



Autumn Term

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FEDERATION NEWS

Another great week this week and I would like to say a special thank you and well done to the children who took part in the football tournament on Tuesday (Bay Glover; Matthew Sleep; Lewis Gatcum; Sam Rice; Michael Stewart-Reid; Ben Carty; Lloyd Hoskin; Anthony Sloley; Sammy Symons; Harry Moon & Logan Sulsh). Not only was there great team spirit and determination present but also the children managed some great results by drawing two and winning one of their four games. A fantastic day all round. I would also like to say a big thank you to the parents who helped with lifts and support during the afternoon. We couldn't have done it without you.

Parents' Evenings. Dates for parents' evenings are as follows:-

Monday 7th November – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

Tuesday 8th November – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.30pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

Wednesday 9th November – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

Thursday 10th November – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.00pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

This term there are a few differences. The first of those is that it over four nights and children in Key Stage 1 will do their parents' evening in St Rumon's. Additionally, we will be trying a slightly different format with the Year 5 and 6 parents which will require the children to be present for the meeting. We will send out more information about this in the next week or so but in the meantime please bear this in mind when setting appointment times. Those children in Year 3 and 4 will have their parents' evening as 'normal' but again, it is always great when children come to them.

Value of the Term. As you know this term's value is truthfulness. I have included a sheet with some ideas of how you might share this value at home.

Open morning for St Rumon's. The date for this year's Open Morning for prospective parents is Wednesday 9th November from 9.45am-11.30am. We will produce a poster soon but in the meantime please do share the date with prospective parents.

Goose Fair – A reminder that school will be closed on Wednesday 12th October for Goose Fair Day. The fair will open on Tuesday 11th October at 6.15pm and Rowlands Fair have invited all primary school children along on the opening evening for free rides until 7pm.

Friends of St Eustachius' Church 700th Anniversary Art Competition - We have entered some work by the children from St Peter's. If your child's work is chosen for the exhibition we will be informed and will let you know so you have an opportunity to view it. The work will be exhibited at The Bedford Hotel on Friday 7th between 9.30am and 6.00 pm and on Saturday 8th October between 9.30am and 5pm. Prize-giving to take place at 5pm on Saturday 8th October. We really hope you are able to show your support by attending. Thank you.

Catering Assistant Vacancy– We have a vacancy for a temporary Catering Assistant (10hrs/week – approx 11.30-1.30pm) at St Rumon's CE Junior School. The role will involve the preparation and serving of food. Food hygiene training will be provided. We are committed to safer recruitment and therefore all applicants will be required to undertake a DBS check. Application forms are available from either school office.

Flu Immunisation – Years 1, 2 & 3 – Wednesday 19th October - Thanks to all parents who returned their consent forms to the school, which have now been collected by Boots. If you still wish to have your child vaccinated but did not return the form to school you will be able to go to the Boots store at 5-6 Duke Street, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 0BA (Tel: 01822 612609) to be vaccinated by the Pharmacist in the pharmacy. This also applies to children who are absent or are excluded on the day, for reasons such

as fever or worsened asthma. Parents should call the store in advance to book in. Please note, this is the only store where they can be vaccinated as it is not a service which is available in other stores.

After School Club Contact Number – Please note that if you need to contact anyone outside normal school day hours regarding extra or cancelled bookings or during a session – Please contact Belinda on 07575 508920 between 3.30 – 6pm (Monday – Friday).

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.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Morrisons Bag Packing Fundraiser - An initiative by pupils of the school has been launched to raise money to buy the school a set of technical sports vests which can be used by all pupils representing the school in sporting events throughout the year. The first fundraising event is on Saturday 8th October at Morrisons, Tavistock between 11am and 2pm. We still need more pupil volunteers who can spare an hour to help pack shopping bags. Children will need to be in their school uniform and have a nominated adult either in store (doing your shopping or having a cuppa!) or easily contactable. Please let the school office know if you're able to help or pop along to the store

Cycling Proficiency Club- Please note that the next cycling club will now be on Wednesday 2nd November (due to school being closed for Goose Fair and the instructor being unable to make the 19th November). There will be an additional session on Wednesday 7th December.

