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Friday 18th November 2016

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR AND OPEN DAY

Thursday 24th November

The Christmas Fair will take place in the school hall on Thursday 24th November from 2.00pm.

Tables include sweets, gifts, crafts and cakes as well as refreshments and raffle.

If you would like a stall please contact the PTA or Dee.

We also thought it would be good for you to have the opportunity to see the school in action so please feel free to come in from 2.00pm to participate in phonics and SPAG lessons.

ST NEOT NURSERY

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items for the new Nursery. We have been given some really lovely things which we are sure the children will enjoy using.

WAR STORY

Following the work we have recently done at school about Remembrance, Sophie wrote a very moving story at home about a lad at war, which we have reproduced overleaf. We think you'll agree that it is a beautiful piece of writing that deserved to be shared. Thank you Sophie.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Cookery has now finished; IT and football finish on 21st November; Hockey finishes on 24th November; Badminton finishes on 7th December; Choir finishes on 1st December. Clubs will begin again in January.

THANK YOU to Mrs Eldridge who has volunteered to represent the school at cross country events. The staff are at full stretch running as many after school clubs as we can but if any parents can offer to help run a club we would be very grateful.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

The Parent and Toddler Group is held in school every Monday from 9.30-11.30am. £2 per session for parents with children from 0-3 years.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Following our fun day of archery last month the School Council asked Mrs Bowden if the school could have its own set of archery equipment. Using Sports Premium money we ordered over £900 of equipment which arrived this week and we are looking forward to using it soon.

SPORTS CREW NEWS

The Sports Crew have being keeping a weekly count of the team points; the current total is Davy-296, Trevithick-360 and Aylward-381.

Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof, named coat, thank you.

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND CAKES

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale outside the school from Monday at a cost of 50p a ticket-prizes include a Kindle Fire, shopping voucher and hampers.

Cakes are needed for the Christmas Fair, could any cakes be brought into school on Thursday morning please? Cuddly toys needed for a toy tombola to raise money for our 'School in a Bag' charity, please bring any cuddlies you no longer need into school by Wednesday, thank you.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Last week the football team played Hillfort, losing 1-0. This week they played Stoke C and won 8-0. Well done team, what a fantastic result.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Congratulations to the children who took part in the race at Lanhydrock last Friday. In the 3/4 girls race Jessica came 31st and Jasmine 125th; in the 3/4 boys race Samuel R came 30th and Charlie W 68th; in the 5/6 boys race Jacob E came 9th and Edward 25th. Well done everyone, and good luck to all those who are taking part in the race at Pensilva this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to former pupil Tamsin who is a aualified vet and recently made the news when she

x saved the life of a 82kg Great Dane. You can read all ★ about the story at www.kernowvetgroup.com/

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CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY

This morning we had a special assembly explaining why we are wearing spots and pyjamas to school today, and about how the money we raise is used.

The total raised in school and pre-school was £113 Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU

The total of money raised by selling poppies in school was £94.60. Thank you so much for your support.

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

Children and adults models wanted for Mackays Fashion Show on Friday 25th November at East Taphouse Hall. For more information please phone Denise Yeo on 01579 321638.

WARLEGGAN YOUNG FARMERS will be having a Santa's Grotto at Carnglaze Caverns on 3rd and 4th December during the Alternative Gift Fair. Face painting, crafts etc.

One Woeful War by Sophie

Running. I don't know where. Just running. Running away from all the noise. The guns. The shouting. The constant violence. The death. But you can't get away from it. You can't run away from war. You can never run away from war. It follows you around like a torpedo. It's horrible. All the lads, including me, thought it was a laugh at first, 'we'll be all back an' well soon!' one had said. He's dead now, poor lad.

Somewhere nearby a German soldier had started to fire a machine gun. It was right at me. I saw a small ditch and jumped into it. It would do. At least they couldn't get me. Ow. My arm hurts. It got shot through yesterday. The nurses are brill though, I'm telling you. I saw a shell go flying over my ditch. It sent mud flying into my eyes and mouth; oh well, it could have been worse. I imagined mum. Poor mum. Lost dad. Losing me. I'm certainly losing myself. Then I thought of the kids, the poor kids. They just think it funny. They won't. Then I thought of the country. They needed us. They needed me. Dad would be proud, I'm sure of it. Guns pounded my thoughts above, but I only have one thing on my mind. I will fight. I've got to. I raised my gun. The bullets ceased. This was my chance, I knew it.

I scrambled up to find no German soldiers, but four or five soldiers walking around dead bodies. 'One, two, three, four, five, six, we're one missing, where's Harold?' one shouted out. 'Here' I whispered. 'I heard sumfink, wait a minute Sarge, sir!' said one other whom I believed to be called Ben. 'Here...I'M HERE!' I cried, as frightened faces turned and stared at me. I ran. Not away this time but towards, to nurse, Mary, Ben, Sergeant Sir and a couple whom I could not remember names for. 'The Germans have left, surrendered! Ol' Sarge Sir here gave 'em hell of it, didn't you sarge? We're safe for now anyway!' cheered Ben.

But we weren't safe; you're never safe at war. The Germans didn't surrender, they wouldn't, it isn't right. They had a plan. A plan that has now been put into action. I knew it. I could just tell. They were coming. They were coming and there is no way back. The path is blocked. Five. Against Twelve. I think this is a battle that can never be won.