



**LETTER TO ALL SCHOOLS FROM NICK GIBB, MP, REGARDING TERM TIME ABSENCE**

It remains the case that headteachers continue to have the power to authorise leave of absence, but only in exceptional circumstances. While family holidays are enriching experiences, the school year is designed to give families the opportunity for these breaks without having to disrupt their children's education. It is for schools to consider the specific details and relevant context behind each request.

**ST NEOT SCHOOL TERM TIME ABSENCE** All absence requests will be taken to the governors and no absences will be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. These might include having to attend a funeral, unavoidable medical appointments, days of religious observance and external examinations. This applies only after the child's fifth birthday. All applications for term time absence will need to be brought into school at least 4 weeks before the date required with the exception of last minute emergencies or funerals. Term dates are available from the office and on the website to enable you to plan your holidays.

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY**

We have been invited by the Church to take part in the Grandparents' Day service on Sunday 17th September at 11am- the order of service is overleaf. Everyone welcome. The choir will be singing. All the children will be making an item to be displayed in the church explaining why their grandparent is important to them.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

This year's Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 28th September at **1.30pm in St Neot Church.** We are asking for donations of tins, packets and fresh produce which will be auctioned at the church service on Sunday 1st October. All money raised will go to Christian Aid.

**HEALTHY SNACKS**

Children in Foundation –Y2 receive a free piece of fruit daily. Children in Y3-Y6 need to bring in their own healthy break time snack, thank you.

**HELP AT SCHOOL**

Would you like to help the children with outdoor activities? If so, Mrs Bunt needs help with Wild Tribe on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays -please ask at the office for more details. We also always welcome people to listen to the children read. If you are able to give any time please speak to Mrs Bowden.

**NSPCC FUNDRAISING**

Our former Chair of Governors, Alastair Cuthbert, is walking the Great Wall of China in October in aid of the NSPCC. As a school we would like to support him and will be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 5th October, £2 per child please. There is a quiz at the London Inn on 28th September, all welcome, teams of up to 6, £2 per player, raffle.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alastair-cuthbert1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alastair-cuthbert1)

**GUITAR FOR SALE-NEARLY NEW**

Miss Hopkins and Mr Kaczmarek have kindly given us a guitar to sell, all money raised will go to the PTA fund. Please ask for details at the school office.

**MY HERO**

We will be having our next global day soon and our focus this time will be 'my hero'. There will be sessions throughout the day on the work of the RNLI, dialling 999 and rescue animals. For Children in Need this year we are asking children (and staff!) to dress as their hero-this can be a policeman, a nurse, a swimming lifeguard, just use your imagination. We are asking for donations of £1 per child to go to this amazing cause, thank you.

**MUSIC LESSONS**

Woodwind and keyboard lessons will take place on Wednesday 27th instead of Thursday 28th due to Harvest Festival, thank you.

**A REMINDER THAT DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL SITE, THANK YOU**

**NURSERY NEWS**

We welcomed Rosie and Rowan to Nursery this week. The letter of the week is 't' and next week's book is 'Elmer and Wilbur'. Show and tell is on Thursday and Friday only please. Don't forget wellies and waterproof coats if you haven't already brought them in for your child, thank you.

**TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME**

We are looking forward to our trip to the Pantomime at the Theatre Royal Plymouth on Friday 12th January (this is a change of date to that previously notified). This visit will be subsidised by the PTA- letters to follow soon.

**WALK IN VILLAGE PERMISSION, COLLECTION DETAILS AND RECORD SHEETS**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms. If you haven't already done so could you please return them by Monday 18th September thank you.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

During the week beginning 25th September there will be no Maths, Choir or Archery clubs, this is due to parent consultations, thank you.

**RIVERSIDE AND BREAKFAST CLUBS**

We are very pleased that so many of you are using the breakfast and Riverside Clubs; can you please ensure that you let us know in advance if your child will be attending, this is to ensure we have enough staff on duty. Breakfast Club runs from 8.10-8.45am and Riverside from 3.10-5.00pm.

**RECYCLING BANK**

You will have noticed the new recycling bank by the front gate. There is a list on the front of items which can be donated. Money raised will go to the Salvation Army with a small amount being given to the school. Thank you for your support.



**CATERING ASSISTANT VACANCY 7.5 HOURS A WEEK**

Are you interested in School Catering that fits around your family life? If so, why not join our friendly professional Catering team. Appropriate training will be given and smart uniforms provided. Please contact the Chartwells Area Manager on **07584616511** or email [cornwall.vacancies@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:cornwall.vacancies@compass-group.co.uk) for an application form.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| 26th September       | Parent consultations                 |
| 27th September       | Parent consultations                 |
| 21st-27th September  | Book Fair                            |
| 5th October          | Non-uniform day £1 to NSPCC          |
| 6th October          | Individual photos                    |
| 23rd –27th October   | Half term                            |
| 30th/31st October    | School closed for staff training     |
| Friday 17th November | Children in Need £1 donation-my hero |
| 20th December        | Last day of Autumn Term              |
| 4th/5th January      | School closed for staff training     |
| 8th January          | First day of Spring term             |
| 12th-16th February   | Half term                            |

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**Grandparents' Day Service**  
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**Sunday 17th September 11 a.m., St Neot Church**  
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**Order of Service:**  
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**Music**            Welcome and introduction  
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**Hymn:**            He's got the whole world in His Hands  
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**Opening Prayers**  
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**Reading**  
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**School choir** Praise Him, Praise Him  
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**Reading**        John 15, vs12-17  
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**Hymn:**            One more step along the world I go  
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**School Choir** Father, I Place Into Your Hands  
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**Prayers**        By Grandparents and Grandchildren  
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**Hymn:**            Lord of All Hopefulness  
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**Prayer Blessing**  
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**Hymn:**            You shall go out  
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**Closing**  
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**Church choir**  
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