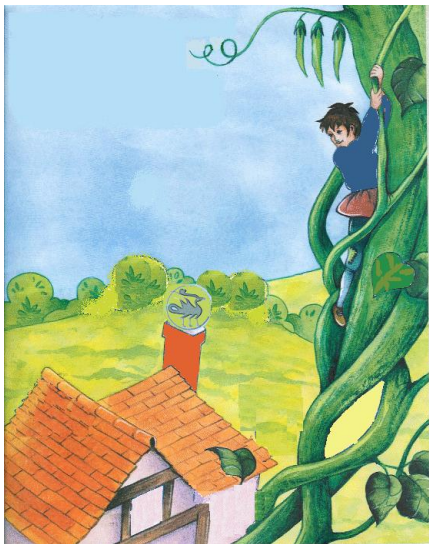


ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER HALF TERM 2017

Well this term is going really quickly. Hopefully summer is on its way. Thank you to all parents and carers for your help and support this term. We really appreciate all the help that you give.

MAYOR CHOOSING The new mayor, Councillor Suzanne Tanner, recently welcomed the children to the Mayor choosing celebrations at St Ives Guildhall. As our Year 1 children were on a trip the Mayoral party very kindly brought the Loving Cup and buns to school for them the next day and they also brought buns for our nursery children.



NURSERY The story of Jack and the Beanstalk inspired the nursery children to start making up stories of their own. The children have planted magic beans in their nursery garden and have also planted

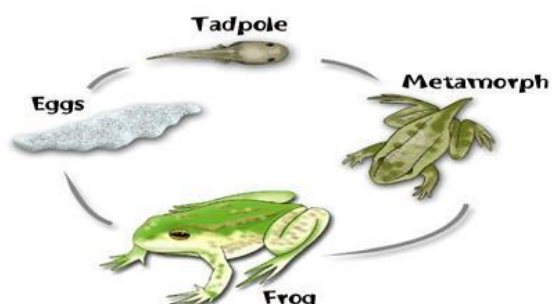
sunflower seeds to take home to plant in their own garden. If you have any spare plastic plant pots at home the nursery would appreciate them. The nursery was donated some tadpoles that were found in a small pond that was about to dry up. The children have observed the tadpoles closely to see how they are changing and watched how they have grown legs over time. At present there are small froglets in the tank.

RECEPTION Our reception classes received a very special delivery of living eggs recently and a special incubator. They have been fascinated to watch the eggs hatch into chicks and have seen how quickly they grow. This has led them to read the story of The Little Red Hen.



They have looked at different eggs such as duck and quail eggs in addition to chicken eggs. Experiments have been carried out to see if they could make eggs

bounce and float. They have looked at the different sizes of egg yolks too. All this work has led to them making story maps and books.



The children have also been keeping tadpoles and have watched their development.



BEACH CLEAN St Ives Youth Council has organised a beach clean at St Ives Harbour. The Youth Council has regular meetings in St Ives Guildhall and our school has two Year 2 representatives on the Council. Staff members Leone Pulley and Wendy Goodman are involved with this.

Our school council has created posters to advertise this event. We are hoping that as many parents and children as possible would like to help.

If you can help please meet at St Ives Lifeboat slip on Thursday 15 June at 4.00 pm. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. Please wear appropriate clothing.

VIOLIN LESSONS Our Year 1 children have been having violin lessons with Violin teacher, Hannah Birt. These have been whole class lessons and the children have really loved every minute of this time.



Individual group lessons are also available for Reception and Year 2 children. These will cost £5 per lesson but are free to children who are currently entitled to Pupil Premium funding. This cost is dependent on there being sufficient numbers for a group lesson. Please call into the office for more information.



BREAKFAST CLUB Just a reminder that we are unable to accept children at breakfast club after 8.30 in the morning. Children can arrive at any time between 7.45 am and 8.30 am. There is no need to book. Breakfast Club costs £2 per day,

but is free to Pupil Premium children.

AFTER SCHOOL A couple of teachers have mentioned that they have been concerned about the safety of some children after school when they are playing before going home. Children have been observed climbing on railings and walls. The children's behaviour and safety after school is, of course, their parents' responsibility and it is essential that their play is fully supervised at this time. While this issue only applies to a minority of children I wanted to bring it to everyone's attention to raise awareness. Thank you for your co-operation.

