

# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER EASTER 2018

Well this has been a very eventful half term. The weather has been very unpredictable with us experiencing snow twice in one month! We also had a Challenge Partner Review and an Ofsted Inspection.



**OFSTED INSPECTION** We received an Ofsted inspection on Wednesday 14 March. We were notified the day before as is the standard practice. The governors have received verbal feedback and will provide parents and carers with more information when the written report is received. Thank you to parents and carers who completed the parent survey.

**STAFFING NEWS** Miss Jenny Crow will be leaving school at the end of this term. Jenny has taught Cormorant class since September 2016 and I would like to thank her for her contribution to the school and to wish her all the best for the future. Ms Emily Lewis will be teaching

Cormorant class until the end of the school year.

**NURSERY NEWS** The Nursery children have been busy planting Spring flowers. They have continued to enjoy their soft play lessons in the school hall. The children have been learning their numbers between one and five and have baked biscuits.

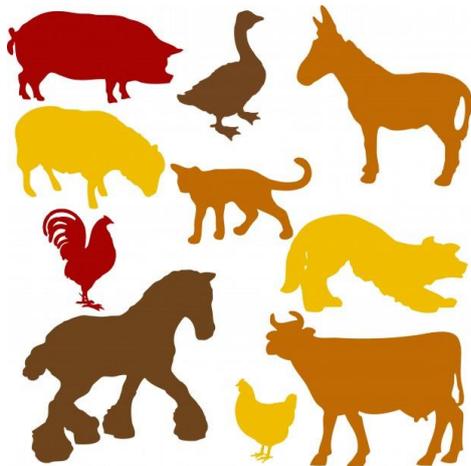


**RECEPTION NEWS** This half term the children have carried out a bean experiment as part of their interest in growing. They wrote a list of what was needed and the instructions for planting a bean. Each child chose where to place their bean and the children have been looking after them. They have also kept a bean diary to record what their beans have been doing.



The classes have also explored patterns using resources, people and drawings.

**YEAR ONE NEWS** Our Year 1 children enjoyed a very exciting train trip recently, on the St Ives branch line, travelling from St Ives to St Erth and back. This linked to the work they have been doing on modes of transport past and present. The children have also written lovely stories based on the book 'Lost and Found'.



**YEAR 2 NEWS** Our Year 2 children have had a busy Spring term. Their topics have helped them learn more about animals and plants. They had a very exciting visit to Feadon Farm which they all loved. The children were able to meet native wildlife such as Sly the Barn Owl and even got to stroke and kiss Todd the fox! In class they have carried out an investigation to find out what seeds need in order to grow. They knew that they

needed sunlight and water, but it surprised the children that the bean which grew the tallest was the one in the dark. It was great fun making an animation of the seed growing using the computer. The children have been busy in maths learning times tables, reading the time and working out fractions. In English they have been learning stories and using them to write their own, as well as creating a newspaper to report on their class visit. We have some budding journalists in Year 2!

The Open classroom sessions have continued on Wednesday afternoons from 2.45 pm with a focus on maths skills. The parents who have attended these sessions have found them really useful.

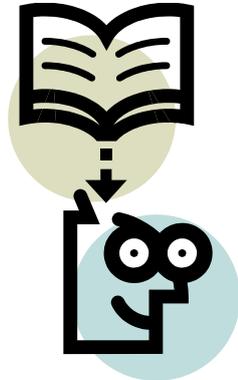
**CORNWALL CRICKET HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP** Cornwall Cricket Club are holding soft ball holiday camps over the Easter period for children aged between 5 and 8 years of age from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm on 4, 6, 9 & 11 April. The cost is £15 per day or £40 for four days. Places need to be booked in advance. For more information go to [www.cornwallcricket.co.uk/youth/holiday-camps](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk/youth/holiday-camps)



**HAYLE HERITAGE CENTRE** Hayle Heritage Centre has free Easter activities. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt all day on 3 April and drop in family craft sessions on 3 and 10 April from 11.00 am

until 4.00 pm. Hayle Heritage Centre is at John Harvey House, 24 Foundry Square, Hayle, TR27 4HH. Tel 01736 757683.

