

ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN

HALF TERM

Half Term seems to have come around really quickly. We break up this Friday, 20 October at 3.15 pm and return to school on Monday 30 October. It has been a great start to the term with our new children settling in really well.

Harvest Festival Tuesday 31st October

For our harvest festival this year we will be supporting St Ives Food Bank. The food bank provides a minimum of three days emergency food and support. People are able to receive three days of nutritionally balanced food in exchange for their food voucher. The charity collects donations of food from the local community and from supermarkets to assemble the food boxes. Doctors, health visitors, social workers and other agencies identify people who need help and give them a food voucher. We are also able to access vouchers for families who need them, so please let me know if this is something that we can help you with.

We are inviting the children to bring food to school to donate to the food bank. They are happy to accept all kinds of food, but please don't send perishable items as the food may not be distributed immediately

We will look at the work of the charity and at the issue of food and hunger in our harvest assembly.



Feeding the Community

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

There is now film footage available to view of our school's anniversary celebrations which were held last year. Please visit our website.



BAGS2SCHOOL Thank you so much to all those parents who donated to our Bags2School fundraising event. The bags weighed 300 kg and raised the sum of £120 for school funds. Well done to Dawn Stevens for organising this.

MURAL We have begun to put the clay mural up at the entrance to the school. It is not finished! There are more than 100 boats to be added and the rest of The Island. All the pieces have been fired by the Leach Pottery and are safely stored in Miss Dean's office. We are hoping for dry weather over half term to allow this to be completed.

STAFFING NEWS This term we welcome Heather Thomas to our teaching team. Heather is teaching Puffin class for two days per week. We have also been joined by Hattie Noall who has a placement with us for teacher training. Hattie was one of our pupils.

Teachers and their teaching assistants met together during the evening of Thursday 21 September. This is a yearly training session which really helps with class planning.



DANCING IN THE PLAYGROUND

On Wednesday lunchtimes Mrs Pulley and Miss Noall are playing music which the children can dance to in the playground. This is proving to be very popular.

GOVERNOR NEWS We welcome Helen Carver, Carl Burdett and Emma Moodie to our governing body.

Margaret Parma, Claire Ford and Gill Scott Anderson have all stepped down as governors this term. We would like to thank them for their commitment to

the school and all their work as governors.

YEAR 2 The Year 2 children visited St Ives Lifeboat station recently. We are very grateful to Sarah Hall, and the lifeboat crew, for organising this. The children also looked at the harbour and the variety of boats contained within it. This linked to their study of the shapes of boats and sails.



Following on from the visit the children have carried out exciting science experiments on various materials to see which are the most buoyant.

The children have also been thinking about wind speeds and the tides and the moon as well as the water cycle.



The children have also studied paintings of the sea by local artists and discussed water safety.



RECEPTION Our Reception children have been busy settling in to school life. To help this along the Reception teachers and teaching assistants have been visiting the children at home so that they can get to know the parents and answer any questions they may have.

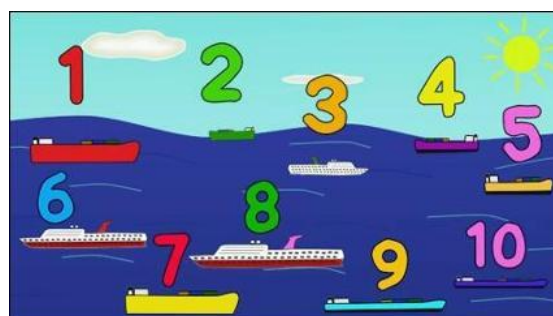
YEAR 1 This term the children in Year 1 have been finding out about how to look after themselves and others. They have looked at how to eat healthily and have also thought about their senses.



The children have been busy learning nursery rhymes and have enjoyed listening to 'Owl Babies', 'Gruffalo', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', and other stories.

The children have made their own wish boxes and produced pictures of themselves on the computer.

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They have also been playing number games and singing number songs.

NURSERY The major change to the nursery this term is that some parents are entitled to 30 hours free child care for their

children. This has been working well. All our nursery children can attend for 15 hours free of charge and some parents who are not entitled to 30 hours free child care pay for their children to attend extra sessions. If you are interested in your child having a nursery place please pop in to the office to collect an application form.



This half of term the children have been learning about colours and rainbows. They have been singing songs about the weather and the days of the week.

The children also enjoyed an autumn walk



WEA Adult Learning Within Reach

St Ives Library is hosting new free workshops this Autumn with tutor John Brooks. The workshops are to help adults improve their employability skills. There are a variety of different workshops on varying dates. For more information phone 0300 303 3464 or enrolonline.wea.org.uk

There are free taster sessions on Wednesdays between 7pm and 9pm on the third Wednesday of each month during October and November.

