

ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2017

The Summer Holidays are here! We hope that you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing most of you when we return on Wednesday 6 September.

We say goodbye to our Year 2 children, most of whom are leaving us for St Ives Junior School. We shall miss you all and wish you well.



STAFFING Mrs Cassie Pamplin will be leaving us at the end of term as she will be joining Portreath School as their acting headteacher, for a year. We will be sorry to see her go but we all wish her every success as she furthers her teaching career.

Mrs Helen Hodder, who is one of our teaching assistants, is also leaving at the end of term. Helen has worked at the school for over 20 years. Helen is taking early retirement and we wish her every

happiness. A special lunch was held for Helen on Friday with her family and past members of staff in attendance.

Mrs Katherine Steele left us at the end of June. Mrs Steele is expecting a baby in September.

Mrs Devinder Sharma Benjamin will be our new acting Deputy Headteacher for the year and also will be teaching our Year 2 children in Sandpiper class. Many of you already know Devinder as she has taught in our nursery for many years.

Miss Esther Leonard Williams will be moving from teaching one of our Reception classes to teach our nursery children and Miss Lucy Saunders who has now returned part time from her maternity leave, will resume teaching Puffin class, part time.

We welcome Mrs Heather Thomas to our Reception team. Mrs Thomas will be teaching Puffin class along with Miss Saunders.

We would like to thank Leah Barrett and Sam Smith for their work this year. Leah has been working as a teaching assistant in our nursery and Sam has been a

lunchtime supervisor. We hope that both of them will come back to us to do supply work.

GOVERNORS We held a special assembly on Friday to say thank you to Mr Terry Murray who has recently retired from being a governor at the school after 20 years. Terry has overseen many changes and has been Vice Chair of Governors as well as chairing our Finance Committee. For most of these years Terry has played an important role at Christmas too! We are sorry to see Terry go but we are sure that he will keep in touch. At their summer term meeting the governors welcomed Mrs Helen Carver as a new parent governor.

YEAR 2 Our Year 2 children have been visiting their new classes at St Ives Junior School where they have met their new teachers.



The children have been very busy practising for their school play, 'The Button Box', which has now taken place. We think that the Year 2 parents will agree that they did a fantastic job. Thanks to parents and carers for providing such wonderful costumes and coming to support the show.

HALSETOWN VILLAGE FETE The village is holding a fete and beer festival on the pub's football field. There will be live music on Saturday 29 July from 6.00 pm until 11.00 pm and a tug of war at 7.00 pm. On Sunday 30 July there will be a family fun day from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm with stalls, music, raffle, bouncy castle etc.



CLAY DAYS The Leach Pottery is holding family friendly creative sessions for children aged between 6 and 12 years of age this summer. Pre-booking is essential, please see the website for details. Parents get messy for free! The one hour sessions are at 10.30 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as follows:

Tuesday 1 August	Fishy dishes.
Wednesday 2 August	Tropical fish.
Tuesday 8 August	Sculptures.
Wednesday 9 August	Coil pots.
Tuesday 15 August	Fishy dishes.
Wednesday 16 August	Tiles.
Tuesday 22 August	Sculptures.
Wednesday 23 August	Monsters.
Tuesday 29 August	Colourful Caterpillars.
Wednesday 30 August	Tropical fish.

Children will make one item following the theme of the day. After this there is a process of drying, firing and glazing which takes between 4 – 6 weeks and then the work is ready to collect. There are only 12 places on each workshop, so booking and pre-payment is required to secure your place. (01736 799703)
www.leachpottery.com/family-activities

BABY AND CHILDREN'S NEARLY NEW

SALE On Sunday 6 August there is a sale at Newquay Tretherras, Trevenson Road, Newquay of Baby and Children's clothing toys, equipment etc. Entry is 50 pence. Phone 01726 339061/07801730343 for more information.

NURSERY From September it is possible for your child to have 30 hours free childcare in our nursery subject to you being eligible (both parents or a single parent working for 16 hours or more per week. For more information please phone the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191 or visit

www.supportingcornwall.org.uk/childcare

Our nursery will be providing more flexible times for children to attend, if you need more information please pop into the school office.

We reserve nursery places from a child's birth so if you would like an application form please let us know.



SUMMER FOOTBALL FUN DAYS Scott Goodchild is holding summer football fun days at Lelant Saltings for children aged between 5 and 14 years of age. This costs £10 per child and they will need to bring a football kit, boots, packed lunch and drinks. Registration is from 10.30 am. To book ring or text Scott with your child's name and age to 07763171524.

The dates are 25 July, 1 August, 3 August, 8 August, 10 August, 15 August, 22 August, 24 August, 29 August and 31 August.

RECEPTION This half term the Reception children have continued to develop their skills in their swimming lessons. In their last swimming session they had fun with floats and toys.



