well done also to Meavy Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frames and scooters.

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.

Letters Home

- Choir Events
- KS2 Football league events
- Sportshall Athletics

Autumn Term 2017 Dates:

Monday 27th November, -Dance Club Show - 4pm
Friday 1 December – 9.00 am-1.30 pm - Y4/5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Tavistock College (trials held in-school between 13-24 November to select the teams for this event)
Friday 1 December – Tinsel & Chocolate Day at both schools
Friday 1 December – Boys football match at Horrabridge (League & Friendly)
Friday 1 December – Choir to sing at Tavistock ST Eustachius Church Christmas Tree Festival – 2.30pm
Friday 1 December – Dickensian Evening – Choir singing at 6.30pm by New Look
Sunday 3 December – Carols For the Community – Choir to sing at Tavistock Town Hall – 6pm
Monday 4 December – Boys football match at Whitchurch (League)
Thu 7 December – Choir to visit Stroke Club
Thursday 7th December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 2.30-3pm
Thursday 7th December – Girls football match at Horrabridge (League & Friendly)
Friday 8th December – Foundation Stage Nativity at St Rumon's – 9.30-10am
Friday 8 December -PTA Christmas Fair @ St Rumon's : **4 – 6pm**
Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch & Party at St Peters
Wednesday 13th December – Yr 1 & 2 (KS1) Nativity @ Town Hall, 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 14th December - Christmas Lunch party at St Rumon's
Friday 15 December – 2.00 pm Advent Service @ St Eustachius
Friday 15th December – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 2 January – Spring Term Starts

Thursday 4 January – Girls football match at Tavistock Primary (League)
Tues 16 January 2018 – NSH Eye Tests for Foundation Stage children
6th-8th February : Y5 London Residential
22-23rd February: Y4 Residential – Pixies Holt
11th-15th June: Y6 Residential to Beam House

COMMUNITY NEWS

Burrator Discovery Centre Events

- Sunday 26 November – 10.30am-12.30pm - Family Wildlife Watch Session Come and make some

winter woodland crafts as part of our monthly family wildlife watch session, along with some other winter themed wildlife activities, followed by hot chocolate & biscuits. £2 per child, £1 per adult. Meet at Burrator Discovery Centre.

- Saturday 16 December – Drop in between 10am-4pm - Christmas Wreath Making at Burrator! Come and make your own wreath out of natural materials at Burrator Discovery Centre. £7 a wreath. Support, materials and hot drinks provided.
- Wednesday 20 December – Drop in between 10am-3pm - Family Activity Day at Burrator Discovery Centre. Will involve Christmas themed outdoor cooking, woodwork, art and trail. £2/child, £1/adult.

Volunteering Dates

- ❖ Tues 28 Nov – 10am-3pm
- ❖ Mon 4 Dec – 10am-3pm
- ❖ Sun 10 Dec – 10.30am-3.30pm
- ❖ Tues 12 Dec – 10am-3pm
- ❖ Mon 18 Dec – 10am-3pm

PLEASE NOTE: Burrator Discovery Centre will be CLOSED for Christmas: Fri 22 Dec to Mon 8 Jan 2018

Clarinet for sale – Bousey & Hawkes Clarinet for sale – v good condition - £200 – please contact Andy on 01579 344186 if interested.

Rotary Young Photographers Competition – Theme: ‘A Different Persepective’. Entries need to provide 3 photographs (max size A4) by Friday 5th January. Entry forms available from the school office.

SANTA SPRINT!

CHICKS
25 years of memories
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Entry includes FREE Santa suit and medal!

3rd December 2017 at 3pm
Bedford Square, Tavistock
A festive fun run in aid of CHICKS!

Register online at chicks.org.uk/santa

Supported by:
Rotary
Tavistock

A fun way to start the festive season!

The festive fun run will follow a route of approximately 1.5 miles, starting at Bedford Square and finishing at the bandstand in the Meadows. It's suitable for all ages & abilities!

Sign up now!

Entry fee: £10 for adults, £5 for children (3-16yrs), £25 for a family of four! This includes your free Santa suit and a medal. And every extra penny you can raise in sponsorship will help CHICKS brighten the lives of disadvantaged children.

Find out more about raising sponsorship money by emailing kate@chicks.org.uk. Everyone who raises over £50 will be entered into a draw to win a fantastic prize!

About CHICKS

CHICKS is a children's charity that provides free respite breaks to disadvantaged children living in the UK. The children we support come from a variety of backgrounds - they might be living in poverty, be young carers or have been bereaved. A week at CHICKS gives them the chance to enjoy new experiences and make new friends in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Enter online at chicks.org.uk/santa
If you have any questions, please call Kate: 01822 811020

CHICKS is a registered charity in England and Wales (108055).



Multi-Sports Camp Christmas Holidays

Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December 2017



Two fun-filled days of Multi-Sports!

A choice of Squash, Badminton, Football, Hockey, Cricket, Swimming, Basketball or Netball.

Coaches Gareth James and Tom Honey

Where Prep Sports Hall

Age 9 to 13 years old

Time 9:00 to 15:30

Cost £35 per day or £60 for both days

Kit Please bring trainers, a mouth guard, shin pads, your swimming kit and a change of clothes.

Food Bring a packed lunch, snacks and a water bottle

Book Please book your place on **01822 813164** or holidayactivities@mountkelly.com

Mount Kelly Mount Tavy Road Tavistock Devon PL19 9JL www.mountkelly.com

Christmas Lunch Reply Slip (St Peter's only)

My child.....Class.....

- My child will be bringing a packed lunch and will not require a school Christmas lunch
- My child would like a School Christmas lunch (£2.20) on Wednesday 14th December.

Please circle your main choice of main course and pudding:-

Main (served with Roast Potatoes, Sprouts, Carrots, Sweetcorn & Parsnips)	Roast Turkey, Stuffng. Pigs in Blankets	Vegetarian Roast & Veggie Sausages	
Pudding	Christmas Pud & Ice- cream	Chocolate Cracknel	Fresh Fruit Salad