



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS

Newsletter 10th January 2020

Key Dates

Tuesdays – Y1 Swimming

Monday 10th Feb – INSET Day

Friday 14th Feb – Break up for Half term

Monday 24th Feb – Return to school

Easter Holidays – Monday 30th March to Monday 13th April (Children return to school Tuesday 14th)

Please remember all key dates are on our website:

www.st-ives-inf.cornwall.sch.uk

We are also now on Facebook – St Ives Infant and Nursery School

We are exploring different ways of communication and will be asking for your opinion in the next week to see how we can improve this further. Please respond so we can ensure we are meeting the needs of the majority.

Note from Mrs Farrar

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas break. I have caught up with many of you and I think the consensus is it's always enjoyable, but it is lovely to be able to get back into a routine and 'normality'. It was lovely to see all the children on Tuesday and hear about their experiences.

I mention it later but I would like to reiterate my personal gratitude for the installation of the CCTV so quickly into the new school year. The historical vandalism and misuse of the grounds has, and was, continuing to have a significant effect on our children's experiences of our outside space. The CCTV has been pivotal in giving us the opportunity to identify the perpetrators and I hope provides us a way forward so we can begin to develop the outdoor area in the way we want to.

Best Wishes, Mrs Farrar

Lunchtime Supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to start as soon as possible. If you are interested please pop in to the office for an application form.

CCTV Update

The CCTV installation is now almost complete and is operational – thank you again to everyone who has helped with the purchase of this through supporting FOSIIS events and making individual donations.

We have had a lot of issues over the holiday, one day alone, involving almost 20 youths at differing times throughout the day and night. Damage has been caused with repeated break in's, vandalism and evidence of drug taking. I am working closely with the police and other organisations to identify the perpetrators from the CCTV images so that we can follow this up and take the necessary action.

Staffing

We are very happy to welcome back Miss Lewis to Cormorant Class this term.

We also have a new caretaker, Ross Moodie, who has joined us this term.

Community Events

St Ives Library

There are a huge wealth of different activities on offer down at the library this January including:

Lego Club, Book start Rhyme, Yoga Drop in, Poetry and pleasure and many, many more. Please see the promotional posters or contact the library for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

There is an event at the Guildhall this Saturday from 2 – 4pm promoting volunteering opportunities in our local area. If you are interested in finding out more please pop into the Guildhall for an informal chat about all possible opportunities – your local infant school, being one of them!

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility so if you have any concerns about a child please call the MARU (multi-agency Referral Unit) on 0300 123 1116.

Online Safety -

An important aspect of keeping children safe is online access. It is an ever changing landscape and one that is difficult for everyone to keep up to date with. The following websites are a great source of information;

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

<https://parentinfo.org/>

<https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/resources.htm>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

If you would like any further information or signposting then please have a chat with your child's class teacher.

CHANGE OF MENU THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

Next Thursday, 16 January is our school census day. The school's funding is based on the figures submitted to the Government on this day and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner on Thursday. Saskia, our cook, is providing a special menu of Chicken nuggets, chips and beans or Quorn nuggets.