



NURSERY NEWS

Next week we will be reading 'The Night Before Christmas' and learning the nursery rhyme 'Hickory Dickory Dock'. Your home challenge this week is for your child to kick a ball to and fro to a family member, please send us photos.



Could we ask that all children bring in a warm hat please, we do go outside in all weathers.

Don't forget to let us know if your child wants to come to the Nursery party on 15th December, if they are not already in that day.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for all your support for Children in Need, we raised a magnificent **£174.60**.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We have sold a lot of pre-loved uniform over the last few weeks. If you have any uniform, particularly polo shirts, PE shirts, sweatshirts or cardigans, that your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful to have it, thank you.

MUSIC LESSONS WITH HEATHER TAYLOR

In the new year Miss Taylor hopes to start music lessons in school, these will be group sessions including piano, singing, violin and flute.

During these paid sessions, children will take part in musical activities and listening games, learn music terminology and basic theory, understand rhythm and pitch, and also have the opportunity to compose their own tunes. They will also learn about composers and famous compositions.

All sessions are intended to instil a love of music and also to have fun while learning. If your child would be interested in starting music lessons please contact the office.

ONLINE SAFETY REMINDER

It is vital that your child understands the importance of staying safe online. Children are reminded regularly at school about how dangerous it is to accept friend requests from people they don't know. We advise that you check your child's online activity regularly and talk openly to them about it. Further advice can be found following this link <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

ARRIVING LATE AT SCHOOL

When a child arrives late at school it causes huge disruption. An adult has to leave their work to come up to the gate, the child disturbs the class when they enter and the child is also missing out on education. At this time when we are doing all we can to help children catch up with missed learning from the summer term, every minute counts. This also affects Donna as she gathers numbers of children who want school dinners. The front gate is open from 8.45-8.55, please ensure that you are on time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th December Last day for sending in cards, these will be distributed by the end of term
15th December Wear a Christmas jumper to school, Christmas lunch today
17th December Christmas class party, non-uniform, please do not send food
18th December Last day of term, school closed at 1.15pm, no Riverside today
6th January First day of Spring term (school closed for staff training on 4th and 5th January)



Don't forget to take a walk around the Doorstep Green next week, the children's decorations will be on the tree by the school gate.

HEALTHY SNACKS



Once again children have been bringing in unsuitable snacks for break time. Sugary treats can make children sluggish so we encourage healthy snacks such as fruit, vegetables, breadsticks, cheese and crackers. These will give them an energy boost until lunchtime.

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

KERBSIDE CAROLS 'Kerbside Carols' invites people to sing in their streets through a live [Facebook feed](#) broadcast from Lostwithiel, Cornwall. The singing sessions will go live at 8pm every Thursday in December until Christmas Eve. Each evening we will lead three carols with live accompaniment, followed by a short reading or poem to celebrate the season. We want everyone to adorn their doorsteps, gardens, balconies or living rooms with light and amplification and sing along with us. Our dream is that streets, towns and villages will ring with the sound of Christmas music and local voices. You can find all the set lists and lyric sheets over at the [Really Lovely Projects website](#).