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PUPIL INDEPENDENCE

Pupil entrances are open at 8.45am, children in Dewey Class please enter through the classroom door. Children in Loveny and Fowey please enter through the pupil entrance. End of school is at 3.10pm. Now that Dewey Class children have been here for a term we encourage them all to be independent and come into school on their own.

NEWS FROM THE STUDENTS

Catherine Greaves and Joe Osborne, the students from Plymouth University, have settled in well at St. Neot. Catherine has been working on labelling the parts of a plant in science and the 'ew', 'f' and 'igh' phonemes in phonics with Dewey class. Joe has been working on identifying obtuse, acute and right angles in maths and researching animals in their habitats with Fowey class.

IBOUNCE TRIP

Don't forget the trip to iBounce for Y1-Y6 on Tuesday. If you have indicated that your child already owns trampolining socks please ensure they are named and brought to school. Can all children please come to school wearing tracksuit bottoms and a school t-shirt and sweatshirt/cardigan. Children will also need a bottle of water and a healthy snack.

ST NEOT NURSERY NEWS

Congratulations to Elodie and her family who welcomed a baby boy this week.
Next week's Percy the Park Keeper focus will be foxes, children are welcome to bring an item related to this for show and tell.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Well done to the team who this week beat Calstock 3-2. The team did really well to come from behind to win and there were great shots from Edward and Jacob E. Thank you to all the parents who come and give such fantastic and enthusiastic support.

PUB QUIZ

The London Inn has kindly offered to run a quiz on behalf of the school on Thursday 26th January 7.30pm, free cheeseboard for every team. Maximum of 6 people per team, £2 per person.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

We have had a good response to the cross country club but there are still spaces if your child would like to take part. Mrs Eldridge has kindly offered to run a cross country club on Fridays afternoons from 2.00-3.00pm for children in Year 3 and up. The children may go out of the school grounds to run so will need clothes and trainers which you don't mind getting muddy. If your child would like to take part please complete and return the slip below.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

The Education Welfare Service provides support for schools to meet their statutory requirements for pupil attendance, children missing education and juvenile employment. The Education Welfare Officers support schools to monitor and improve attendance in line with targets set by Government for all schools. This now includes a new referral threshold at <90% attendance; the threshold was previously <85%. At present we have 2 children below 90% and 3 just above. As a school we have a duty to report any children that have dropped below the threshold which will trigger involvement from the EWS. Approved absence includes illness and medical appointments. As you are aware the governors have decided not to authorise any holiday taken during term time. Term dates are available from the school office and on the website to enable you to plan your holidays.

SCHOOL PANTO TRIP

We all really enjoyed our trip to the panto last week and were very proud of the children's excellent behaviour, they were a credit to the school. Liv said 'I really like the joke about the ear rake and when the dragon flew', Abi said' I liked that there were jokes for children and adults, and the way the talking and music came together was great', Drew said ' I really liked the costumes, and the dragon was very impressive'.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week the School Council wrote a letter to the PTA thanking them for fundraising to subsidise the trip to the Pantomime and telling them how much the children all enjoyed the trip.

SPORTS CREW NEWS

This week the Sports Crew helped Miss Kelly think of questions to put on this year's PE survey which the children all took part in this morning. The outcome of the survey will be shared next week and will help towards our next accreditation.

SAINSBURY ACTIVE KID VOUCHERS

We are once again collecting vouchers and would be very grateful for any you might collect whilst shopping, the box is in the reception foyer. Last year we were able to get skipping ropes, bean bags and other outside games for the playground.

ITEMS NEEDED

Do you have any out of date or unwanted rice, pasta or lentils? If so we would very much appreciate them, thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS to former pupil Andrew who has been selected to play rugby for Cornwall Under 16s this weekend against Dorset in Plymouth. We will let you know the result next week.

If you have any news of recent achievements you would like to share in our newsletter please let Dee know by Friday.

CROSS COUNTRY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Name of Child_____

My child would like to take part in the cross country club. I understand that they will need clothing and footwear which may get muddy. I give permission to run outside of the school grounds under adult supervision.

Signature of Parent/Carer_____