STAFFING Miss Esther Leonard Williams has been working at St Hilary School for a few weeks to gain experience in another setting. This is usual for teachers in their qualifying year. During her absence Mrs Steele has been working for five days per week instead of two.



Several members of staff have recently attended paediatric first aid training which means that a large

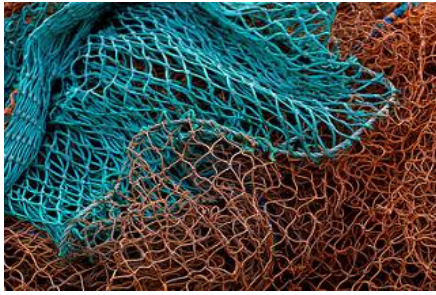
nucleus of our staff are up to date with first aid procedures.

YEAR 1 The Year 1 children enjoyed a trip to Newquay Zoo recently. They attended a workshop at the Zoo as well as seeing all the animals. Leading up to this they were very busy making and selling healthy snacks to help to fund the trip.



YEAR 2 The children from Sandpiper and Cormorant class have been working very hard doing their national assessment tests. They have enjoyed a very interesting visit to the Porthmeor Sail Lofts where Mr Chris Care spoke to them about fishing and mending nets.

They have also been sketching on the harbour and carrying out a tally chart linked to the different kinds of boats in the harbour.



At the Leach pottery the children made clay tiles and watched a potter at work.



The children have carried out a range of science experiments including trying to keep a gingerbread man dry! They shared their wonderful homework linked to the harbour with each other.

50th ANNIVERSARY POTTERY PROJECT Staff from the Leach Pottery have been working with children throughout the school on a 50th Anniversary Pottery Project. The children have been designing and helping to make clay boats to display at the entrance of the school.



FAMILY LEARNING Parents from Chough class have just finished their Family Learning sessions and it will be the turn of parents from Puffin class to join Family Learning for the rest of the term led by Miss Hannah Rae and Mr David Reed.



FOOTBALL FUN DAY Scott Goodchild is running a football fun day on Tuesday 30 May from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm for children aged between 5 and 14 years of age at Lelant Saltings. The cost is £10 per child. Please bring football kit, boots, packed lunch and plenty of drinks. Registration is from 10.30 am. To book, ring or text Scott Goodchild with your child's name and age on 07763171524.

CAR PARK BARRIER Thank you for your patience whilst work was carried out in the school car park. We hope that our new barrier system will make the school a much safer place for the children walking to and fro without the hazard of cars crossing their paths.

The barriers will be lowered at the start and end of the school day and at these times they can only be opened by staff. The work has been entirely funded through a specific government grant for which we are very grateful!

St Ives Infant School

Parent Survey 2017

Feedback from children, parents and carers is essential in helping the school to evaluate its success, identify areas for improvement and gather new ideas.

We would be very grateful if you could spend a short time completing this survey to tell us what you think.

In addition to this tick sheet we would also like to hear about anything that you particularly like about the school and anything that you think we need to do to improve. We would therefore welcome your response to any of the questions overleaf.

Please return the survey to school by Wednesday 7th June.

Please tick to indicate your response to the statements below.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Parents/carers are well informed about their child's development and education					
Parents/carers are informed about school events					
Staff in school are easy to approach					
Poor behaviour is dealt with effectively					
All pupils have an equal chance of having their achievements recognised					
Pupils show respect for each other and staff					
The school is a safe place for children					
The school is willing to change and adapt the way things are done					
Children think that what they are learning is worthwhile					
My child is happy in school					
Children get the help and support which they need					
The school is well-maintained					
The classrooms are attractive and well resourced					
The school listens to the views/concerns of parents and carers					
The school is respected by the community					
The school provides adequate information on how parents can support children's education at home					

What do you like most about the school?

What do you think we need to improve?

Any other comments or suggestions?

Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire.

The results will be looked at and discussed by staff and governors. We won't be able to improve everything immediately, but we will value and respect your views and act on your suggestions if we can. The questionnaire can be completed anonymously if you wish, but please do add your name below if you are happy to.

Name: