



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS

Newsletter 26th 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.

December Dates

- Bags2School Collection days **2nd & 3rd Dec**
Christmas Jumper Day **11th Dec** (donations to be made to Save the Children)
- Final Day for Christmas Cards **11th Dec**
- Christmas Lunch **16th Dec**

Please let us know no later than Monday 14th Dec if your child would like a lunch (letter to follow)

Achievers Assembly

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

Class	Achiever
Pipit	Arlo
Puffin	Sophie
Chough	Sennen
Heron	Henley
Kittiwake	Willow
Cormorant	Huw
Sandpiper	Poppy
Class of the week – Sandpiper	

COVID Updates

Thank you for continuing to work with us to keep everyone safe. We are very aware that we still have some wider site constraints and ask that everyone continues to be considerate and patient of one another.

This week we trialled leaving the gates open in-between year groups to help alleviate any potential issues with social distancing outside the playground. Unfortunately, this was not successful as it simply shifted the problem. Thank you to all those parents who made us aware quickly. We have reverted back to locking up in between timings for the top gate.

All gates will be open 5 minutes before the start of school day.

Year N School Day 8.45 - 3.30 Bottom Gate

Gate left open in between Nursery and Reception drop off to encourage spacing

Year R School Day 9.15 – 3.15 Bottom Gate
Gate locked at 9.20

Year 1 School day 9.00 - 3.00 Top Gate

Year 2 School day 9.15 - 3.15 Top Gate

Gate to be locked in between times

Any one arriving after the school day has started will need to enter via the school office even if the playground is still open.

Thank you for your ongoing support in working to maintain adequate space and supporting the measures we have put in place.

Christmas

Mole Valley Farmers have kindly donated a fantastic real Christmas Tree to our school this year. We look forward to decorating on Monday!



Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates & photos.

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.**

FOSIIS - Bags2School

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

Main drop offs - Wednesday 2nd/Thursday 4th Dec
8.45 – 9.15 and 2.45 – 3.15.

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

Final note...

Unfortunately, I have had many meetings and commitments, that have meant I haven't been able to be out and about as much as I like to be this week.

However, when I have been able to, I have enjoyed some genuinely lovely, melt the heart moments with children. Our children are building their resilience, and just getting on with things. I have heard some fantastic reading and been lucky enough to enjoy some really engaging conversations about wider curriculum areas with our children. Some of these achievements are celebrated in our assembly this week, but there are so many children working exceptionally hard at the moment it is a really difficult task for teachers to choose.

Well done to all of our children for working so hard in all aspects of the curriculum.



Mrs Farrar