



St Ives Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now set our dates for the rest of this term and these are listed on the back of this letter.

### **Yellow buckets**

Each class has a yellow seaside bucket which is put out in the classroom at the start of the school day. The buckets are there to receive anything which you need to hand in to the school office – reply slips, swimming money etc. The system has proved very helpful for parents, carers and staff. Please use this system to send things to the office, however don't hesitate, though, to pop in if you need to see anybody in the office.

### **Playing outside before and after school**

We are aware that there are quite a few children playing on the field and apparatus before and after school. This is fine, as I can see how much the children enjoy this opportunity. I just need to officially remind parents and carers that they are completely responsible for their children during these times and need to ensure that they are playing safely and behaving appropriately. Thank you!

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations**

The school is 50 years old this term! It was officially opened at the end of October 1966 by the Prime Minister at the time, Harold Wilson. We are planning to celebrate in school and with the local community.

**1960s week:** The week after half term, 31<sup>st</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November, will be dedicated to exploring life in St Ives in the 1960s. The children will look at what the town was like in 1966 and compare it with the present day. They will also explore, more generally, what it was like to live in that far off time! Luckily I will be able to give them some first-hand knowledge.

**Procession:** We would like to make sure that the whole town knows that it is a special time for the school and so we are planning to hold a procession into and around town on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November (fingers crossed for good weather). The children are invited to dress up as children from the 1960s for the day. In the photos of the first day the children are wearing knitted jumpers, school caps, sensible shoes, pinafores, short trousers (though it could be too cold in November) and long socks. There wasn't a set uniform and so many of the girls were wearing patterned dresses with cardigans and the boys had patterned jumpers and plain shorts. As always, please do not go to great expense and there is no need to start knitting!

**Open Day and Exhibition Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 – 6.00:** We will be opening the school and inviting former pupils to visit their old classrooms and look around the school. We have got hundreds of old photographs which we are busy sorting through. These will be displayed and we would like people to help us to identify who is in the pictures. Everyone is welcome, whether they attended the school or not. If you could help on the day please let us know.

**Other Plans:** We are also liaising with the Archive Centre and planning to put together a time capsule, create a film and hold a tea party for former and current staff. The Leach Pottery has very kindly offered to help us to make a mural to celebrate. This will be created in the spring term. I have also created a facebook group for people to post their memories of the school. It is a public group called 50 years at St Ives Infant School. Everyone is welcome to join.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Dean

## **St Ives Infant School**

### **Autumn Term 2016**

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	School breaks up for half term
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Children return to school after half term
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	1960s week starts
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Golden Jubilee procession around town in the afternoon
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open day and exhibition to celebrate the school's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 10.00am – 6.00pm
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Hearing screening for Year 1 children
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Flu immunisation for Year 1 and Year 2 children (letters will be sent home about this NHS programme)
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Last swimming lesson for Year 2 children
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Dress rehearsal for the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance at 2.00pm (grandparents invited)
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Choir singing at the Rotary Club's Celebration of Christmas at 4pm
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas performance Year 1 and Year 2 at 9.30am
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas performance Year 1 and Year 2 at 2.00pm
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Choir singing at the Salvation Army's Christmas celebration at the Guildhall
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Christmas performance dress rehearsal at 9.30am (grandparents invited)
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Christmas performance at 9.30am
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery nativity in the afternoon for morning and afternoon children
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas dinner
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Children's Christmas party
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term