

# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2018

Well the summer holidays seem a long way behind us now. A warm welcome back to school to our existing children and also to over 70 new starters. Everyone has settled into school life very well.

**HALF TERM** We break up for half term this Friday (19 October) at 3.15 pm. The children are **back to school on Wednesday 31 October** as we are taking Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 October as our training days.

**STAFFING** This term we welcome Miss Singh to our school. Miss Singh teaches Chough Class. We also welcome Mrs Payne who is covering the absence of Miss Saunders and teaching Puffin Class along with Mrs Thomas.

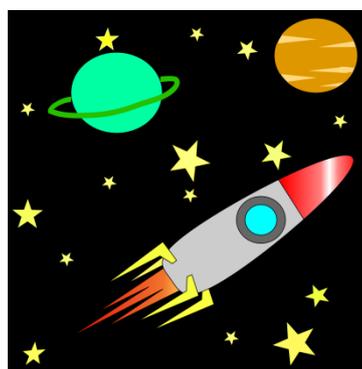
**HARVEST ASSEMBLY** We held our Harvest Assembly this week and collected food for St Ives Food Bank. Thank you so much for all your donations.



**NURSERY NEWS** This term, we have welcomed lots of new children into our

nursery. They have all settled in well and are getting used to the nursery routine.

Many of the Pipits are interested in Space. They have made rockets and space ships with the wooden blocks and have been busy in the creative area making everything from aliens to satellites!



They have also been thinking about their favourite colour and have brought items of that colour in from home to show each other.

The older Pipits have done a fantastic job of making everyone feel welcome and helping the new children.

**SCHOOL CHOIR** Mrs Jill Trewartha, who used to teach at our school, and is Mum to Mrs Hicks, has been continuing to help with our school choir by coming into school each week to play the piano. We are very grateful to her. Our Year 1 and Year 2 choir meets every Monday at 2.40 pm.



**BBC** As outlined in a letter to parents Miss Dean was interviewed recently for the BBC Sunday Politics programme and by Channel 4 News regarding the disparity in the government funding of our schools.

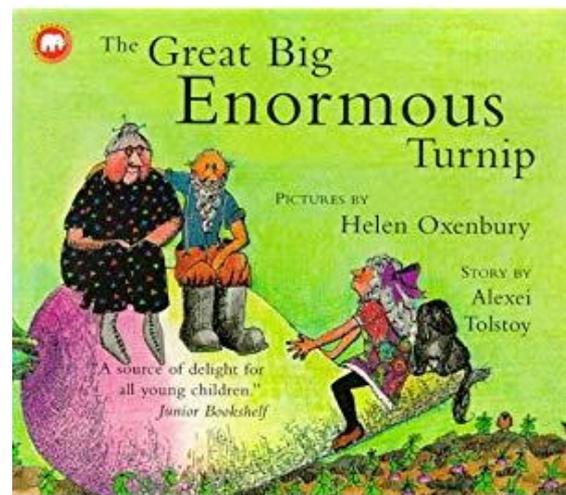
**SCHOOL COUNCIL** We held our school council elections at the end of September and each class now has two representatives.



**YEAR 2** Our Year 2 children have been learning about Healthy Living. They have thought about how to eat healthily and discussed different food groups and how to make a healthy snack. The children have also been learning about the value of exercise and the importance of hygiene.



In Literacy the children have read the story, 'The Enormous Turnip'. They have written their own version of the story.



In Maths the children are focusing on reading and writing numbers up to 100, learning how to order and partition numbers. They are also learning how to add and subtract single digits to and from a 2 digit number.



**RECEPTION** Since the Reception children have joined their new classes, they have been enjoying getting to know each other through sharing their summer holiday diaries, drawing and writing about their families, and painting portraits of themselves.



They have also enjoyed exploring their outdoor areas by building space rockets, making dens and riding on their scooters and bikes. They have enjoyed re-telling traditional stories and writing them together. Learning sounds has helped the children read back the stories. They have also learnt about changes in the seasons as we enter Autumn!



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**BREAKFAST CLUB** Our Breakfast Club runs each morning from 7.45 am. The children can arrive until

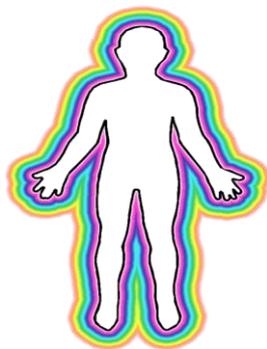
8.30 am, but after this time we cannot accept children. Breakfast Club costs £2.50 daily and we can accept either cash or a cheque. **Payment must be made in advance or on the day in order for children to attend.** If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding and attends our school they can attend for free. Breakfast Club is manned by teaching assistants. The children are given breakfast in the hall and then play in the Jubilee Room.



**NURSERY EXTRA HOURS** We are delighted to be able to offer parents additional nursery hours in excess of the 15 funded hours to which parents are entitled. Some working parents are entitled to an additional 15 hours free after applying for a funding code on the government's nursery funding website. Other families pay for extra hours.

It would help greatly with administration if those parents needing to pay could pop into the school office to pay each week. Many of you do and this makes our lives a lot easier.

**YEAR 1** All the children have settled well into their new classes and quickly established new routines. They have been busy drawing outlines of their bodies which they have filled with pictures and writing about their favourite things. This was completed with painted paper plate faces.



The children have also created 'all about me bags' to tell the whole class about themselves. They have made 'leaf people' and written adventure stories about them.



The children have enjoyed collecting Autumn treasures to look at and talk about.

Science lessons have been based on 'senses' with a focus on a different sense each week. The children have investigated the senses and recorded their ideas.

### **SQUASHBOX THEATRE**

Squashbox Theatre will be presenting 'Myths and Monsters', a journey through the stories and legends of ancient Greece, on Sunday 18 November at 2.30 pm in St Ives Guildhall. Tickets are available from the Visitor Information Centre at the Guildhall or online at [www.crbo.co.uk](http://www.crbo.co.uk)

### **HALF TERM FOOTBALL FUN**

**DAY** Scott Goodchild is running a football fun day at Ludgvan Lion's Den, TR20 8ES, on Friday 26 October from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm for children aged between 5 and 14 years of age. The cost is £10 per child. Please bring a football kit, boots, packed lunch and plenty of drinks. Registration is from 10.30 am. To book, ring or text Scott Goodchild with your child's name and age to 07763171524.