



FEDERATION NEWS - It was lovely to be able to enjoy a Bank Holiday of great weather this week and it has been lovely to see the children out playing in the sun. If you are Year 2 or possibly a Year 2 parent, you will have noticed that the children are either completing their SAT tests or just about to. Year 2 tests are sat in order to support teacher assessments and will not be very different from other assessments that they have sat this year. Year 6 SATs are sent away to be externally marked. I want to wish the Year 6 pupils good luck, they (and their teachers) have worked incredibly hard this year and they should be proud of themselves whatever the outcome of the tests. If you are a parent of a Year 6 child, please help them to relax this weekend without too much last-minute cramming.

School Gateway – We are beginning to implement an online payments system. Initially this will be rolled out to After School Club after half term and hopefully to school dinners and trips in the new academic year. This will hopefully help to make communication and payments to the school easier, faster and more effective. You will eventually be able to make payments via credit and debit card, view balances and give online consent for activities. It will become the booking system for After School Club and Breakfast Club. We hope that you will find School Gateway a valuable way to keep up to date.

Schoolgateway

What you need to do now

- **Download the app:** If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can receive messages from the school for FREE – this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

OR

- **Visit the website:** www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

Can't activate your account?

If you're having trouble activating your School Gateway account, it may be because school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS DOWNLOAD THE APP/ SET UP A SCHOOL GATEWAY ACCOUNT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE US TO INTRODUCE THE ONLINE PAYMENT / MESSAGING SYSTEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

Parent Governor Election – As we have received more applications than there are vacancies, an election needs to be held. Full details are given in the attached letter at the end of the newsletter. Please ensure you use your vote as the person elected will be the parent representative on our Governing Body, and your views are very important to us. Copies of the voting forms will be available at both school offices.

Sports For Schools – could you please ensure that all sponsorship money and forms are returned to the school office by Monday 14 May. Many thanks.

No Dogs – Please do NOT bring any dogs into the school playground or tie them up to the school gates where they can potentially frighten the children. Many thanks.

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 – as we have children and staff with nut allergies, could we please remind you that nuts should not be brought into school by anyone.



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:

- May 13
- June 10
- July 8

Messy Church @ St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock

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. (Dates: May 10th, June 14th, July 12th)

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ST PETER'S NEWS

SATS tests – Next week will see our Year 6 children sit their SATS tests in the mornings. Breakfast will be provided for Year 6 children from 8am. Therefore the Year 5/6 corridor will not be able to be used by anyone during these exams. Year 5 pupils will register in their usual classrooms and then be taught by Mr Connors in the Main Hall and will need to make sure they have their PE kits every day. Thank you.

Money found – During April, an amount of money was found and handed into the school office. If anyone believes this may belong to them- please contact the office with details. Many thanks.

Quad Kids – Congratulations to our athletes who went to the Quad Kids athletics festival! Our 'A' team (Nicolas Maczugowski; Harry Moon; Logan Sulsh; Sammy Symons; Rafe Kinnear; Ella Whitford; Bea Kinnear; Tess Hopes; Amelie Pearce; Lara Dix) won overall by an amazing 153 points! - and will be heading to the West Devon finals and the 'B' team (Ed Small; Seb Folland; Michael Stewart-Reid; Bay Glover; Emily Carty; Molly Hunt; Molly Henderson; Maisy Clark) came 10th out of 17 schools.

Special mentions go to:-

- Gold level medalists – Nicolas Maczugowski (1st boy overall); Logan Sulsh (3rd boy overall) ; Bea Kinnear (1st girl)
- Silver level medalists – Sammy Symons (10th overall); Ella Whitford (4th girl); Tess Hopes (2nd girl)
- Bronze level medalists- Harry Moon (13th overall);

ST RUMON'S NEWS

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 next week will be synonyms for the word cut, ie, chop. Please discuss this with your children so that they can come in with examples of other synonyms. We look forward to hearing their ideas as they come into school each morning.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Tennis tournament
- Y6 Picnic on the Pimple.

