



**WELCOME BACK.** We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting Spring term.

#### PANTOMIME VISIT

We all really enjoyed our visit to the theatre last Friday. We had a lovely email from a parent which said 'The theatre staff were very impressed at how organised the children and staff of St Neot school were entering the theatre and finding their seats. The lady said that some schools turn up and have no idea who's sitting where and it's chaotic but our school was brilliant. Personally I thought our children behaved amazingly. I felt very proud as a parent and a PTA member.' Becky said 'The pantomime was marvellous', Faith said 'I really enjoyed the Indian dancing and the big crocodile. The costumes were really colourful', Jacob E said 'It was really fun joining in and Mr Smee was funny', Lilly J said 'I liked the turtle because he was funny', Connor said 'Peter Pan was so realistic, you could hardly see the strings', Beatrice, Summer and Chinmayi said 'we really liked the crocodile, he was so scary' **THE SCHOOL COUNCIL** would like to thank the PTA for arranging such a wonderful event. The panto was fabulous and made us laugh.

#### READING FOR PLEASURE SURVEY

You should have received a survey today about your child's reading habits at home. We would appreciate it if you could complete and return this survey by Friday 26th January; this will help with our forward planning. The children have already completed their own survey at school with interesting results which we will share after all the information has been collated. Thank you.



#### NURSERY NEWS

Next week our letter sound is 't' and we will be reading The Three Little Pigs. The theme is Once Upon a Time. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Woodworth-Franks, grandparents of Evie and Olivia, who made a very generous donation to the nursery which has enabled us to buy new toys and resources for all the children to enjoy. Could we remind you to please send your child to Nursery with weather appropriate clothing, hats but no scarfs please (snoods are fine). Thank you.

#### FOOTBALL NEWS

On Monday the team played Dobwalls drawing 2-2. A parent reported that at one point it seemed like the team were going to lose but they put their heads down, worked as a team and brought it back to a draw. Well done team.

#### TOTS AND TEDS

Tots and Teds will take place on Tuesdays from 9-11am in the school hall, 50p per session, 0-4 years, everyone welcome. Why not come along for a cuppa and a chat while you child plays.

#### NURSERY STAFF NEEDED

Would you be interested in working in the Nursery on a casual basis. We are looking for someone who can cover occasional absences at short notice. Experience would be useful and a DBS check would be needed. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Bowden.

#### EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE

In the event of bad weather or other extreme circumstances Mrs Bowden will make the decision with the Chair of Governors whether to open the school late, close early or close altogether. Notice will be sent to Cornwall Council and they will inform local radio stations who will broadcast any closure information., A text message will be sent to all parents who have provided a mobile phone number. A full list of closures can be found at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/current-school-closures/>

#### PLYMOUTH HALF MARATHON

Mr and Mrs Gouge, along with other members of the Caradon Hockey Club, will be running the Plymouth Half Marathon on May 20th for 10 charities including Cornwall Air Ambulance and Children's Hospice South West. If you would like to sponsor them please speak to Mrs Gouge.

#### HOMEWORK REMINDER

A reminder that homework is sent home on a Friday to be returned no later than the following Thursday please. Spellings and times tables tests are on Thursday.

#### PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY STUDENT TEACHER

We welcome Miss Amy Stephenson who will be in Dewey Class for the rest of this term.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th-16th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 13th March	Parent consultations
Wednesday 15th March	Parent consultations
26th March 3.30pm	Y5 meeting with Liskeard School
Thursday 29th March 1.30pm	Easter Assembly
Thursday 29th March	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Monday 16th April	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

#### BREAKFAST AND SNACKS

We are getting some children arriving at school hungry and with no snack. Please make sure your child has breakfast before you leave home and that they bring a healthy snack for breaktime. If you would prefer your child to join us for breakfast club where they can eat then please book in, your child can arrive from 8.00 and the daily cost is £2 which includes breakfast.

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

**Liskeard Silver Band** is holding an Open Evening to recruit youngsters (aged 7+) to come and learn to play a brass instrument. The event is being held at the Salvation Army Hall in Liskeard from 6.30-7.30 pm on Wednesday, 24th January Would you like to learn to play a cornet, trombone, horn or baritone? Come and find out for yourself at our Open Evening. Everyone welcome. Liskeard Silver Band provides free tuition to members and the loan of an instrument.