



NURSERY NEWS

Next week our theme continues to be Autumn and we will be reading 'The Prickly Hedgehog'.

We are inviting children to bring in an item for show and tell, please can it be linked to the theme, and please only send on one item.

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you must now apply for your child's school place. This is done online at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

Can you please make sure you send in your child's home/school book every day your child is in Nursery; it is a really important communication tool for us all.

HEALTHY SCHOOL

As you know, we have Healthy School status, and as such we encourage children to bring in healthy snacks like fruit, cereal bars, fruit bars or breadsticks. We also ask for healthy packed lunches. We ask that you don't send in children with crisps, biscuits, sweets or chocolate. Thank you.

CINDERELLA

We are pleased to tell you that we have booked tickets to see the pantomime Cinderella at The Hall for Cornwall on Friday 3rd December. The visit will be during school hours and is being subsidised by funds raised by the PTA. A letter will be going home soon, please complete and return it as soon as possible, thank you.

HOMEWORK

If you have any concerns or questions about homework please don't hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher or Mrs Bowden.

INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS

Photos will be taken in school on Friday 24th September. If you would like a photo taken with siblings who do not attend the school or Nursery please arrive at 8.40am.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please collect your child from after school clubs at the front entrance, thank you. There are still spaces in Choir (Y1-Y6) and Activity Blast (Y1-Y2), if your child would like to join please contact the office.

HOUSE POINTS

This week's house points have been awarded to children who have worked hard, been polite and helpful and gone above and beyond to help the school run smoothly.

Aylward: 64 Davy: 79 Treverbyn: 70

Well done to you all.

HARVEST FESTIVAL THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 1.30PM IN ST NEOT CHURCH.

Parents are invited to join us for Harvest Festival but we are limiting guests to two adults per family please. We are asking for donations of food tins or packets for the Liskeard and Looe Foodbank, for example, tinned fruit, toiletries, tea and coffee, longlife milk, snacks for children's lunchboxes. Could your child please bring in their donation on 30th and they will take it over to the Church.

The PTA hope to serve refreshments afterwards.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations are taking place in person this year. Appointments have been sent home today.

PTA EVENTS

The PTA meeting went very well this week and we have lots of ideas for fundraising.
24th September 3.30pm The Great St Neot Duck Race at St Neot Playground. £1 per duck, please send money in a named envelope to the office. Cakes on sale near the pavilion.

Wednesday 20th October-Autumn Disco-more details to follow

Thursday 25th November 8.00pm-Quiz Night at The London Inn

November- Christmas Fair in the School Hall

The 100 Club will also be run this year, look out for the application form in your child's bag next week.

PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

We sometimes get requests for absence during term time, and while we are sympathetic to these requests we are unable to authorise absence except in exceptional circumstances, for example attending a funeral, unavoidable medical appointments, days of religious observance or external examinations. This week we have received the following guidance from Cornwall Council regarding penalties for unauthorised absence.

Starting with the academic year 21/22, the threshold for Penalty Notices requests, in regard to all forms of unauthorised absence, will increase from 10 to 12 sessions. This decision has been taken to reflect the demographic of Cornwall, where taking a family holiday, to have concentrated, dedicated family time and 'time out', that is so important to all our welfare, must be balanced against the low wages and high levels of seasonal employment, which are a significant consideration for so many of our families. In addition, many families will not have taken holidays over the last two summer seasons of the pandemic and for some, that dedicated family time is long overdue. We cannot stress enough the significance that stable family and home lives play in positive outcomes for our children, and recognise that family holidays play a role in this.

We recognise that taking children out of school during term time is far from ideal, and should not, except in the most exceptional of circumstances, be authorised. This change is in line with our neighbouring Council of Plymouth, who have also recently raised their threshold for issuing Penalty Notices. We feel that this change strikes the right balance between sending a clear message about unauthorised absence in term time, whilst recognising the needs and challenges of our community.

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

RAINBOW RIBBON WALK-Cancer Research UK celebrate 25 years of Relay for Life with a walk at Siblyback Lake on Sunday 25th September 1-4pm. Tombola, games and prizes.