Year 3 Multi Skills Event – Friday 14th October. This takes place from 12.45 – 3pm. Children will be walked down to the college and brought back to school in time for the end of the day. Children need to have their outdoor PE kit for this day and a sensible coat for the walk down to the college and back. We are in need of additional parent helpers in order to meet the necessary ratios so would be very grateful for any able volunteers as without your help we may not be able to attend. Thank you in advance.

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

Residential Trips – dates have been booked for the following residential trips:-

- **Year 4 – 23-24 February 2017: Pixies Holt, Dartmoor Outdoor Adventure Centre.** Cost £55. Deposit of £30 due by Monday 5th December.
- **Year 5 – 15-17 March 2017: London.** Visit includes Lion King theatre trip, Houses of Parliament, and river cruise .Cost £170. Deposit of £50 due by Wednesday 2nd November with the balance payable by 10th February 2017.
- **Year 6 – 15-19 May 2017: Wye Valley:** Outdoor adventure activity week. Cost £270. Deposit of £50 due by Wednesday 2nd November with the balance payable by 18th April 2017.

All children will have received their letter giving further details about their trip's itinerary by the end of this week. **Children eligible for pupil premium funding will receive a 50% subsidy.** If there are any issues with managing payments, please come and see us to discuss. Additional Funding may be available via the Devon Education Trust and application forms are available from the office.

Pupil Premium Funding - Parents/guardians who receive any of the following benefits are entitled to Free School Meals and therefore the school would qualify for pupil premium funding on their behalf:-

- Income Support (IS)

- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMR&C) of less than £16,190
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals for a four week period only, please telephone 0845 155 1019 for advice.

How do I apply?

- Phone 0845 155 1019 with your NI Number.
- Visit www.devon.gov.uk/free_school_meals.htm or you can e-mail: freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk
- Contact us at school - we are always happy to help!

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Visitor Badges – We appear to be short of our new Visitor badges. If anyone has taken one of these home by mistake, could you please return it to the school office. Thank you.

Y2 Multi Skills – Fri 7 Oct – a reminder that all Y2 children should come to school in their PE kit and be collected at 3pm from Tavistock College sports track. If anyone is able to assist with walking children to the event, please let your child's class teacher know.

Lunchtime Awards – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Jacob Davey, Riley-Jay Flynn & Steven Lin. Well done also to Lyd Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frames and scooters.

Fact of the Week – The number on Mrs Weatherhead's badge next week will be number 8. 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.

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. Please note – Fri 7 October our Y2 children will not be in school in the afternoon as they are attending a Multi Skills Event.

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

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

Wednesday 12th October – Goose fair Non-Pupil Day

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

Monday 7th November – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

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

Wednesday 9th November – St Rumon's Parents Evening: 3.20pm – 6pm @ St Rumon's school site

Wednesday 9th November – St Rumon's open Morning 9.45am-11.30am

Thursday 10th November – St Peter's Parents Evening : 4.00pm – 7pm@ St Peter's School site

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

Friday 9th December – Foundation Stage Nativity Play – 2pm

Monday 12th December – Foundation Stage Nativity Play – 9.30am

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tavy 7 Fun run – 23rd October –The course will be 1.5 miles. The cost is £3 for each runner. The fun run leaves straight after the main race at 11.05 am. All participants would need to be on the main field by 10.50 am. All runners finishing will receive a medal. See www.tavistockathletics.co.uk for details

Tavistock Wheelers Go Ride Cyclo cross series

- 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

Plymouth College open Morning – Saturday 8th October – For more info phone : 01752 505199

Burrator Reservoir Family Activities

Tues 25 Oct – 10am-4pm - Following on from the success of the Tuesday sessions in August we are holding a Family Half Term Holiday to take part in a range of fun outdoor wildlife themed activities. Please drop in between 10am-4pm. £1 per person

Sun 30 Oct – 10.30am-12.30pm – Family Wildlife Watch Session. Wear outdoor clothes and footwear, meet at the Discovery Centre, £1 per person. Hot chocolate & biscuits provided.

Mon 31 Oct – Our annual Halloween ‘Spooktacular’ Event with lots of traditional Halloween games, night walk and spooky storytelling. Organised in partnership with Ranger Ralph team at DNPA. £1 per person. *Please get in touch for more details and to book a place – 01822 855700.*