

ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

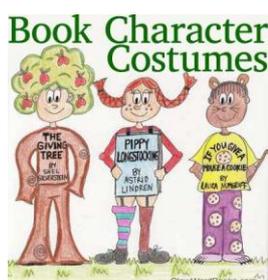
HALF TERM We break up on Friday 9 February at 3.15 pm for half term and return to school on Monday 19 February. We hope you all have a lovely break.

WORLD BOOK DAY World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 1st March and we will be celebrating the wonderful world of stories and the people you can find there!



Dress up as a book character

The children are invited to dress up as a book character and we will hold a special assembly to look at everybody.



Bring and Buy Book Sale

Thursday 1st March We will also be holding a book sale on the same day. The children are invited to bring in books that they no longer want. They will be given a token for each book they bring in (up to a maximum of 6) which they can then exchange for a book at the sale. We also have

some books to contribute and every child will be given a token and will be able to choose a book to keep. The sale will take place during school time. We will make sure that there are plenty of great books for the children to choose from even if their class is the last to visit the sale. Please send books in on the day.

ATTENDANCE The school currently has an attendance rate of 94.8% which sounds quite high, but is actually well below the national average of 96.1% (in fact it is in the lowest 10% in the country!). We are aiming to increase this rate over the course of the year (to 95.5%) and we are therefore monitoring attendance very closely. All absences, whether authorised or not, are counted in the figures and that is why we would be very grateful if all absences could be kept to an absolute minimum.

We appreciate that young children do often get ill and there certainly have been some horrible bugs out there this term! As you know, the governors are sympathetic to families who are unable to take holidays during school holiday times, due to the nature of their employment, and we recognise this in our policy. If holidays are permitted during term time, in accordance with this policy, it is important that they are not for extended periods of time or repeated through the year as these will not be authorised.

Please remember that it is very helpful if you can contact us if your child is away from school so that we can code the absence correctly. If you are having any difficulty in bringing your child to school regularly please come and talk to us. We want children to come to school happily and if there are any problems then we will do everything we can to help.

STAFFING NEWS Two members of our staff have celebrated 'big' birthdays this month (you may have seen the photographs) and it is a year of 'big' birthdays at the school.



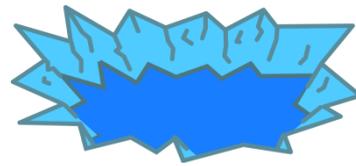
NURSERY Several new nursery children have joined us this term and have settled in well.



The children have been bringing in pictures of their pets and their role play has been all about vets. They enjoyed a visit from a veterinary nurse and Basil and Monty, who are Miss Leonard Williams' dogs.

RECEPTION This half term the children in our Reception classes have been interested in space.

They have also been exploring ice and creating a story map and books. Performing and creating shows has also been popular. The children have been chatting about growing and seasonal changes. They have been building up and consolidating their skills with storytelling, guided reading, circle time and developing their fine motor skills.



YEAR 1 Our Year 1 children have been focusing on Travel and Transport this term. They have been studying a globe and maps and used them to discuss their own journeys. The children have also been learning about transport from the past. The children have been reading 'Mrs Armitage Queen of the Road'.



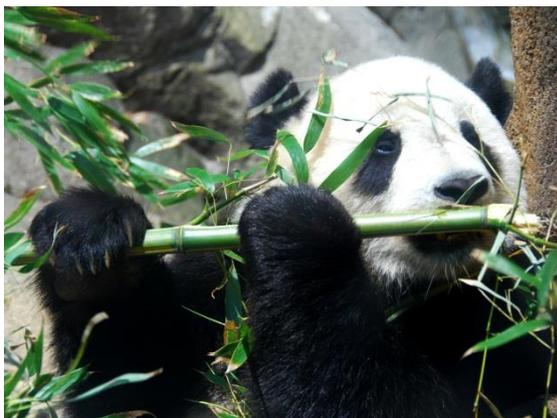
This term it is the turn of the children from Heron and Kittiwake to have swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre.

The children were also delighted to receive a special visitor when Eva's mummy brought in a hedgehog.



YEAR 2 This term parents have been invited into Sandpiper and Cormorant class on Wednesday afternoons at 2.45 for Learning Together. There has been a 20 minute focus on maths skills followed by open classroom when parents are able to look at their child's books. It has been lovely to see the parents who have attended.

The children have been looking at different habitats around the world and the animals that live there. They have looked at how you can tell which type of food an animal eats, which animals lay eggs and how different animals adapt to their environment. They have considered the common characteristics of mammals and what they need to survive.



The children have been learning the story 'Augustus and his Smile' and writing their own versions of the story.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

COLLECTIONS Thank you for all the donations given for the Children's Hospice South West at our nativity plays. We were able to send them a cheque for £302.74.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL Thank

you so much for supporting our Christmas Fair and lucky dip sales.

We raised the fantastic sum of £618.66 at the Fair and a further 134.43 from the Lucky Dips.



MULTI SPORT ACTIVITY CLUB

A multi sport activity camp is being held at half term from Monday to Friday between 08.30 and 17.30 at the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre, Truro School, TR1 1TH. This is being organised by the Friends of Truro School and run by Go-Active. The camp is open to children aged 6 – 14 years and bookings can be made for individual days. The cost is £25 per day. Phone 01872 246050 or email sport@truroschool.com to book.



CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE

There is an open day for the Cornwall Air Ambulance at Cornwall Air Ambulance Headquarters, Trevithick Downs, Newquay, TR8 4DY. The event is from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm on Sunday 18 February. There will be fun activities and games, a pop up charity shop, delicious treats and a virtual reality adventure and rescue mission. Admission is free.

FOOTBALL FUN DAY Scott

Goodchild is organising a football fun day on Monday 12 February from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm for children aged between 5 and 14 years of age. The venue is Lelant Saltings and 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 with your child's name and age to 07763171524.

POP-UP CAFÉ The Stennack Surgery connected communities group is hosting a pop-up café at the surgery on Tuesday 20 February from 10.00 am until 12 noon. Hot drinks and cakes are available to raise money for the Friends of the Stennack Surgery and the Stennack Surgery Connected Communities Group.



TREVADA MUSIC Camborne's Trevada Music shop is hosting a 'Learn to Play Day'. Adults and

children can sample a music lesson in guitar, violin, piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, cornet, flugel horn, tenor horn, baritone horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba and drums. There are also vocal lessons for budding singers. This will take place on Saturday 17 March. Book your slot by phoning 01209 714353.



FREE STAR GAZING EVENT As part of the International Dark Sky Designation a dark sky evening will be held at Jamaica Inn on Saturday 17 February 2018 led by Caradon Observatory. It will be in three parts:

1. A free star gazing session from 6.30 pm.
2. A dinner event at 7.00 pm – carvery and dessert for £16.50 per person.
3. Another free star gazing session from 8.30 pm onwards.



There is no need to book in advance for the free star gazing sessions but please call Jamaica Inn on 01566 86250 to book the dinner. More information is available on Cornwall Council's website.