[www.hayleheritagecentre.org.uk](http://www.hayleheritagecentre.org.uk)



**WORLD BOOK DAY** We celebrated World Book Day on 14 March and the children dressed up in some amazing costumes. Thank you for all your efforts with this and also for providing such magnificent cakes for the cake sale which raised £109 for the Friends of the School! The book swap was also a great success so once again many thanks for supporting the day.

**POETRY FESTIVAL** The children enjoyed taking part in our Poetry Festival. Each class performed a poem with individual recitals as well. They all did really well.

**FOOTBALL FUN DAY** Scott Goodchild is running two football fun days on Tuesday 3 April and Friday 6 April from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm for children aged between 5 and 14 years of age. This will be at Lelant Saltings. The cost is £10 per child for the day and a football kit is needed, a 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.



**STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD** Cornwall College is running an award winning Stand Out from the Crowd employability course starting on Monday 16 April. The course lasts nine days and costs £80 with travel and parking reimbursed. For more information including locations go to [www.unlocking-potential.co.uk/jobs-careers/stand-out-from-the-crowd](http://www.unlocking-potential.co.uk/jobs-careers/stand-out-from-the-crowd) or phone Emma on 0845 600 3660.

## EASTER CUPCAKES

### Ingredients

- 300 g plain flour
- 100 g dessicated coconut
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- 3 eggs
- 300 g caster sugar
- 220 ml vegetable oil
- 75 ml coconut milk

For the topping  
180g good quality chocolate roughly broken up or chopped  
250 ml double cream

## **Method**

Line a muffin tin with cupcake cases and preheat the oven to 180C.

First make the topping for the cupcakes by pouring the double cream into a saucepan and bringing it to just below boiling point.

Remove from the heat and add the chopped chocolate. Stir until all the chocolate has melted into the cream.

Leave the mixture to cool slightly before placing in the fridge. If you are planning to use a piping bag, put the mixture into the bag and then put the bag in the fridge.

Now make cupcakes by combining the flour, dessicated coconut, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs and sugar before adding in the oil, vanilla and coconut milk. Slowly pour the wet ingredients into the dry and stir well so no lumps are in the mix. Spoon the mixture into the cupcake cases and place in the oven for 15 – 20 minutes. Don't overfill the cases. Once cooked, remove from the oven and leave to cool completely.

Once the muffins have cooled they can be topped with the chocolate mixture that should now be set and easy to work with.

The topping can either be piped on to the cupcakes or spread with a knife. Decorate the cupcakes with mini eggs for more of an Easter feel.

**NICOLE'S LITTLE LARKS** Nicole, who is one of our parents, is running a singing group for pre-school children on Thursdays between 9.45 am and 11.00 am at The Children's Centre (behind the Leisure Centre). The cost is £3.50 per child/£5 for two or more together and is free for children under 1. For more information contact Nicole on 07791678571. No need to book go along and take a look.

**TENNIS FOR KIDS** Colin Stringer is running a Tennis for Kids course for 4 – 11 year olds. The cost of the course is £25 and includes six coaching sessions, a racket and ball set and a personalised tennis shirt. There will also be a follow on offer to enable them to continue to play. Call Colin on 07870622525 for further

information or email  
[colin.stringer1@btinternet.com](mailto:colin.stringer1@btinternet.com)

**TESCO GRANT** We are delighted to announce that we have heard, this week, that we have been awarded a grant for the development of our growing and wildlife area! We are very excited about this project which will be completed in the summer term. Thank you so much for all the tokens which were put into our collection at Tesco. We were overwhelmed by the support shown by everyone. Please pass on our thanks to friends and family who were also recruited to the effort. THANK YOU!