



WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY EASTER. TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM , WE HOPE YOU HAVE A LOVELY HOLIDAY, WE'LL SEE YOU ALL ON MONDAY 19TH APRIL.

If you or any of your bubble receives a positive Covid test at any time, could you please let us know by emailing [secretary@st-neot.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-neot.cornwall.sch.uk), thank you.

#### HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

On Tuesday we sent home the new home school agreement. If you haven't already done so, could you return your child's signed copy by tomorrow, 1st April, please.

**LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM THURSDAY 1ST APRIL  
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM MONDAY 19TH APRIL**

#### SUN HATS AND SUN CREAM

As the weather is now getting warmer could you please send your child to school with sun cream and a sun hat, both with names on. They will still need a waterproof coat please.

#### NURSERY NEWS

We wish you all a very happy Easter. When we return our theme will be Senses and we will be reading 'Head to Toes'. Please make sure you apply sun lotion before nursery each day, we will top up during the day, and remember to send your child in with a sun hat, thank you. Nursery parent consultations will be taking place in May. Letters will be going home tomorrow, please make sure you send back your completed form as soon as possible please so that we can arrange suitable times for you.

#### THANK YOU

Dee would like to give a massive thank you to everyone who has supported Marie Curie by sending in donations this month, an incredible £161.70 has been raised. One night's nursing costs around £200 so this collection will go a long way to helping someone locally to have the care they need.

**PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR A LETTER TO THE CHILDREN FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION.**

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

**CARADON YOUTH THEATRE AUDITIONS FOR MOANA** for children aged 7-16. Auditions 7-8 April, pre-audition Zoom meeting 3rd April Pre-register at [engage@earlyenergy.co.uk](mailto:engage@earlyenergy.co.uk) Performances during July/August at Liskeard Public Hall.

**BLACKBIRD PIE** free e-magazine with idea and competitions for the Easter holidays. <https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/blackbirdpie-2021-easter/>

**WILD TRIBE LIVE!** Following the recent success of our Wild Tribe Spring Nature Explorers sessions check out our YouTube channel. We are delighted to announce that during the Easter holidays we will be delivering 'Wild Tribe Live Sessions' for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. You will be able to develop your skills as Nature Explorers through the great outdoors. There will be access to some Easter themed videos with the aim of inspiring you to #GetOutGeActiveGetCreative. Register at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeLrwCgcMFnuYX7oLAJ2Uy8LL\\_GTDXLdvi79K78ImJ4hVILQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeLrwCgcMFnuYX7oLAJ2Uy8LL_GTDXLdvi79K78ImJ4hVILQ/viewform)

## **A letter to young people from Gavin Williamson MP, Secretary of State for Education**

I wanted to let you all know how grateful I am for the way you have responded to the huge challenges you have all faced throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

Whether this is your first year at school or your final year of college, I know the disruption you have all faced to your education since the pandemic began has been incredibly challenging and has meant completely changing the way you learn - either learning remotely at home or continuing at school or college with fewer of your friends around you and lots of safety measures in place.

Whether you were at home or at school, the disruption last term and throughout last year asked a lot of you and your families. I am filled with admiration for the incredible way you all responded and the resilience you have shown. Not being in school or college with your teachers and friends was a huge sacrifice. Everything you did, with the help of your families and your schools and colleges, and everything you missed out on - time in school, taking exams, seeing friends, playing sport and much more - made such a huge difference to helping us stop the spread of the virus. I want to say a huge thank you to all of you.

Getting all young people back into school and college safely has been my priority throughout the pandemic. I know how vital it is not just for your education but also to spend time with your friends and to feel happy and secure. All our lives have changed a lot in the past year but the challenges that young people have faced have been some of the hardest. I will continue doing everything in my power to make sure that all of you are supported to boost any areas of work you've had less time at school to study, get the qualifications you deserve and have the opportunities you need to succeed.

Continuing to follow all the safety measures your schools and colleges have worked hard to put in place, as well as taking a test twice a week, is so important and helps us to stop the virus spreading. The testing that thousands of you have been taking part in at school and college is a vital part of this. I am so grateful to you and all the staff who have supported you to do this. I know your schools and colleges have worked incredibly hard to prepare you to test yourself at home.

As most of you at secondary school and college move to testing yourself regularly at home, it's vital that you continue to test and report online twice a week through the Easter holidays and after you return to school. Home testing twice a week for you and everyone you live with makes a huge difference and means you are playing a really important role in helping us move back to a more normal way of life. Your school or college will continue to support you and make sure you have tests. You and your family can also find out more about home testing [here](#).

I was delighted to see the enthusiasm with which so many of you returned to school at the beginning of March and I am sure you have had a wonderful few weeks catching up with your friends and teachers. It was fantastic to meet pupils delighted to return to school on my visits to schools like Arden Academy and Bedford Free School and to see so many more of your reunions on social media. I hope that the new term will be just as enjoyable and successful for all of you.

**Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP, Secretary of State for Education**