



FEDERATION NEWS - I can't believe that we are almost at the Easter Holiday already. As always the term has whizzed past with lots of fantastic events happening as well as excellent learning and hard work by all. Don't forget that next Thursday (29th March) will be our last day and, as always there is a church service at 2:00pm which you are very welcome to join us for. Children need to be picked up from church at 3:00pm unless they are going to After School Club.



Sports Relief - TOMORROW – Friday 23 March – We will be joining in with this event at both our schools, by holding a “Boogie Friday” in the afternoon. Children may come to school dressed in sportswear for a suggested donation of £1 to the charity.

Nut Allergies – as we have children and staff with nut allergies, could we please remind you that nuts should not be brought into either school by anyone. We have had a couple of children bringing in nutella bars/ ferrero rocher bars which do contain nuts. Please could we ask you to be vigilant when choosing items to add to snacks/ packed lunches. Thank you.

Clubs – Please note that this is the last week of after school activity clubs this term (with the exception of Zumba at St Rumon's). Unfortunately we have a few instances where despite being sent reminders, a few parents have not paid the sports coaches for the clubs their child has attended. Please arrange for payment before the end of this term as any outstanding amounts will result in your child being unable to attend any clubs next term until this is paid off. We also try to provide a variety of clubs for all the children to choose from and we would not want to discourage sports coaches from offering these options because of lack of payment. Next term all club fees will need to be paid in full for the term in advance. Thank you.

Multi Academy Trust Board – St Christophers MAT would like to know if any of our parents would be interested in joining the Board. They require someone with Finance skills who must be prepared to give approximately one day per month commitment. If you would like to apply, please can you submit a CV and a written expression of interest / profile by 18th May to clerk@stchristophersmat.org

Book Fair – thank you for supporting our book fair – the final figures showed that the school received just over £350 to buy additional books for the school – so thank you so much for all your support!

Sensory Meeting for Parents - If you would like to find out more information about sensory processing and the variety of ways in which we can help children with this please join us on 27th March at 9am at St Peters or 2pm at St Rumons. Parents are welcome to attend either session regardless of which school their children go to. This will be an informal session and we will provide tea and coffee and hopefully even some biscuits! Equally we would welcome parents who don't feel that this is an issue for their children but would like to join us for a cuppa and a chat. All we ask is that you try to let either office know that you are hoping to attend so that we can gauge the correct number of biscuits to buy!

Spellings – A long running frustration for teachers (in almost all schools across the country) is working out why do children seem to get all their spellings correct on the weekly test and yet do not apply them in their normal work or why, when they are tested on similar words, they do not apply the patterns that they have learnt. After a successful trial in Year 2 we have decided to alter the way that teachers will send out spellings. After Easter, you will find that your children will be given their spellings in sentences and will have to learn to write the whole sentence. This has the advantage of putting the words into context and also modelling high quality sentences for the children. When they are tested they will complete a dictation exercise. More information about this will shortly appear on the school website in the curriculum area.

PTA News

- Thank you to all those parents who helped and supported the school discos – we hope the children enjoyed them!

Toddler Group – Please note our last toddler group this term will be held on Monday 26th March from 1.30 - 2.45pm. All families are welcome and refreshments are available. Please come along for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS – On Thursday 3 May both schools will be taking part in this scheme which will bring a top athlete along to encourage children to take up (more) sport. The events will involve the children undertaking a fitness circuit with the athlete, followed by an assembly where the athlete will talk about their career and give the children a sporting demonstration, followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

All children have the option of raising sponsorship for taking part in the event, for which they will receive an award based on the amount of money they raise. The schools will also receive a percentage of the funds raised to be spent on PE equipment. Please look out for further details after Easter via the newsletter.

CHURCH NEWS

End of Term Service – Thursday 29th March at 2pm - All parents and families are welcome to join us for our Easter service. Please can **all children be picked up promptly at 3pm** at the end of the service. Thank you.

The Vestry Group - This is a group for children that meets during the family service each Sunday at 9.45 in the school newsletter. It is run by a team of 3 and provides craft activities linking to the theme of the main service. Informal and fun. Please come along!

Child Focused Family Services - Please see dates for **additional** child focused family services at St Eustachius. These services will be a Family Worship service and held once a month for the next few months, with refreshments available from 11:15 am and the actual service beginning at 11:30 am in church. **The service will aim to last for no longer than 40 minutes.** The dates are as followed:

- April 8
- May 13
- June 10
- July 8

Messy Church @ St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock

- Wednesday 4 April – Easter

Drop in from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the church. Come along for –Hospitality (hot meal); Crafts, activities and games (lots of messy fun); Friendship (for all the family); Fellowship (short Bible based celebration).

