

ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2018

Wow, what a busy term this has been! Staff and children are all ready for a relaxing summer holiday. Let's hope that this beautiful weather continues!!

Our new Reception children have visited school several times now and met their new teachers. Our older children have also all met their new teachers and visited their new classrooms.

STAFFING We are so sorry to say goodbye to Miss Rachael Smith, our Chough class teacher who leaves us to go to St Columb Minor school. We shall all miss Rachael and are so grateful for all her hard work over the years. She has also been a school Governor and our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

Miss Amy Singh has been appointed to teach Chough class from September and has met the children who will be attending her class.

Our congratulations to Miss Leonard-Williams, our nursery teacher, who has passed her teacher qualifying year with flying colours.

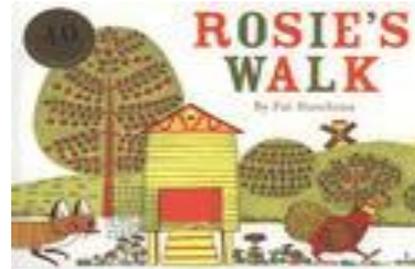
ST IVES BAY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mrs Wendy Goodman attended her last meeting of the St Ives Bay School Council recently. Wendy has chaired these meetings for several years and we thank her for her hard work. After the last meeting Wendy and children celebrated with an ice-cream.



MENU Our new school menu is attached to this newsletter. School meals are free for all Infant school children, from Reception to Year 2.

PUPIL PREMIUM We have attached a Pupil Premium claim form to this newsletter. Basically if you are entitled to Pupil Premium on grounds of low income the school can receive extra funding and your child would then be entitled to attend breakfast club free of charge. Just complete and return the form to school and we will submit these to Cornwall Council.



The beautiful sunshine has meant that the children have enjoyed lots of outdoor play.

BREAKFAST CLUB From September the cost of Breakfast Club will be increasing to £2.50 per day. We are sorry to have to do this, but we have not increased the price since the club started four years ago while our costs have risen steadily!

Our older nursery children have been getting ready to move into one of our Reception classes by visiting the classrooms and meeting their new teachers.

RECEPTION Wow, what a fantastic year the reception children have had! Every day has been full of fun, laughter and masses of learning led by the children. They have not stopped exploring, finding out information and building strong relationships.



SPORTS DAY We had a new format for our main school sports day this year with the children divided into mixed year groups and working their way around various sports activities on the school field. We hope you all enjoyed watching, even though the weather wasn't kind.

NURSERY The nursery children have been reading lots of Pat Hutchins' books, 'Rosie's Walk', 'Where oh where is Rosie's chick', and 'We are going on a picnic'. They have loved seeing Rosie the hen appearing in different story books. The children have even enjoyed their own picnic inspired by the story.



This half term the children have experienced opportunities to become familiar with their new Year 1 classes by meeting their new teachers and friends and talking about their feelings. They are so

excited at the thought of becoming Heron and Kittiwakes in September.

Miss Saunders, Mrs Thomas and Miss Smith would like to thank everyone for their support over the last year and wish you all Happy Holidays.

Miss Smith has also been participating in class transition but at her new school.

SAME EARTH Some children from Year 2 and their parents and carers have taken part in our Same Earth food and gardening project which has been led by Tamsyn Williams, our school gardener. Amongst other things they have produced a bumper crop of potatoes.



YEAR 1 The Year 1 children have greatly enjoyed having group violin lessons this term taught by Nigel Baker from Cornwall Music Service. This culminated in a performance to parents on Thursday 12 July in

the school hall. Well done Year 1!



Heron and Kittiwake children have taken part in 'Something Wild' inspired by the National Trust. They have made bird feeders out of soap dispensers and also made bee feeders.

The children have read the story, 'The Magic Paint Brush' and from this they have invented their own stories.

PATRICK HERON MUSIC HUB PROJECT Heron class, along with children from other schools, participated in a music project in conjunction with the Tate gallery which culminated in them giving a performance for parents at the Tate on Wednesday 11 July. Each school composed music inspired by one of Patrick Heron's pictures.

YEAR 2 The children from Year 2 visited the Barbara Hepworth Museum on Friday 29 June as part of their topic work on materials. They had a two hour workshop led by a local artist and produced their own sculptures.

The Year 2 end of term assembly on Wednesday 18 July was a great success and a very moving occasion for children and parents

alike. Our Year 2 woodwind pupils gave a fantastic performance with their teacher, Ziggy Hawken.



The classes also had an enjoyable end of year trip to Porthminster Beach on Thursday 19 July.

Thank you so much to our Year 2 children and their families for contributing to the sponsored spell which has raised the amazing sum of £479.90 to replace our Friendship Bench.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Jane Dews, from St Ives Library, visited school recently to tell the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Children are challenged to borrow and read six books over the holiday period. Children can sign up for the challenge in the library. The children receive rewards after they have read two and then four books and those who complete the challenge receive a medal and certificate in September.



SUMMER FUN EVENING We held our Summer Fun Evening on the evening of Thursday 12 July. Thank you so much to all of you for supporting this on the night and for your donations of raffle prizes, jars filled with goodies, bottles etc and also all those who volunteered to help. We really appreciate it.



On the night, after expenses, we raised the fantastic sum of £1,188.46.

We thank Penhalwyn Riding Centre for providing the ponies, St Ives Mayor, Councillor Suzanne Tanner for opening the Fair, St Ives Rotary Club for providing and cooking the barbeque food and the members of St Ives Fire Brigade for bringing the Fire Engine.



We are also indebted to many local businesses for their donation of raffle prizes:

Cheese on Coast
Harbour Hotels
Jo Downs
Hobby Craft
Lilac & Lime
Mrs Pulley's Mum
Off the Beaten Track
Willy Wallers
Painted Bird
Fabulous
Hudson
Miss Ainley
Pengenna Pasties
Lelant Garden Centre
Seasalt
The Range
Co-op
Mr B's ice-cream
Hayle Plants
Joules
Boots
St Ives Book Seller

HAYLE HERITAGE CENTRE Hayle Heritage Centre is holding free Summer Craft afternoons between 1-3.00 pm on Thursdays during the school holidays. Phone 01736 757683.

The Heritage Centre also needs volunteers.

NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS Mark

Read has stepped down as chair of governors as he has moved away from St Ives to take up a new post with the Salvation Army in North Devon. We are very grateful to Mark for all his work with the school over recent years and wish him well for the future.

At a recent governors' meeting Dawn Stevens was appointed to be the new Chair of Governors. Dawn is a parent governor and a very active member of the Friends of the School too. Gilly Lunt, our vice-chair of Governors is also stepping down at the end of this term. Gilly served as a parent governor for four years before being co-opted to continue as a community governor. Gilly has been a hard-working governor and has recently served as the chair of our Finance and Premises committee. Our new vice-chair will be Carl Burdett, one of our parent governors.

In September we will be looking for a new parent governor, so please look out for the letter and volunteer if you are interested.



DANCE CLASSES The Jason Thomas Dance school hold children's dancing classes at the school on Friday evenings. For more information phone Terri-Anne on 07875482499.

SUPERHERO DAY Wharfside Shopping Centre, Penzance is hosting a Superhero day on Monday 6 August in aid of a cancer charity called LARF. There are prizes for the best dressed superhero, judged between 2 – 2.30 pm.

RETALLACK CHALLENGE The Merlin MS Centre is organising a Team Wipeout Challenge at the Retallack Resort and the cost is £15 per person to include a burger and chips. The idea is to get a team of eight people together and slide around their inflatable water course. This is on 2 September. More information on 01637 882510.

FINALLY We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5 September.