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"A happy learning environment for all"

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ST NEOT SCHOOL TERM TIME ABSENCE From September 2016 all absence requests will be taken to the governors and no absences will be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. These might include having to attend a funeral, unavoidable medical appointments, days of religious observance and external examinations, but not just because holidays are cheap or that family members can only take holiday during term time. All applications for term time absence will need to be brought into school at least 4 weeks before the date required with the exception of last minute emergencies or funerals. Term dates are available from the office and on the website to enable you to plan your holidays.

LETTER TO ALL SCHOOLS FROM NICK GIBB, MP, REGARDING TERM TIME ABSENCE

It remains the case that headteachers continue to have the power to authorise leave of absence, but only in exceptional circumstances. While family holidays are enriching experiences, the school year is designed to give families the opportunity for these breaks without having to disrupt their children's education. It is for schools to consider the specific details and relevant context behind each request. Schools know their pupils best and are well placed to make those judgements.

WALKING ON WEDNESDAY

WOW will continue this year with Mrs Bennett meeting the children at the entrance to the park at 8.45am. This is to encourage more children to walk and to ease congestion round the school by parents parking in the village car park. This week 28 children took part. If you have any ideas how we can increase the number of participants we would be grateful.

CHANGES TO MENU

On Thursday 29th and Friday 30th September the menu will swap so that Thursday will be Fish Fingers or BBQ Bean Wrap and Friday will be Beef Bolognese or Quorn Burger. On Thursday 6th October Donna will be cooking a special menu of Southern baked chicken fillet with wedges or Macaroni cheese with garlic and herb bread.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd-Wednesday 28th September 3.00pm	Book Fair
Monday 26th September	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28th September	Parent Consultations
Thursday 29th September 2.00pm	Harvest Festival
Friday 7th October 9.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall
Monday 10th October	Individual photos-if you would like photos with older or younger siblings please be in school for 8.45am
24th-28th October	Half Term
Friday 18th November	Children in Need-Wear Something Spotty £1 per child
Thursday 8th December 1.30 and 6.00pm	Christmas Play-please collect your child from the church after the performance
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Party with special visitor
Friday 16th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 4th January	First day of Spring Term



LOVENY CLASS VISIT TO ROYAL CORNWALL MUSEUM

Loveny Class had an exciting trip on Tuesday. They saw a life-size model of the world's fastest car and built mini versions of their own using Knex. Hudson, Beatrice and Chinmayi built an air powered car which travelled the furthest.

FOWEY CLASS VISIT TO TRURO CATHEDRAL

Fowey Class had a brilliant time at Truro Cathedral learning about its history and importance. We all dressed up as members of the church community and processed through the cathedral to the altar. We all sat in the Bishop's chair, and sang Big Man from the choir stalls. We also each made a finger puppet.

BOOK FAIR 23RD-28TH SEPTEMBER

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from 3.00pm each day, please come and have a browse and perhaps get ahead with your Christmas present list! There is a competition for each of the children, please see attached sheets.

OUR SCHOOL APP

If you haven't yet downloaded Our School App yet and would like to, here are the instructions

1. Using the relevant device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), search for 'OurSchoolsApp' on your app store, Google play for Android or iTunes for Apple devices.
2. Download the 'APP'.
3. In the search bar in the 'APP' put the postcode of or the name of the school.
4. Hit the search button.
5. Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
6. Confirm your choice by pressing OK.
7. You will now be presented with the 'APP' for the school which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and any other relevant details.

HARVEST FESTIVAL THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2.00pm

Please join us for our Harvest Festival celebration. We ask that each child brings in an item for the Harvest Table, perhaps fruit or vegetables, tin or packets. The produce will be donated to St Neot Church and auctioned on Sunday 2nd October in aid of Christian Aid and Cornwall Air Ambulance and tins and packets will go to the Food Bank.



SPORTS CREW NEWS

The Sports Crew have had their first meeting of the year and created a mind map of sports they enjoy and would like to do in school. They have decided to run mini sports competitions at lunchtime, this Friday KS1 did a hula hoop challenge and KS2 will do a rugby slalom challenge soon.

AFRICAN DANCE AND DRUMS Friday 14th October

On 14th October we are having a day of African drums and Dance and a non-uniform day. Instead of asking for a cash donation we ask that each child brings in a prize suitable for the Christmas Fair tombola or raffle.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 7TH OCTOBER 9AM

Please join us in raising money for this fantastic charity by joining us for coffee and cake in the school hall. Children will be able to buy cupcakes which will be on sale at breaktime for 50p each.



PARENT HELPERS

Do you have any free time to come in and listen to children read? The help we get from parents and other family members is invaluable in developing children's reading skills. If you are able to help please see the class teacher or ask for more information from the office. A DBS check will need to be undertaken.

Y5 and Y6 OPEN EVENING AT LISKEARD SCHOOL

The date for the open evening is 28th September from 6-8pm, not 29th as previously stated.