All the family welcome (children accompanied by an adult please). There is no charge for Messy Church, but donations are welcome. Contact Sarah on 07929911892 or sarah.pendle0@gmail.com

Messy Church @ Tavistock Methodist Church Tavistock – 4.30-6.30pm . A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal

April 19th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Easter Garden Competition – If your children would like to participate, please can they create a mini Easter Garden and hand in to their class teacher by Wednesday 28th March. There will be a prize for the winning year 3 / 4 and 5 / 6 garden.

Y6 Leavers Photo – There is a copy of the Y6 group photo at the school office for those interested in buying one. You are able to order this using the forms sent home with the individual photo. Thanks.

Plymouth Argyle Coaching – Next term, we are looking forward to each class participating in the Primary all Stars programme of sports coaching held by Plymouth Argyle coaches. They have spent last term down at St Rumon's, where the children have really enjoyed it. The coaches will also be offering an after-school football club next term so keep an eye out for the clubs letter early next term!

Cross Country – Congratulations to our runners who participated in last weeks event. Our Yr 3-4 team is currently in 2nd place overall (Yr 3-4 girls are in 1st with the boys team in 2nd place). The Yr 5/6 team is currently 2nd place overall (with the Girls team in 2nd place and the boys team in 3rd).

With only one event to go , there are only 4 points (i.e places) between the Top team and our Yr 3 -4 team and 6 points between our the Leading team and our Yr 5-6 team so it really is all to play for! Good luck to all our runners who go on to the last event of the series at Yelverton on Wednesday 28th March!

School Dinners Menu change – Last Day of term – The menu for Thursday 29th March will be replaced by the Friday menu – i.e) Oven baked Fish or Cheese Wheels (served with a choice of chips, peas, sweetcorn or salad) with Fruit Shortcake for dessert.

Lego Club – Please could any parents who would be willing to run the Lego club after school next term on Wednesdays let the school office know, as Mrs Ross is hoping to restart the chess club and we need another

parent helper to run this club with Mrs Higham.

Brass Tuition - Tuesday afternoons: Pete Jones has recently had an operation and will not be able to resume his brass music lessons until after the Easter holidays.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

ERIC Fri 23 March – Please note there will be no ERIC time this week, due to Boogie Friday taking place in aid of Sports Relief.

Menu Change – Thurs 29 March – Please note that on Thursday 29 March we will be having our Friday Menu instead of Thursday. The menu choices are: Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcake, Savoury Cheese Muffin, Jacket Potato or Beef/Cheese Roll.

Breakfast Club – Please note that breakfast is served between 7.45 am and 8.15 am. We will not be able to provide breakfast after this time. Thank you.

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 after half term will be the word “walk”. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some other variations on the word and interesting facts about this. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

Lunchtime Awards Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Eva Busutill, Megan Morton & Nicolas Dobra. Well done also to Plym Class who won an extra day's play on the climbing frame and scooters

Zumba – please note that there will be an additional session on Wednesday 28 March to replace the one missed previously due to Parents Evening. Thank you.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- First Day calling
- School Cool Milk (St Rs)

Spring Term 2018 Dates:

Friday 23 March - **Sports Relief** “Boogie Friday” in the afternoon. Children may come to school dressed in sportswear for a donation to the charity.

Tuesday 27 March - Sensory Meeting for Parents - 9am at St Peters & 2pm at St Rumons

28 March - Cross Country 3of 3 - Yelverton

Friday 30 Mar-Fri 13 Apr – Easter Holidays

Mon 16 April – Summer Term Starts

Thursday 19th April – Y6 Class Transition Visit – Tavistock College @ 9.30am

Weds 23 May – 9 am: Schools' Communion for Pentecost @ St Eustachius Church

11th-15th June: Y6 Residential to Beam House

Thursday 28 June – Devonport High School Familiarisation Day: 9am-3pm – Y6

Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th July - Tavistock College Taster Days – Y6

Tues 24 July– End of Term Leavers Service @ St Eustachius Church– 2 pm

Student & Family Support warmly
invite

PARENTS

To

‘Understanding Sensory
Processing in children and
supporting activities’

On Tuesday 27th March

at

St Peters – 9 am

St Rumon's – 2 pm



COMMUNITY

Burrator Reservoir - Family Wildlife Watch Programme -10.30am-12.30pm

Come and take part in a range of wildlife and heritage themed activities followed by hot chocolate and biscuits. We will meet at Burrator Discovery Centre, unless alternative meeting point has been advertised. £3 per child, £2 per adult.

- Sunday 29 April – Wild Flowers