



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS

Newsletter 21st November 2020



St Ives Infant and Nursery School

<https://www.st-ives-inf.cornwall.sch.uk/web>

Key Dates

INSET DAYS 2020 - 2021

- February 8th 2021
- April 19th 2021
- July 23rd 2021

Christmas Holidays 21st December to 1st January 2021

Please refer to our school website and Facebook page for full term dates and general updates.

Our main ways of communicating are our Facebook page, website and regular newsletters.

Achievers Assembly

Well done to all of our achievers. We are all very proud of you!

Pipit	Olivia
Puffin	Marley
Chough	Addi
Heron	Courtney
Kittiwake	Alfie
Cormorant	Jonathan
Sandpiper	Aria
Class of the week – Puffin	

Cornwall Christmas boxes



We are again supporting this fantastic cause which facilitates families in need, within our local area, receiving Christmas hampers. This year has been a

particularly tough one and some people find themselves in very different positions to what they are used to. Any donation, no matter how small will help. We are happy to receive donations of full hampers or single items.



2020 CHECKLIST

Everything you need to include in your Christmas box:

- 2 x tins of meat
- Tin of potatoes
- Tin of sweetcorn
- Tin of carrots
- Jar of cranberry sauce
- Gravy granules
- Stuffing
- Christmas pudding
- Mince pies
- Packet of custard
- Tin of fruit
- Packet of yummy, sweet biscuits
- Box of chocolates
- Packet of 'nibbles' (peanuts or similar)
- Chocolate log or Christmas cake
- Soft drink (plastic bottle & no alcohol please)

You're welcome to add other Christmas treats to your box (please don't include alcohol, cigarettes, vouchers or any perishable food).

Please place all the items into a decorated **closeable** cardboard box and take it to one of the collection points by Friday 11th December ready for collection and distribution. Thank you very much!

More info & collection points:

www.cornwallchristmasbox.co.uk

Thanks to Control Print, Redruth for kindly printing these flyers.

Thank you

Christmas

Unfortunately, Christmas in school is going to look very different this year. However, that will not stop us from ensuring that there is lots of Christmas magic sprinkled around for our children.



Cards

In order to support card distribution this year we have a special 'COVID safe' plan. The plan is for all cards to be in school on a specified date. We will then put them into quarantine for several days before distributing them in a safe way.

To ensure no child is disappointed please note the date below –

All cards to be in school **no later than 11th December.**

Christmas Jumper Day

Our school council lead on deciding which charities to support across the school year. Their chosen charity for this half term is Save the Children. We will be participating in their Christmas Jumper day on **Friday 11th Dec** where we encourage all children to wear a festive top (rest of outfit can be non-uniform but please ensure it is appropriate for a usual school day). Any donations are appreciated as we hope to raise as much as possible, but Save The Children suggest £1. Please send any donations in on the day with your child. Thank you



Nativity

Unfortunately, this will not be able to go ahead this year for obvious reasons. There are many safeguarding issues around videos and the sharing of these, plus we are still not permitted to sing in large groups (due to COVID) so this tradition will not look quite the same this year.

We do have something planned to ensure there is still a heart-warming keepsake moment to be shared.

Book Advent



We have a special book advent for December, kindly donated by Stories by the Sea.

Christmas Lunch (Wednesday 16th Dec)

All of our school kitchen staff will be working hard to ensure we still have an amazing Christmas lunch for our children and staff this year.

Extra Surprises...

Our resident Buddy the Elf will be very busy in school during December, hopefully making the right choices! Keep an eye on our Facebook page to see what he gets up to!

The staff are also working on something we hope you will all be able to enjoy.

I have already received a very special video message from a certain Christmas character which I will share with the children nearer the time.

School will become a hive of Christmas activity in the last week, with exciting Christmas learning and creativity planned.

FOSIIS - Bags2School

Bags to school reminder. Please drop off any clothes donations to the Elliot building at the following times;

Extra drop offs - Friday 20th/27th 2.40 – 3.15pm

Main drop offs - Wednesday 2nd/Thursday 4th Dec

8.45 – 9.15 and 2.45 – 3.15.

Final note...

It has been another busy, yet lovely week in school. I have had the pleasure of listening to several readers along with Buddy the Elf, celebrated fantastic work, witnessed some lovely kind interactions and seen some really inspired learning. It is a lovely reminder that despite the uncertainty and change in the world around us, it is the simple things that matter.

Staff have worked very hard to cover absent colleagues or support one another to ensure minimal disruption and change for our children.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support with the staggered starts, mask wearing and other strategies we have needed to put in place.

Mrs Farrar 