



A MESSAGE FROM MRS BOWDEN:

A huge thank you to all the parents and their extended families for the letters of kindness, food goodies and words of thanks. The staff at St Neot continue to be extremely busy supporting pupils both with well-being and academically. It takes a team working together efficiently to ensure that the best education is provided for all pupils. I am sure that you would all agree that all the staff at St Neot School work extremely hard to provide this.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S PROMPT ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL. LATE ARRIVALS CAUSE DISRUPTION IN LESSONS FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND STAFF. GATES ARE CLOSED AT 8.55AM.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS YF-Y6

Flu immunisations will be taking place on 2nd December in school. So far we have had approximately 75% of children sign up for them, if you haven't yet signed up but would like it you can access the online consent form, please use the following link <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU QUOTE THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for St Neot School is: EE111964.

PUPIL ACCEPTABLE USE FORMS

We still have a number of children who haven't returned their forms, could we ask that you please return them by Friday 20th November, thank you.

MUSIC LESSONS WITH HEATHER TAYLOR

In the new year Miss Taylor hopes to start music lessons in school, these will be group sessions including piano, singing, violin and flute.

During these sessions, children will take part in musical activities and listening games, learn music terminology and basic theory, understand rhythm and pitch, and also have the opportunity to compose their own tunes. They will also learn about composers and famous compositions.

All sessions are intended to instil a love of music and also to have fun while learning. If your child would be interested in starting music lessons please contact the office.

OFSTED VISIT

Following their remote visit last week, we have received the letter from Ofsted which will be sent to parents with a covering letter next week. It will appear on the Ofsted website within 8 days.

NURSERY NEWS

Next week we will be reading 'The Snow Tree' and the nursery rhyme 'Hey Diddle Diddle.'

This week's home challenge is for children to put on their own coat, and for older ones to do it up themselves. We would appreciate it if you could send photos of your children undertaking their home challenge please.



SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO BAD WEATHER

With the winter weather now approaching can we remind you that while we do our best to keep the school open there may be occasions where the safest decision is to close, particularly if it snows. In the event of a closure Cornwall Council will be informed and notices will be read out on local radio and will appear on the council website. We will also send an email to all first named contacts who have provided us with an email address. Please make sure you keep us informed if any of your contact details change, thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Over recent months many people's circumstances have changed and some find themselves in financial hardship. Did you know that if your income is below a certain level you can apply for free school meals? Information and criteria can be found at this link

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

If your application is successful not only will your child get a hot meal each day but the school will receive an additional tranche of funding called pupil premium. This is used to support children with their learning and offer them some sessions in breakfast and after school clubs. It might also be used to subsidise music lessons.

All applications are confidential.

MESSAGE FROM TRURO CATHEDRAL

We were delighted to receive this message from the Deacon Precentor at Truro Cathedral today:

During services in the cathedral yesterday we prayed for St Neot Community Primary School as it was included in the Diocesan Prayer Diary. We prayed for the school, for its work, staff, governors, students, families and all associated with the school. We prayed also for those associated with the school at this difficult time during the pandemic when transmission of the virus has increased and we are living with another lockdown. This email is being sent as a sign of encouragement and support. Please be assured of our ongoing thoughts and prayers.

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

KERBSIDE CAROLS 'Kerbside Carols' invites people to sing in their streets through a live [Facebook feed](#) broadcast from Lostwithiel, Cornwall. The singing sessions will go live at 8pm every Thursday in December until Christmas Eve. Each evening we will lead three carols with live accompaniment, followed by a short reading or poem to celebrate the season. We want everyone to adorn their doorsteps, gardens, balconies or living rooms with light and amplification and sing along with us. Our dream is that streets, towns and villages will ring with the sound of Christmas music and local voices. You can find all the set lists and lyric sheets over at the [Really Lovely Projects website](#).