



# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

## SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS

Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Key Dates

**October Half Term** – Just a reminder that we break up for the October half term today and return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Upcoming phonics workshops for Reception classes will be announced soon.

**Christmas performance dates will be shared after the holidays!**

### Twitter

Chough class feature this week.



### FOSIIS

**Halloween Disco – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Resident DJ – SOGGY, who is kindly donating his time to support FOSIIS.



Nursery and Reception children 5.00 – 5.45pm. All children **must** be accompanied by an adult.

Year 1 and Year 2 children 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

Admission price £2.00 – **tickets available from the office**. A drink and a snack will also be available for 50p, with all profit going to the FOSIIS funds.

Fancy dress is optional

### Cauliflower Christmas Project

FOSIIS have organised the opportunity for children to design their own Christmas cards through Cauliflower cards. If you choose to, these designs will then be made up by the company and you can order them online to ensure a real personal touch to your Christmas cards this year. All orders provide a small donation to FOSIIS.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sheets sent out with full instructions

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – return the completed forms to school

Orders can then be placed via the website

**\*\* Please note this is the final deadline and any orders received after this date cannot be processed\*\***

More details can also be found here –

<https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop>

@CauliflowerTeam (Twitter)

Thank you from school for all the hard work that is going on behind the scenes by all members of FOSIIS in preparation for the Disco and Christmas.

### Parent Volunteers

Further to last week's appeal for parent helpers we have had two very kind people come forward.

However, ideally we would like to open the library daily and have a different day for each year group. So if you are able to help it would be really appreciated.

### Reading Friends

We are also appealing for people who would like to come in and read 1 to 1 with children in the classroom environment. Reading is a focus of our



school development plan and lots of children don't have the opportunity to practice out of school. A simple 5 – 10 minutes daily can make all the difference in developing fluency and confidence.

All volunteers will need to complete a DBS check in order to safeguard our children. If you are able to help please call into the office.

### **Achievers Assembly**

After the holidays our Friday assembly will become our 'Achievers Assembly' with parents of certificate winners invited in to share the celebration. It will mean one child from each class (Year 1 – 2 initially) will be chosen by the class teacher during the week. They may choose a child for many reasons; effort in a particular lesson, an improved attitude, displaying resilience or for kindness shown to others. For this to have an impact it means it will be down to behaviours seen during that week of the certificate presentation, otherwise children forget! However this means we will be unable to let you know who has been chosen until Thursday afternoon, ready for your attendance on Friday afternoon. I understand for some parents this may be difficult, but it has to be the same week so children can relate to it. During this assembly it would also be lovely to celebrate achievements out of school. Again this needs to be recent and where children have received an award, medal or certificate. This extends our current assembly in which we reward children achieving a specified number of stickers in their sticker book.

Class certificate winners will join me on Monday for 'hot chocolate' playtime.

Achievers Assembly 2.45pm every Friday – parents will be notified if their child is an 'achiever' Thursday afternoon.

**We are all really looking forward to our first assembly on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

### **New Starters**

The Cornishman Newspaper has notified us that photographs of our new starters will be in the paper this week.


### **Polite Request**

Please remember that we have an open door policy, all staff, including myself, are available for a chat if you need one. I have heard some quite worrying things recently that have come from playground conversations – many which simply have no truth to them. I find it quite sad when this involves talking about individual children in a negative way. I know for the majority of parents this would not be how they would conduct themselves, as they wouldn't want their child to be talked about in that way, but unfortunately it does seem to be happening and is unhelpful for all concerned. If you have any questions about things please come and ask us.

### **And finally...**

We have had a very busy, yet lovely start to the new school year. I have not yet met all of you, but those I have met, have been very welcoming and friendly which I am very grateful for, thank you.

FOSIS are enthusiastic and determined this year, working hard to raise the much needed funds for CCTV to allow us to develop our outdoor area further for the benefit of our children.

We are still planning on inviting the community to help us develop areas such as the Eliot's and Early Years outdoor area this term (if the rain finally stops). I am 'dripping' this in early to plant a seed or two... 

Ms Davey at the Junior School and I are working very closely for the benefit of all our children. Simple things like Inset days and performances have been planned to ensure these are not causing conflicts for parents with children across both schools. We are looking forward to working together more closely during the year.

Have a very enjoyable half term break and we will see you all back on Monday 28th ready for the run up to Christmas!

Thank you

*Mrs Farrar*