



**"A happy learning environment for all"**

**Friday 9th November 2018**

### PE SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who has returned a PE survey form. They were generally positive but there are questions raised that we would like to address. A couple of people asked if we could have a greater range of sports. This is a list of activities the children have had the opportunity to enjoy recently, please let us know if there is anything missing from the list that you would like us to include in the future: Basketball, Cricket, Tag Rugby, Football, Hockey, Athletics-long jump, throwing games, running, Trampoline, Skateboarding, Scooters, Roller Skating, Archery, Cheerleading, Rounders, Badminton, Kayaking (residential), High Ropes (residential), Hill Walking (residential), Multi-skills, Dance, Gymnastics, Swimming, Life saving, Cross-country, Netball, Ball skills, Orienteering, Parachute Games, Circle Games.

The National Curriculum says that all children should be able to swim 25m using a range of strokes by the end of Y6. While it would be lovely to take all the children every year it is logistically only possible to take Y2-Y6 for a 6 week block annually. Children who have achieved the 25m then have a chance to learn life saving skills.

### REMEMBRANCE CONCERT TONIGHT 6.30pm

**The school choir will be taking part in the Remembrance Concert at the Church tonight.**

**Tickets are £7, free for under 16s.**

### PREVENT TRAINING AND LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE

Last week all the staff and governors underwent Prevent and WRAP training to ensure that the team has a greater understanding of extremism and terrorism and how to report anyone who we think might be vulnerable to radicalisation. We have also revisited our lockdown procedure, which would be used in case of any significant event or disturbance which might result in us having to keep the children safe within school. In the unlikely event of such a situation we would contact parents as soon as is practicable but ask parents not to come to school until instructed by the emergency services, and not to phone so as to leave lines of communication open for the school to use. Our principal priority would be to make sure that the children are kept safe. We carry out fire drills half termly and flood and lockdown drills annually. These are observed by a governor and records are kept.

### NURSERY NEWS

Next week the letter of the week will be 'I' and we will be reading 'The Story of Sita and Rama'.

Don't forget Children in Need is next Friday, please come in dressed as a member of your family but also make sure they wear sensible shoes and bring a coat. £1 for the charity please.

If your child doesn't yet have wellies in nursery could you please send some in, we do go outside in all weathers.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week children discussed which after school clubs they would like from January. We have already had an offer from a parent who will run a backgammon club, but the children would also like tennis, cricket and basketball. If you would be interested in running one of these please speak to Mrs Bowden.

### TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This week we held a meeting with Martin Eddy to discuss options for traffic calming at the beginning and end of the school day to help improve both driving and parking. Several ideas were considered and Mr Eddy will be back in touch with us once he has more information. In the meantime we thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

### 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. 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 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.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

This year's Children in Need is on Friday 16th November. We are asking children to pay £1 each and come dressed as a member of their family. It can be anyone in the family but please ensure the children have suitable footwear and coats for breaktimes.



### REMEMBRANCE



The Remembrance display has been up in the library all week and each of the children has painted a poppy to decorate the church this evening. They have also each written a piece of work that will also be displayed and some will be read out.

Please see overleaf for Paul's work.

Dewey class walked down to the village memorial to look at the names of the men who gave their lives.

This morning we held a special assembly and observed a minutes silence.

### TERM DATES AND STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Dates for both 2018-19 and 2019-20, as well as dates when the school will be closed for staff training, are on the school website.

We hope that by given you advanced notice you will be able to book holidays during times when the school is closed.

### CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 7.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

£10 per person-wreath ring, oasis and foliage provided, please bring your own scissors and decorations/candles etc. Part of the admission cost will go to school funds.

Please book in advance at the school office or phone 01579 320580

### PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2.00PM

Please support us at the forthcoming Christmas Fair. Are you able to bring in a cake, cupcakes, biscuits or mince pies for the refreshments and cake stall? They don't have to be home made! If so, could you please complete and return the slip below, so that we know how many to expect, thank you.

### PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
I am able to provide a cake/cupcakes/biscuits/mince pies (please delete as applicable) for the Christmas Fair. I will bring them into school on the morning of 20th November.

Bombs fell from aeroplanes  
On tanks the soldiers they fought  
Machine guns fired  
Bayonets stabbed  
Enemies attacked  
Red blood burst



Plants that grew were poppies  
Land was wrecked  
Amazing trees grew back  
Now life was happy  
Even new life came  
So remember these soldiers that  
fought for us

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

**CHILDREN'S JUNGLE BOOK** St Neot Village Hall Saturday 10th November 2.00 and 5.00pm. Tickets £2, accompanied children at 2pm performance free, at 5pm performance £1. Please support the children of our area.