



FEDERATION NEWS - I hope that you are all staying safe in the snow and making the most of any snow we get. I appreciate that school closures can be disruptive and inconvenient, however there are only 3 reasons that we would consider closing the school:-

- 1) Lack of Amenities/ Utilities – i.e. no water/ heating
- 2) Unable to adequately staff
- 3) Safety reasons of the site/premises

We make our decisions based on being able to keep both our children and staff safe and the ability to meet necessary pupil ratios. For this reason today we were able to staff the junior school but not the infant school as there were not enough staff members that could travel safely in to the St Rumon's site. We have tried to update parents as soon as a decision could be made. Unfortunately, we had issues with updating our school website so couldn't update this until 7.45am - however we have also posted updates via facebook.

Attendance – Following our regular visit from the Education Welfare Officer (EWO), we will be sending out letters to all those pupils whose attendance is under 95%. Good attendance is crucial for children to maximise their education and opportunities for learning and we hope to work with parents in improving attendance of children with poor attendance and therefore avoid any further legal involvement with the Education Welfare Team.

PTA News

- PTA quiz for adults: Friday the 9th of March at 19h30, at St Peter's. £2 a ticket, tables of 6-8, but singles and doubles welcome - we can sort tables on the night. Please put money and names in an envelope and leave it at either school office, preferably listing which table you're with.
- Pupil Discos: Friday 16th March at St Peter's; 'Wear a Hat' disco for Foundation and KS1 from 16h30 - 17h30; 'Neon Glow' disco for KS2 from 17h45 - 18h45.

Please drop off at either office any unwanted bottles of wine, bubbly or spirits left over from the Festive Season. We can use them for the Summer Fair 'Water or Wine' game.

Parents' Evenings – Please note that the revised parents evening sessions are as follows:-

- Brentor class – Miss Burton – Monday 5th March
- KS1 – Wednesday 7th March at St Rumon's to replace Wednesday 28th February sessions
- KS2 (excluding Brentor)– Thursday 8th March at St Peter's to replace Thursday 1st March sessions

All times booked will remain in place – just on the new date. Thanks.

World Book Day – now Thursday 8 March – As always there will be lots of activities across the Federation to celebrate this. Please can children in St Rumon's come to school dressed in sensible nightwear and bring with them their favourite bedtime story. Children in St Peter's can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring the book to school with them if possible.

Book Fair – we shall be holding a Scholastic Book Fair at St Peter's Junior School from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm on Thursday 8 & Friday 9 March. Please come along and support us as we receive a percentage of sales made to buy books for our libraries. Children from St Rumon's and St Peter's are welcome.

Sports Relief – Friday 23 March – we will be joining in with this event, by holding a "Boogie Friday" in the afternoon. Children may come to school dressed in sportswear for a donation 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 school by anyone.

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.

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.

NHS Measuring Height & Weight – Monday 5 March – Reception and Year 6 Children.

CHURCH NEWS

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:

- March 4
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10
- July 8

Messy Church –at Tavistock Methodist Church on the second Thursday of the month from 4.30-6.30pm: (Next session:February 8th March.). A fun time for families with crafts, songs, story, prayer and a meal.

Messy Church @ St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock

- Wednesday 7 March – Lent & Mothers' Day
- 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

ST PETER'S NEWS

Brentor Parents Evening – Please note that as Miss Burton is away on a course, the date for the 27 February Parents Evening for Brentor will be replaced by Monday 5 March. The Brentor Parents Evening session available for Thursday 1 March will now be held on Thursday 8th March

KS2 Parents Evening – All parents evenings sessions booked for Thursday 1 March sessions will swap to Thursday 8th March. We will keep the same timed slots booked in. If for any reason, you need to change slots, please contact the office.

Lego club – Please could any parents who would be willing to run the Lego club after school next term on Wednesdays please 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.

World Book Day- Book Swap. On 8th March, all children to bring in up to 4 good quality books to swap.

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.

School Lunches- School lunches need to be paid for in advance please. Cost of each lunch remains at £2.20, £61.60 for this half term. If paying by cheque please make it payable to St Peter's Junior School. Thank you.

Y6 Leavers' Party – a meeting has been arranged for all Y6 parents/carers to discuss this on Monday 19 March at 6 pm at St Peter's. All welcome and we look forward to seeing you then.

ST RUMON'S NEWS

Zumba & Dodgeball – Weds 7 March – please note that Dodgeball and Zumba clubs have been cancelled on Thursday next week due to parents' evening having to be postpone because of the bad weather. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

St Rumon's Class Photos – Thursday 15 March.

Sports Relief – Fri 23 March – we will be joining in with this event, by holding a “Boogie Friday” in the

afternoon. Children may come to school dressed in sportswear for a donation to the charity.

After School Sports Club – a reminder that if your child is attending one of these clubs, to please make your payment to the school office. Thank you.

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.

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Coats – could we please remind you that children should come to school in a waterproof hooded coat, especially at this time of the year when we are experiencing inclement weather. Thank you.

Fact of the Week Badge – The fact of the week after half term will be the word “sad”. 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 Ella Holmes, Lola Peek & Piper Benfield-Smith. Well done also to Plym Class who won an extra day’s play on the climbing frame 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 SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Attendance letters

Spring Term 2018 Dates:

Monday 5th March – Sleekers Farm Cross Country – West Devon Qualifier

Monday 5th March – Brentor Parents Eveining – rearranged date from the Tuesday sessions

Wednesday 7th March – KS1 Parents Evening – new date

Thursday 8th March – KS2 Parents Evening incl Brentor Thursday sessions

Friday 9th March – Swimming Gala

Tuesday 13 March - St Peters Class Photos

Thursday 15th March – St Rumon’s Class Photos.

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

Thursday 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

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

Tues 24 July– End of Term Service led by Y6 Leavers @ St Eustachius Church– 2 pm

COMMUNITY

Whitchurch Cricket Club Winter Traning sessions – Thursdays at Tavistock College Sports Centre. U8s– U6 (6-7pm) U12s &U14s – (7-8pm). Please contact Steve Hodge on 07964790331.

Go ride -For those youngsters who enjoyed the cyclo cross event, there is opportunity within Tavistock to take their interest further. Every Saturday at Tavistock College, Tavistock Wheelers has its Go Ride session, for girls and boys between 9 and 14. Go Ride is learning cycling skills and having fun in a safe off road environment All that is needed is any bike in good working order, a helmet and parent/carer to sign the consent form. There is a waiting list , but recruitment is about to begin for the Spring intake. Register interest by posting at Facebook group Tavistock Wheelers Youth Cycling or by e-mailing geoffwhitlow@aol.com

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 25 March – Minibeasts
- Sunday 29 April – Wild Flowers



Meadowlands
LEISURE CENTRE

Aqua Sport

Saturdays

1600-1630 ages 8-11

1630-1700 ages 11+

Starting from 17-02-2018

£2 per person, booking is essential.



Meadowlands Leisure Pool
The Wharf, Tavistock, PL19 8SP
Tel: 01822 617774



Tavistock College Science Week– Y5s – Fire & Ice