



**FEDERATION NEWS** - Well, we are almost at the end of term and both Key Stages are starting to feel very Christmassy! There is a lot going on over the next week and a bit including Christmas Fayre, KS1 Nativities and also Carol Service next Friday at 2:00pm. I hope to see you during some of those events.



**Choir** – The Federation choir did us proud singing at Dickensian evening and for the Salvation Army last weekend. They were very very grateful of us being there (and said/showed it many times throughout which made the children feel very special!) All in all a lovely evening! Special thanks go to Mrs Hodgkiss for her hard work with the children.

#### **YouTube - take a break reminders**

With Christmas coming up some children will be getting new phones. A great feature on YouTube is the take a break reminder (only on phones). Setting up good habits early on will help in the long run. Further information on how to enable this on a phone can be found here: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/9012523>

Please could I also remind you to take care when choosing new games for consoles etc. so that children are not playing inappropriate games. For those of you who have children with a PlayStation or Xbox please ask your child to take care when they are talking online to their friends so that they (and you) definitely know who they are talking to and also to remember the 'granny' rule; if they wouldn't say it in front of their nan, don't say it!

**School Dinners** – Please note that due to increasing costs, it has been decided that it is finally time to increase the cost of school dinners at St Peters to £2.50 with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Any parents who believe they may be eligible for free school meals can contact the team to apply on 0345 155 1019 or contact the school office for an application form.

**Catering Assistant Vacancies** – We have the following vacancies for enthusiastic School Meals Catering Assistants in both our school kitchens. Duties include serving meals to school children, assisting the Kitchen Manager to ensure the daily tasks are completed, setting up tables and chairs for dining service, cleaning serving equipment, plates and cutlery. Training will be provided. Successful applicants are required to provide an enhanced DBS disclosure. Disclosure expense will be met by employer. **Deadline for Applications now extended until : Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

- St Peters – 16 hrs/ week (10.45-2pm Mon – Thurs & 11-2 Friday) with effect from January.
- St Rumon's – 10 hrs / week (11.30-1.30pm Mon – Fri) effective immediately.

**PTA** – We are trying to be a little green by recycling old Christmas cards as gift tags in the Secret Present Room at the Christmas Fair. They will be cut out by Emma and crew, have a hole punched & ribbon/string attached, making it easier for the Secret Present Room helpers to get the children to put tags on their gifts. Please could any unwanted, used Christmas cards be given to Michelle Stead, or left at either school office.

Also - Just a reminder of the items that the PTA have asked for in terms of donations for the Christmas Fair. Thank you for any donations you are able to make..

10-14/12: cakes, biscuits, etc. for Refreshments stall.

**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. **The group has now broken up for the Christmas holidays and will restart on Monday 7 January 2019.**

**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.

**Breakfast Club & After School Club Booking Systems** – Please make sure any outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible in order to continue using the club. All bookings and payments should be made in advance for After School Club and Breakfast Club using the app or via the school office.

### **ST PETER'S NEWS**

**Headlice** – We have several cases of headlice – Please could **all parents** check their child's hair tonight and treat appropriately to try to stop the cycle of them being passed around. Thank you.

**Bookworm** – Please note that next week will be the last week of Bookworm – Please ensure all school library books are returned before the end of term. We would of course encourage your children to read all their lovely new books that they receive as presents over the Christmas period!

**Whole school rehearsal** of Christmas Service at St Eustachius Church - **Monday 17 December** – Please drop your child to the church for 8.40am

**2019 Tavy 13 Primary Challenge** – Entrance forms are now available for the Tavy 13 Primary Challenge – All children will have the opportunity to run 12 miles during school time to enable them to run the final mile on SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> March 2019 to qualify for the medal and t-shirt. Costs £8 - forms available from the school office.

**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 extra-curricular activities they take part in. For more details-<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk>

### **ST RUMON'S NEWS**

What a wonderful performance the Reception children produced for their Nativity this week. A really well done to all of them for their excellent singing and acting.

**Menu Change** – Please note menu change for Wednesday 19 December as follows:-

M/Ham & Pineapple Pizza V/Cheese Wheels JP/Coleslaw/Cheese PM/Ham/Cheese Sandwich  
Fruit Crumble & Custard, Fruit, Yoghurt

**Christmas Post** – post boxes will be available in classrooms between Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for children to post their cards. Could you please ensure that envelopes are clearly marked with children's surnames and class so that we can ensure the cards are delivered to the correct person. 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.

**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 the synonyms for the word “celebrate”. 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.

**Lunchtime Awards** – Congratulations to our lunchtime stars this week who were Rafee Ulhaq, Tamsin Everett & Maddison Dell. Well done also to Meavy Class who won an extra day’s play on the climbing frame.

**LETTERS HOME:**

- Youth Speaks
- St Peters watching KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

**CHURCH NEWS**

**S:CAPE DISCO** -Friday 14th December @ Tavistock Methodist Church Hall. 6.30 – 7.45pm. School yrs 3 – 6. £2 each includes snack, drink and prizes.

**Christmas S:CAPE Fun Day** -Saturday 15th December @ Tavistock Methodist Church .School Yrs FS- Y6. 2.00pm - 5.00pm (registration from 1.45pm). ‘A fun packed Christmas Party afternoon for school years Rec - Yr6’ Christmas crafts, games, painting, singing, jokes, challenges, disco, a party tea, party games and the message of Christmas.£5 each (half price for 2nd child in same family)

For more info CONTACT Chris (610649) or email [chris@tmc.me.uk](mailto:chris@tmc.me.uk)

**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](mailto:hcwaine@yahoo.co.uk)

**2018**

- 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)
- Christmas Eve Crib Services – 4.00pm and 6.00pm

**2019**

- Saturday 5 January – Messy Church- 3.30-5.30pm @St Eustachius
- 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:

### **AUTUMN TERM : TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER**

**Friday 14th December** – Montessori Xmas play (St P Hall)

**Fri 14 December** – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children. Children can either wear their Christmas jumpers to school on this day or decorate one of their own jumpers to make it 'Christmassy'. Suggested donation of £1.

**Fri 14 December** – Christmas Fair @ St Rumon's – Choir will be singing at approximately 5:00pm

**Monday 17 December** – St Peter's rehearsal of Christmas Service at St Eustachius Church – Please drop your child to the church for 8.40am

**18th December** – Y6 height and weight checks

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

**Wednesday 19th December** – St Peters Christmas lunch & Yr5/6 Christmas Party

**Thursday 20th December** – St Rumon's Christmas lunch & Party.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3/4 Christmas Party

**Friday 21st December** – Last Day of Term Church Service at 2:00pm – **All children to be collected from Church at 3pm.**

*Christmas Holidays - 22 December – 6 January*

### **SPRING TERM: 7 January 2019 – 5 April 2019**

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

**Thursday 28th February – Friday 1st March** – Y4 Pixie's Holt

**Monday, 24th June – Friday, 28th June** – Y6 Mountbatten Residential

## **COMMUNITY**

**Violin Lessons** – Mrs Lewis is starting violin lessons at St Peter's. £9 per 20min individual lesson, £6.50 per half hour in a group of up to 2-4 children. Violins can be borrowed from school. For more information or to book a lesson please email Mrs Lewis at [heidilewis@gmail.com](mailto:heidilewis@gmail.com)

**Christmas Cricket Camp - Primary School children of all ages and abilities.** Lots of fun and games. PRIZES  
Qualified and experienced coaches-Thursday 3 January : 2 sessions available : 10.00 - 1.00 - Mount Kelly Prep Sports Hall - £15 per person. To book please email [brendenworth@me.com](mailto:brendenworth@me.com)