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Glassy Maid, Contrary Mary, Usborne Books, Scentsy Candles, The Scarf Ladies, Neal's Yard, Lilybug, Marie Curie and Sharon's Christmas Stockings Refreshments and Raffle Y6Teddy Tombola



Donations of cakes, biscuits or mince pies gratefully received

#### REMEMBRANCE CONCERT

The concert in Church last Friday was a very moving occasion. The children's work looked fantastic and the choir sang beautifully. Our thanks to Elowen who laid the wreath on behalf of the school at the war memorial on Sunday. We were pleased to hear that over £500 had been raised for the British Legion at the Concert.

#### **GOVERNOR UPDATE**

At the meeting of the Governing Board this week Ben Jones was voted in as Chair. We thank Dorothy Tamblyn for fulfilling the role for the last two years and look forward to working with Mr Jones.

We are extremely appreciative of the time, skills, care and attention that our governors give to us so that the school is given the chance to thrive and children have opportunities to succeed. We know that the role of governors often goes unnoticed but we would like to celebrate all that they do and recognise the vital role of your governing board in the school's development and success.

## **FOOTBALL NEWS**

The team showed great perseverance to achieve the 0-0 draw this week against Windmill Academy. The children all played with great determination and had some shots on goal. They are improving as a team every week. Thank you to all the parents who come to support us.

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CONGRATULATIONS to former pupil Kerensa S who last week played badminton for Cornwall and beat her opponent from Devon.

#### **NURSERY NEWS**

Next week the letter of the week will be 'n' and we will be reading 'Rufus and the Blackberry Monster' and 'The Gruffalo'.

The parent consultation list is up in the foyer, please fill in your name; if you can't make that day please arrange to come in at another time, we do like to see everyone please.

The Nursery children will be performing in the Christmas concert at the Church on Wednesday 12th December at 1.30pm, everyone welcome.

## **PIRATE FM CHRISTMAS JINGLE**

We are delighted to have been chosen to take part in the Pirate FM Christmas Jingle again this year; recording will be taking place in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Could we please ask that children bring in a Christmas hat/ antlers/tinsel or something festive as there will also be a video recording which will be going on the Pirate FM website. If you do not wish your child to be in the video let the office know in plenty of time, thank you.

# **CHILDREN IN NEED**

The children looked fantastic today, we had mums and dads, brothers and sisters, grandparents and siblings and even family pets! Thank you to everyone who made such a wonderful effort. We raised £128 which we will send off to Children in Need next week.

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF AN ARTICLE ABOUT WELLBEING AT ST NEOT SCHOOL

### TREVERBYN AND FOWEY VISIT TO TRURO CATHEDRAL

Treverbyn and Fowey Class had an amazing trip on Tuesday, including an exciting train ride both to and from Truro. The cathedral was very welcoming and the children enjoyed the workshop on Christian symbolism. We all dressed in various costumes of people who worked in the Cathedral and were led in procession to the high altar, where the children sang beautifully in front of the other visitors. We also completed a spotter trail around the cathedral to find different symbols and artefacts. All the children were brilliantly behaved and a credit to the school. A special thank you to all the adults who helped make the trip a success.



Summer said 'it was really interesting and fun', Mack said 'I liked the architecture, without the arches it wouldn't look so awesome', 'Kerenza said' it was fun going on the train instead of the bus and the spotter trail was really interesting', Hudson said 'it was nice to have a tour round, the baptistry was really cool'. Photos are on the website.

**COLD WEATHER** is forecast next week, please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat, gloves and a hat, all named please. No scarves.

PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ every night. and make sure you write a comment in the book so that we know where they have got up to, thank you.

## WELLNESS AND WELL-BEING AT ST NEOT SCHOOL

When we play, life gets better-Ali Oliver, CEO of the Youth Sport Trust
Children's lives are transformed by technology and at times this has
contributed to a decline in their wellbeingNeil Davidson, Chair of the Youth Sport Trust

The physical, emotional and social well-being of our children is at the heart of everything we do at St Neot School. We want happier, healthier children who achieve their potential. We promote this through:

- -Wild Tribe to inspire a love of the outdoors and empathy for our friends and for wildlife
- -A wide range of PE lessons and sporting opportunities to build up confidence, communication and teamwork
- -PSHE lessons to promote heathy relationships and understanding of the wider world
- -Sports Crew and School Council to give children leadership opportunities and pupil voice
- -Active lessons to promote 30 daily active minutes in addition to playtimes
- -Healthy cookery and understanding of health and hygiene in science
- -Teachers and teaching assistants attending CPD to ensure they are up-to-date with curriculum and sport delivery
- -E-safety promoted during computing lessons
- -Achievement assemblies to celebrate perseverance and successes
- -Global Days focusing on a range of inspiring issues such as local heroes, RE, artists to promote creativity.

We have recently launched a new initiative, Walk and Talk. Every Friday after our reading assembly, the whole school will spend 5 minutes before break time walking and talking with peers from all classes. We want to provide our children with as many opportunities as

possible to improve their confidence in communication and empathy.

### **SAFEGUARDING AND ONLINE SAFETY**

The NSPCC has released data showing that 1 in every 25 primary aged children had been sent or had seen an adult semi-naked image on their phones and 1 in every 50 had sent such an image. Please be aware of parental settings for your children and don't assume it won't happen to you.

We have received guidance about an app called TikTok, a way of posting videos of people lip-syncing to songs. Things to be aware of;

- Because the app allows users to create videos using current and popular music, some of the songs contain explicit swearing, sexual content and references that may be inappropriate for younger users.
- As users create their own content some videos posted in the app can contain inappropriate clothing or gestures. According to reviews on <a href="Common Sense Media">Common Sense Media</a> some parents have also reported seeing videos containing sexually suggestive or even explicit material.
  - Users also have the ability to interact and chat to other users of the app through the comment section under videos and the private messaging function. Private messages can only be sent between users who follow each other or are 'friends' and the messaging function can also be turned off entirely.