



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS

Newsletter 5th October 2020



St Ives Infant and Nursery School

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Key Dates

INSET DAYS 2020 - 2021

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

Half Term 26th – 30th October 2020

23.10.20 Wear Pink for Breast Cancer

We have already planned our fundraising days for this school year and we are very mindful not to have too many as it can get overwhelming and disruptive for our children. However, Breast Cancer is something very close to many of us on the staff and we have decided we would like to be involved in the 'Wear Pink for Breast Cancer day'. We are more than happy for children to join in with this if you wish, but we must stress this is not one of our official fundraisers, please do not feel obliged to participate in any way. We just wanted to explain why the staff might be wearing pink on the same day!

This year's full school calendar can be found on our website.

COVID 19

I think we are all aware that unfortunately the staggered timings are here to stay for the foreseeable future. Due to this I am constantly reviewing our arrangements and the challenges of these to see if they can be adapted at all.

In an ideal world we would need new paths to support one way systems, more exits to cut down on the time in-between drop off but unfortunately we have to work within the constraints of our site.

In view of some recent observations brought to my attention by one parent, the top gate will remain open after year 1 have been collected. This is provide

another access/exit point to limit the congestion around the bottom gate caused by the combination of collections, and the sheer volume of people accessing the path at the bottom, as they leave both the junior school and our school. Please continue to support us with this by adhering to social distancing and using the field area if needed.

Can I also request that people park responsibly please. Parking is an issue at all schools as sites were built when everyone walked to school. We appreciate times have changed, but are very lucky that we do have the leisure centre available, which is an option many other schools simply can't offer. However, I have had many issues raised by parents, local house and business owners drawing attention to parking on double yellow lines and the school zig zag lines. This creates a serious hazard for road users and pedestrians alike. I think we would all prefer another couple of minutes' walk than seeing accidents so close to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Achievers Assembly

We had a wonderful virtual achievers assembly on Friday.

	02.10.20
Pipit	Jamie
Puffin	Ted
Heron	Isla
Kittiwake	Thea
Cormorant	Jonathan
Sandpiper	Winnie

Hot chocolate sessions will be taking place today.

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

Website

Can I draw your attention to our website, the address can be found at the top of the page.

We always put letters up on the website as this, and Facebook, are our primary ways of communicating with our parents. You can also find information about our curriculum and policies on there too.

Our most updated policies are;

- PSHE including RSE
- Positive Behaviour
- Safeguarding
- Charging
- Remote Education

Our policies are updated regularly so please do check the website to read those in full.

We also use Text to Parents and will be looking at emailing in the near future. To enable us to communicate with you effectively please ensure we have the most up to date contact information held in school. You can phone the office to update this or send in a note with your child.

FOSIIS

Bags2School

FOSIIS have organised a distanced fundraiser for school. Bags2school will be collecting good quality RE-USE items from school on Friday 4th December at 9am. We will receive bags on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December down at the Elliot building, 8.45 – 9.15 and 2.45 – 3.15. Due to covid they are not supplying bags this year so please use your own – there is no limit. It's a perfect time of year for a clear out now the children are back at school and the seasons are changing.

We can donate:

Mens, ladies & childrens clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories

They cannot accept:

Uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.

The full leaflet can be found on facebook or displayed on the notice board.

Stories by the Sea

For our staff meeting this coming week we are having a socially distanced outing. The staff are visiting the enticing new book shop on Tregenna Place, 'Stories by the Sea'.



We were lucky enough to be gifted £500 in Philip Moran's memory and aim to spend it on new, exciting books to enhance our reading for pleasure stock. We will, of course, keep you updated on what we purchased but if you see us all out of school early next Wednesday looking excited – that's why!

Final note...

This first month has been a tough one for us all and when things do get difficult it's important to remember what we are doing and why.

I am very grateful we were able to open our doors fully for all children this September. After the limitations of lockdown it was truly lovely to have a full school again. I am also extremely grateful for the support received from both our parents and staff that enables us to continue doing what we are passionate about – teaching our children.

Our children have been amazingly resilient and we are very proud of each and every one of them.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Farrar 