

FEDERATION NEWS - What a load of things happening in school at the moment. Yesterday the Y3/4 children went for a superb walk on the moors so that they could explore more about the bronze age. The whole school also took part in a lovely All Saints Service at St Eustachius. The children in KS2 are having a WW1 dome experience today and tomorrow Y5/6 are heading up to the moors to explore more about trench warfare. Phew – what an amazing amount to cram into one week. Next week there is a superb recycling workshop planned for St Rumon’s on Tuesday as well as a reading roundabout day for Y3/4, a Netball tournament on Wednesday and Brentor will also be putting together a Remembrance Class Worship for Friday. Wow!



How much do you know about your child’s phone use? - Every year I have to deal with at least one issue that has arisen due to children using their phones inappropriately. I have recently dealt with an issue which was all too familiar in which, normally sensible children have been joined in with conversations on social media and used it inappropriately.

Keeping on top of what your child is doing when they are using a computer, or a games console tends to be quite easy as they tend to be placed in a central location. However, phones have much smaller screens so are harder to see and are also a lot easier to slip into a pocket and taken to a bedroom. There are lots of resources available on keeping your child safe when they are on their mobile. Below is a link to help pages from Android and Apple to help you have more control over what children can access when on their phone. Additionally, there is a super resource from Carphone Warehouse and Professor Tanya Byron and a resource from Childline.

Android family controls: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en>

Apple family controls: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Carphone Warehouse guide and links: <https://strumons.eschools.co.uk/website/e-safety/183927/cHJldmld3x8MjAxOC0xMS0wMSAxMjoyMT00Ng%3D%3D>

Advice from childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/mobile-phone-safety/>

Useful tips that I would recommend

1. Have an open relationship where your child is happy for you to share what is on their phone and regularly do this.
2. Ensure that there is a way to approve the apps that your child has on their phone
3. Ensure that children do not squirrel themselves away with their phones.
4. Set time limits on consoles on the actual console itself so that there are no arguments!
5. Ensure that children feel confident that they can share anything that they feel uncomfortable with and that they know who they can share it with and how they can share it.

Parents' Evenings- Don't forget that next week is Parents' evenings

- Monday 5 Nov & Wednesday 7 Nov – 4.00-6.45 pm – St Peter's Parents' Evenings (Please note that Mrs Burton has changed her Monday to Tuesday 6th instead)
- Tuesday 6 Nov & Thursday 8 Nov – 3.30-6.15 pm – St Rumon's Parents' Evenings

Sign Up sheets are available from the school offices. These are a vital way for the school and home to be in contact about the progress that the children are making and so please do make sure that you book in an appointment. If you are not able to make the times that have been allotted, please contact the child's teacher to ensure that you can visit at another time or arrange a telephone appointment.

Reading Record Books- Shortly before half term I wrote a piece about reading in school and particularly in Key Stage Two. Don't forget that, this term, we are starting a system whereby if a child reads to an adult at home three times in a week and the adult signs the reading record book the child will be given a raffle ticket and entered into a prize draw at the end of the term. There will be a prize for each class and the more raffle tickets a child collects the more chance they have of winning. If you are a KS2 parent and finding time to hear your child read is difficult then why not bring them to school at 8:30 and spend 15 minutes reading with them in school. If you would like to do this come to the front office and we can show you into the library area. Happy reading!



Non-Negotiable Learning Targets- In school we have targets that we believe it is fundamental for children to achieve by the end of each year. We have written these for mathematics and writing and have produced an information book to help you with this. You can find our document on the school website under curriculum resources:

https://strumons.eschools.co.uk/website/non_negotiable_learning/377067 On this page you can see our introductory animation and then download the

document as either an iBook (if you have apple product) or a PDF.

Flu vaccine – If your child did not receive their flu vaccine –we appear to have a low sign up rate compared to other local primary schools - there will be an opportunity to attend a Community clinic in mid-December. Please call the immunisation team on 0333 321 9884 after 12th November for further information.

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 11th 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 Connors at 10.30am by the war memorial and be dressed in school uniform. Many thanks.

Love in a Box – Last week, children came home with a Love in the Box leaflet. Mustard Seed Relief Mission is a charity providing relief aid to children in Eastern Europe. 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 to Eastern Europe to be distributed to children at Christmas time. In 2016 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 need to be returned by **Friday 9th November**. Thank you.

Toddler Group – Please note our toddler group is held at St Rumon's on Mondays and has a new starting time of 1.30pm and will run until 2.45pm. All families are welcome and refreshments are available. Please come along for music, singing, crafts and to meet new friends.

