



MESSAGE FROM MRS BOWDEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very turbulent year for us all. I can't thank everyone enough for the support, understanding and generosity that has been shown throughout the year. I have been truly touched by the kind messages that have been sent, these have certainly helped.

The children of St Neot School have been absolutely amazing. I am so proud of the way in which they have coped through very difficult and trying times. Their enthusiasm, resilience and determination has inspired us all. Through laughter, hard work and support for each other, they continue to demonstrate why the children of the school are outstanding. A huge well done to them all.

The staff have also shown once again how committed they are to ensuring the well-being, education and emotional needs of the children are put first. They have worked tirelessly throughout the year, making themselves available through holidays and weekends, showing their flexibility and determination to keep the school open. They have all worked above and beyond their roles.

The Governors too have given their constant support, and have been available when we needed them, enabling us to keep the school running effectively, and implementing the ever changing government guidance quickly and effectively.

I would like to wish you all a safe, merry and happy Christmas, and a new year that is filled with joy and hope.



CHRISTINGLES



We had a lovely time making our Christingles on Monday. Our thanks to St Neot Church for providing all the materials, for giving us instructions, and for explaining the meaning of Christingles.

THANK YOU to Donna and Rachel for serving us a delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday.

100 CLUB This month's winner is number 19.

AFPE AWARD

We are delighted to tell you that St Neot School has been awarded the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) Quality Mark with Distinction. We are the only school in the South West to achieve this

<https://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/afpe-quality-mark-for-pe-a-sport/>

Our thanks to Mrs Gouge who put in an enormous amount of work in preparation for the application and to the children who took part in the online interview who were enthusiastic and articulate.



DEWEY NATIVITY

A photo of the Dewey Class nativity is in this week's Cornish Guardian and should also be in the Cornish Times.

FATHER CHRISTMAS CAME TO SCHOOL

We were delighted that Father Christmas was able to come to school and bring us gifts this week. He kept at a safe distance but was able to talk to us, and he left our presents on the table to collect. Treverbyn Class received a special video message from Father Christmas and their presents were sent home to them.

If you or any of your bubble receives a positive Covid test over the holiday could you please let us know by emailing secretary@st-neot.cornwall.sch.uk, thank you.

* **CONGRATULATIONS** to former pupil Kerenza who *
* has been selected to play hockey for Cornwall under *
* 14's. *

NURSERY NEWS

We all enjoyed our Christmas lunch and party, and Father Christmas came to see us, he even gave presents to Jenny, Jayne and Paula.

Next term our theme will be colours and shapes and we will be reading Elmer the Elephant.



WE WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, WE'LL SEE YOU ALL ON 6TH JANUARY

GUITAR LESSONS

We will be starting guitar lessons for children in Y3-Y6 in January. Mr Flower has given up teaching so we will be welcoming Mr Arundell on Tuesday afternoons beginning 12th January. If your child was already taking lessons you can continue their lessons by going to the website and paying for the next term. If your child hasn't had lessons but would like to start, please go to <https://www.cornwallmusicstrust.org/> for more information and sign up if interested.



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SEND YOU GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY.



We have been requested by local organisations to include the community events detailed below. These are not endorsed by St Neot School.

METHODIST CHURCH POP-UP CAROLS. Tuesday 22nd December 6.00pm, at the park in front of the pavilion, bring a torch.