



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS



Newsletter 5th February 2021



St Ives Infant and Nursery School

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Key Dates

NEXT INSET DAY

- February 8th 2021 – next Monday

February Half term is Monday 15th – Friday 19th

(no school work for anyone!)

We have had no further update regarding schools reopening for all pupils. The last government update stated schools would certainly be closed until at least March 8th. Hopefully we will get plenty of notice this time around.

Achievers Assembly

Well done to all of our achievers. We are all very proud of you! We will ensure that when things go back to normal we will catch up on our Hot Chocolate sessions for all achievers. I have stocked up on lots of biscuits and marshmallows. I am so looking forward to us been able to meet up for them again.

	Week ending 5 th
Pipit	Holly Erics
Puffin	William Lewis
Chough	Jem McGuire
Heron	Nic Burrell
Kittiwake	Amelie Jones
Cormorant	Jonathan Houghton Evans
Sandpiper	Harry Harley

Free School Meals

Vouchers have now all been administered up to half term.

Half term week vouchers are now been sent via a company called WONDE, the same compnay we used for the Christmas ones.

After half term the Edenred vouchers will restart, up to the point we fully reopen.

If you have not received the vouchers for any reason then please check your junk folder in the first instance, but then let us know.

Remote Education

Next week we will be trialling additonal reading sessions with the year group. These will be live events and all children are encouraged to attend. These will be in addition to the Google Meets on Friday. They are simply to listen and share in a story from a teacher in their year group and will be a maximum of 10 minutes long.

All parents have been emailed a Google Classroom agreement which goes through the expectations to ensure all of our children and staff can speak in a safe environment.

Class teachers will send further information via Google Classrooms. We hope to see you all there.

Final note...

As we reflect on the last day of Children's Mental Health week it has very much focussed our minds on what is important and how we can best support our children. The effect of what is happening can be really impactful even if not obviously so. We have been aware that some of our children have become more dysregulated and more anxious about things in general, not just the big things. It is important we take time to explain and reassure them. Worry is a normal feeling and should be shared, age appropriately, to let children know adults worry too but that there are useful strategies to help us all manage these feelings so they don't consume our thinking.

Our 'inside out day' was such a positive day, I hope you managed to utilise some of the resources. The message of being kind to everyone, as we don't really know how they are feeling or what's going on for them in their world, is as important for us as it is for the children.

Ultimately as the world continues to change we cannot shield our children from all the things they may find difficult however we can support them to develop strategies to help them deal with things, help them express their feelings and ultimately just encourage them to talk.

Thank you for supporting Children's Mental Health week.

Following my assembly about Captain Sir Tom, I have begun to receive pictures and facts about him which has been lovely. I would like to leave you with something he said in the last year relating to the global pandemic (you know me well enough by now to know I love a quote! 😊)

'We will get through it in the end but it might take time, at the end of the day we shall all be ok again...the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.'

Take Care

Mrs Farrar