Nut Allergies – we have children and staff with nut allergies -please be reminded that nuts should not be brought into school by anyone.

Breakfast Club & After School Club Booking Systems – All payments and booking for these clubs are now done via the School Gateway app. Please make sure any outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible in order to continue using the club. All bookings should ideally be made in advance for After School Club and Breakfast Club using the app or via the school office. All sessions must be paid for in advance and all balances must be in credit in order to use this facility.

ST PETER'S NEWS

Digging Up Dartmoor – This has now been rearranged for the 31st October. The coach will leave school at 10.30 to allow the children to walk back up to school after the Church service.

Children's University – If your child is interested in participating in the Children's University scheme – please request a consent form from the office – once received, Children's University passports are available from the office for £2.50. Each child can gain bronze, silver and gold certificates in recognition of the extra-curricular activities they take part in. More details can be found at ...

<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk>

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Wed 14 Nov – Ramble to the Pimple – Parent Helpers Needed Please – If you are available to help us walk children to the Pimple and back to school, please let your class teacher or the office know. Thank you.

St Rumon's Open Morning – Please spread the word with any friends/ family that may have children approaching school starting age and come along on Tuesday 13th November.

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



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conversations before you enter the premises. Thank you.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week next week will be the synonyms for the word “wet”. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with some examples of other synonyms as they come into school. We look forward to hearing them.

LETTERS HOME:

- Yr 5/6 Trench Warfare

CHURCH NEWS

Prayer for St Rumon's and St Peter's: A group meets once or twice a term to pray for our schools, the children and staff. If you would like to join us, please contact Hannah Waine on hcwaine@yahoo.co.uk

2018

Thursday 8th November - Messy Church - Tavistock Methodist Church

Thursday 13th December.- Messy Church - Tavistock Methodist Church

Fri 21 Dec – 2 pm Christmas Service @ St Eustachius (Please can children be picked up from church at 3pm)

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Weds 6 March – 9 am Schools' Communion for Ash Wednesday @ St Eustachius

Thu 5 Apr – 2 pm Easter Service @ St Eustachius

Wed 5 Jun – 9 am Schools' Communion for Pentecost @ St Eustachius

Tues 23 Jul – 2 pm Y6 Leavers' Service @ St Eustachius

Autumn Term 2018 Dates:

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Mon 5 Nov & Wed 7 Nov – 4.00-6.45 pm – St Peter's Parents' Evenings

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Wednesday 7th November – Yr 4/5/6 Netball Festival@ Tavistock College

Fri 9 Nov – 9.00 am – Brentor Class Worship

Tue 13 November – 9.30 am until 11.00 am – Open Morning @ St Rumon's for Sept 19 Starters

Wednesday 14th November – Yr 5/6 X Country – Castle Drogo

Fri 16 Nov – Children in Need Day

Mon 19 Nov – Fire Safety Talks for Y2 & Y5

Thursday 22nd November – Yr 5/6 Bouldering Competition at Milton Abbott

Wed 19 December – 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm - KS1 Nativity @ Town Hall

Wednesday 19th December – St Peters Christmas lunch

Thursday 20th December – St Ruumon's Christmas lunch

Fri 30 Nov – Tinsel & Chocolate Day

Fri 7 December – Dickensian Evening

Wed 12 December – 2.15 pm – Foundation Stage Nativity @ St Rumon's

Thu 13 December – 9.30 am – Foundation Stage Nativity @ St Rumon's

Fri 14 December – Christmas Fair @ St Rumon's

Friday 21st December – Last Day of Term Church Service CALENDAR

Christmas Holidays - 22 December – 6 January

SPRING TERM: 7 January 2019 – 5 April 2019

Wednesday 27th February – Friday 1st March – Y5 London Residential

COMMUNITY

Violin Lessons – Mrs Lewis is starting violin lessons at St Peter's. £10 per half hour for individual lesson, £4.50 per half hour in a group of up to 4 children. Violins can be borrowed from school. For more information or to book a lesson please email Mrs Lewis at heidilewis@gmail.com

Tavy Joggers – Introduction to running for beginners - Sessions start on the track at Tavistock College on Saturday mornings 9.50am - £2/session for 16yrs+. All sizes and ages – Off the couch sessions – for anyone who hasn't done exercise for a while – All you need are trainers, comfy layers and enthusiasm!

Rotary Young Photography Competition - 3 age groups (7-10, 11-13 & 14-17 as at 31/08/18) . Entrants are required to produce a portfolio of 3 photographs with the theme ' Beauty of Nature'. Entrance is free. Closing date: 5th January 2019. Entry forms available from the school office.