Spring Term 2018 Dates:

Tuesday 15th May – Tennis tournament – Y3 & Y4

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

HALF TERM: 28 May – 1 June

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

Wednesday 20th June – Quad Kids – West Devon Final

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

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

Monday 16 July – KS1 Optional Parents Evening – this is not a formal parents evening but a 'drop in 'evening for parents to pop in to see the class teacher if they have any concerns - @St Rumons

Tuesday 17 July – KS2 Optional Parents Evening – this is not a formal parents evening but a 'drop in 'evening for parents to pop in to see the class teacher if they have any concerns @ St Peters

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

COMMUNITY


Party in the Park -Sunday 20th May, 2-5pm, Tavistock Meadows

An event for the whole community to celebrate the Church's birthday!

Bouncy castles, carousel ride, live music, craft activities, duck race, stories from "Open the Book", hot-air balloon display, beat-the-goalie, stalls, a BBQ by the Lions Club, cream teas, hot drinks, sweets, ice-cream and much more! Come along to join the celebration.

More info - Facebook [tavistockpartyinthepark](#)





Devon Hockey

Development Centres

In association with South West Rotary Youth Games

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ASPIRING HOCKEY PLAYERS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

PLYMOUTH, TEIGNBRIDGE, TORBAY, EXETER, MID DEVON, EAST DEVON, SOUTH HAMS, WEST DEVON, NORTH DEVON & TORRIDGE (COMBINED)

These Development Centres will then lead to the opportunity to represent your region at the SOUTH WEST ROTARY YOUTH GAMES, or to take part in a very special WORLD CUP EVENT!

- Each area will have 4 sessions during the month of June (dates TBC)
- You need to either live or go to school in the region
- You HAVE to be in Years 5, 6 or 7

If you want to get involved go to:
www.devonjuniorhockey.org
and find the sign-up form through the Development centre Image on the Homescreen



SOUTH WEST ROTARY YOUTH GAMES



Dear Parents

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We have received two applications for the role of parent governor and will therefore need to hold an election. Each parent of a child at the school is eligible to vote using the ballot paper attached, copies of which are also available from each school office. Ballot papers **MUST** be returned to the school office **by 9 am on Thursday 17 May**. Details of the candidates are as follows:-

Mrs Sue Allerton

I have a son and daughter at St Peter's and St Rumon's and want to see the Federation thrive. Although I have never been a school Governor before, I do have a background in teaching (at secondary level) and childcare (as a self-employed childminder). I worship at a local Church and would like to support the Christian ethos of the school.

Mrs Joanne Galli

Hello, my name is Jo and in September I found myself on the other side of the school gates when my daughter joined St Rumon's. I am a secondary school teacher and have been for 17 years. Alongside teaching English I have also had pastoral & curriculum leadership responsibility.

It would be a privilege to represent parents on the Governing body. I would bring commitment and enthusiasm to the role and to do all that I could to support staff to ensure that our school continues to provide a well-balanced, high quality education and a school environment where our children feel valued and happy.

BALLOT PAPER FOR ELECTION OF ONE PARENT GOVERNOR: INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

- 1 The ballot paper printed below is for the election of one parent governor.
- 2 Each candidate is eligible for one vote.
- 3 Each voter may vote for one candidate
- 4 The vote should be recorded by placing an X in the space provided after the name of the candidate you wish to vote for. No other mark should be made on the ballot paper.
- 5 The ballot paper should be placed in an envelope, which should be sealed and returned to the Headteacher by 9 am on Thursday 17 May either by hand or by post.
- 6 No duplicate voting paper will be issued.

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Please return to either school in a sealed envelope by 9 am on Thursday 17 May 2018

ELECTION OF ONE PARENT GOVERNOR – TAVISTOCK CHURCH SCHOOLS FEDERATION **You may vote for ONE candidate**

Mrs Sue ALLERTON	
Mrs Joanne GALLI	