HISTORIC BANNERS Three historic banners will be on display in the Greta Williams room at St Ives Library on Friday 27 October between 10.30 am and 4.00 pm. The banners have been conserved as part of a Heritage Lottery Funded project called Raising the Standard and will be permanently homed at St Ives Museum. Children and adults are invited to visit the library and make their own paper banner to take away. There will also be free refreshments.

POPPIES We will be selling poppies in school daily. If you

want your child to purchase one please send in a donation.



VIOLIN LESSONS Violin lessons will be starting in school after half term. It is not too late to sign up your child to take part. If you are interested please call into the office for more details. Lessons will be led by Anna Dowling a local musician and teacher.



AUTUMN RECIPE

Blackberry & coconut squares

Ingredients

250g self-raising flour
25g oats
280g soft brown sugar
200g cold butter cut into pieces
75g desiccated coconut
2 medium eggs, beaten
350g frozen or fresh blackberries

Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Tip the flour, oats and sugar into a large bowl. Rub the butter into the flour mixture using your fingertips until only

small pea-size pieces remain. Stir through the coconut, then fill a teacup with the mixture and set this aside.

2. Stir the eggs into the bowl of mixture, then spread over the bottom of a lined baking tin (31x17cm), or a 21cm square tin. Smooth the surface with the back of a spoon, then scatter over the blackberries. Scatter over the reserved teacup mixture and bake for 1 hour – 1 hour 15 minutes until golden and cooked through (if you poke a skewer in, it should come out with moist crumbs but no wet mixture). Leave to cool, then remove from the tin and cut into squares. Serve with some extra berries, if you like. Great for teatime or to pop into a lunch box.



ROYAL CORNWALL MUSEUM

Log on to the Royal Cornwall Museum website

www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk to discover the half term activities on offer for children. There is a free drop in on Monday from 11.00 am until

12.30 pm to make Pottery jigsaws and on Wednesday and Thursday there is a free drop in for budding archaeologists from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm. On Friday there is a workshop suitable for children aged 5 and over costing £3 per child. This is entitled Clay Pots and Patterns and is from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm until 3.00 pm. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

SPORTS FUN DAY Scott Goodchild is organising a Football Fun Day on Friday 27 October between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm for children aged between 5 and 14 years of age. The cost is £10 per child. Please bring a football kit, waterproof jacket, boots, packed lunch and plenty of drinks. Registration is from 10.30 am. To book ring or text Scott with your child's name and age to 07763171524.



CHILDREN IN NEED How far can you walk for Pudsey? West Cornwall Footpath Preservation Society is holding a sponsored walk in aid of BBC Children in Need. They invite you to come to Land's End visitor attraction on Friday 27 October (parking is free).

There is a 4 mile walk leaving at 10.30 am, this is for able bodied

walkers along the South West Coast Path to Nanjizal returning inland via Trevilley and Trevescan. Wear stout shoes and appropriate clothing.

The 2 mile walk leaves at 10.45 am (with an option to cut short at 1 mile) going inland to Mayon Cliff, Sennen and returning along the South West Coast Path. Wear sensible shoes and appropriate clothing.



The ¼ mile walk leaves at 11.00 am. For toddlers and pushchairs there will be a quarter of a mile stroll to Greeb Farm (and the animals) and return along a tarmac surface.

You are invited to get sponsors or make a donation to Children in Need.

The society will be providing walk leaders and chaperones.



19 October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

After half term the school will be taking part Operation Encompass, a joint project between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police whereby the police will call school, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that members of the school staff, known as a Key Adults, are trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support children, and their families, as appropriate.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our families and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Liane Whiteley (our Home School Liaison Officer) and I have received this training and will be the only members of staff who can take an Operation Encompass phone call from the police.

If you would like to know more about this initiative please see the website
www.operationencompass.org

Yours sincerely

Joanne Dean

Reading volunteers needed!

We are looking for more parents and carers to volunteer to help with the children's reading sessions, particularly with guided reading which takes place from 9.00 – 9.30am each day, but also to hear children read individually, which can take place at a variety of times in the week, within the timetable of each class (for instance 2.45 – 3.15pm).

We know how much children gain from time spent reading with an adult and we are very keen to increase the frequency that the children read in school. All offers of help are very welcome; just one session each week would be helpful for the children.

If you enjoy reading with your child and have some time to spare, please consider volunteering on one or more days each week. We will hold training session for volunteers to give you an introduction to the role, but please don't be put off – you really do not require special expertise! The school is very grateful for all the help which parents provide. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the form below and return it school. We will then get in touch to arrange for you to come in.

Joanne Dean

READING VOLUNTEERS

Name of parent/carer:

Child's name:

I would like to volunteer to help with reading in school and am available at the following times:

	Morning from 9.00	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Please tick the session/sessions which you would like to do.

THANK YOU!

