



### WELCOME BACK

It has been lovely to have everyone back in school this week, and the children have settled in brilliantly. Can we please remind you that children should be dropped at the school gate by **8.55am** at the latest, this is to ensure that learning isn't disrupted by late arrivals.

Dr Susan Hopkins Covid-19 Strategic Response Director to Public Health England and Chief Medical Adviser to NHS Test and Trace said: Schools re-opening for all students is important for children's wellbeing and mental health as well as their learning. Outside of schools, it remains crucial that current restrictions are followed.

**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.**

### DRUM AND GUITAR LESSONS

**DRUMS**-drum lessons will not be starting until after Easter, Tom will contact parents of children who are already having lessons. If your child would like to start drum lessons please see the information at <https://cornwallmusic tuition.com/about/apply/>

**GUITARS**-guitar lessons will be starting on Tuesday afternoons beginning on 16th March, with Mr Arundell. We have several children already signed up but if your child would like to start lessons then please see the information at <https://www.cornwallmusic servicetrust.org>. Lessons cost £5.25 per week, 30 lessons per year.

**HUGE THANKS** to Mr Mort who has not only made us a new planter for outside the front door but has also filled it and removed the old one. We are so grateful for all Mr Mort does for us at school.



### Commonwealth Day 2020 Affirmation

Let us now stand to pledge ourselves afresh to uphold and serve the values and fellowship of the Commonwealth.

#### The Affirmation

- We affirm that every person possesses unique worth and dignity.
- We affirm our respect for nature, and that we will be stewards of the earth by caring for every part of it, and for it as a whole.
- We affirm our belief in justice for everyone, and peace among peoples and nations.
- Joining together in kinship and affinity, in diversity and unity, as members of a worldwide family of nations, we build on shared inheritances.
- We cooperate with mutual respect and goodwill to deliver a common future for the good of all.
- Through Commonwealth connection we learn from one another, and innovate to transform our communities, our nations and our world.

#### Response

- We affirm our belief in the Commonwealth as a powerful influence for good in the world, and pledge ourselves to its service, now and for the future.

### REMINDER

A reminder that the last day of the Spring term is Thursday 1st April and we return to school on Monday 19th April. The remaining INSET days for the year are now Friday 28th May, Thursday 22nd July and Friday 23rd July.

### UNIFORM AND HAIR

Can we remind you that all children with long hair must have it tied back, thank you. We have plenty of uniform in stock, both new and pre-loved, if you need anything please let Dee know and she'll send it home. We know that it is difficult to buy shoes at the moment, and children can wear trainers to school until Easter.

### NURSERY NEWS

Welcome back to all the children and a special welcome to Archie and Acacia. Our theme for the term is Farming and Easter. Next week our letter sound will be 'p' and we will be reading 'Pig in the Pond'.

### Y6 TRANSITION

Liskeard School have told us that Y6 transition will go ahead on site in July, the dates are 8th and 9th July with an information evening on 8th as well. Obviously this will depend on government guidelines at the time.

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

**Kids read more when we Turn On The Subtitles.** We wanted to let you know how this brilliantly simple, free, small change to children's existing TV viewing habits can drastically improve their reading skills. Here is Stephen Fry to explain the benefits of turning on the subtitles in more detail. [www.turnonthesubtitles.org/parents](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org/parents)

Children often watch television between 4pm and 6pm. **Just a reminder that turning on the subtitles while children are watching TV can greatly improve their reading skills. A quick and simple way to make TV time, reading time. #TurnOnTheSubtitles**

'Monuments Matter to People' is an opportunity for economically inactive or unemployed people from Liskeard, Torpoint or Saltash to participate in a free blended learning course designed to boost confidence, wellbeing and provide training opportunities to get people back into work and/or education. To give a bit of background: : Funded by the European Social Fund, this is an opportunity for those who need it most to benefit from education and training, as well as the opportunities to meet people, get outdoors, and volunteer in the conservation of scheduled monuments. We are providing PPE, lunch, travel/childcare costs as well as the staffing costs of our partners: Adult Education, Rame Conservation Trust, Samaritans and Cornwall Archaeological Unit. This really is a great opportunity and we hope that we will be able to start in March depending on government guidelines and restrictions. <https://www.cornwall-aonb.gov.uk/monuments-matter-to-people>