They have spent time looking at how they have changed throughout their Reception year. They have painted their self portraits again and reflected on their learning diaries. To finish the year together they held a teddy bear's picnic.

CAR PARK We feel that the installation of the car park barrier has been a great success as the car park

is now much safer for the children.
Thank you for your support with this.



BASQUE STUDENTS We have once again had two Basque students spending time at our school. This has become a yearly tradition. We have enjoyed their company and it is a lovely link between Cornwall and the Basque region of Spain.



WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS Last week we had work experience students in school from St Ives, Hayle and Camborne Schools. This is a good opportunity for students to find out what working in a school environment is like. Many of them are former pupils and are surprised to come back and look at their old classrooms with fresh eyes.

FUN NIGHT The Fun Night was a great success. Thank you so much for supporting us by attending on

the night and providing such delicious cakes and prizes for the tombola and raffle. We are grateful too to St Ives Rotary Club for providing the barbeque, Mr Bennetts for bringing the ponies and Councillor Tanner, our mayor, for opening the Night. After expenses we raised £1265.99.



NURSERY NEWS The weather has been really kind and the children have loved building dens, climbing trees and watering the plants in their garden. The nursery singing assembly was well attended and we hope parents and carers enjoyed the amazing variety of songs.



Sports Day was fun for all! We didn't realise that we had such good runners amongst our children and parents!



Our end of year puppet theatre and beach picnic was a great success. Many thanks to Jason for putting on yet another amazing show.

The nursery team would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for all the support that has been given to them over the year. We hope that you all have a great summer!

PENZANCE GYM CLUB will be hosting music and dance classes for teenyboppers aged between 0 and 3 years of age on Wednesdays from September 2017 at Penzance Gym Club, Long Rock Industrial Estate from 9.30 am until 10.30 am. £3.50 per child.



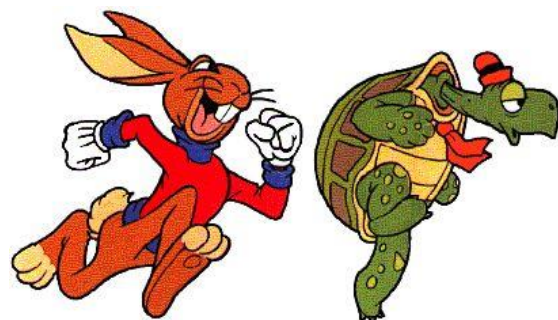
The club is running a holiday club for children aged 5+ on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.00 am until 3.30 pm. Half days available, booking essential. The club is running

from Monday 24 July until Friday 1 September. Limited spaces available. For more information please email pzgymclub@gmail.com

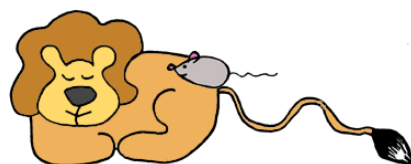


There is also a pre-school gym for the under fives on Tuesday am and Thursdays am and pm. A parent and toddler group runs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am until 10.30 am term time only.

YEAR 1 The children from Kittiwake and Heron classes have been learning about animals and their habitats. They talked about how to care for animals and read the story of the Lion and the Mouse and a range of Aesop Fables.. They have enjoyed making animal masks and



writing their own fables.



SPORTS DAYS We were really fortunate this year in holding our sports days on the correct days due to the lovely weather!



We also acknowledge that ALL emotions are valid, even when we dislike them!! This is an important stage in our Emotional Development. If you are interested in finding out more please visit www.thriveapproach.co.uk or feel free to pop in for a chat.

This was also a wonderful opportunity for the children to work with pupils from other classes and year groups as well as grown-ups that they are not so familiar with. These experiences are crucial for building resilience and self confidence.

SENSORY MORNING On Friday 30 June we held a sensory morning. The children all enjoyed a variety of activities to evoke sensations through touch, smell or sight.

As a Thrive school we want our children to be able to express their feelings. In order to do this we first have to help them recognise sensations in their bodies. They can then learn to name and verbalise these sensations.



SCHOOL GROUNDS Summer term is harvest time in the school garden. The children have been picking broad beans, rhubarb, raspberries and blackcurrants.



Owing to a lack of rain there wasn't a plentiful crop of potatoes but there were enough in the ground for the children to get really excited when they unearthed them. Some

of the crop went to the school kitchen or was divided out in class and some was sold on Fun Night.



A small but hard working group of adults and children joined our school gardener, Tamsyn Williams, to weed and plant out a new bed next to the car park. Many thanks to those who helped.



ST IVES BAY YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council held their beach clean on the harbour beach last month and this was well supported by children and their parents from our school. Thank you for supporting this. The idea came from the children themselves. Thank you to Zara Lorraine and Finley Ward for being our concillors this year.

FAMILY LEARNING This term it has been the turn of Puffin class to do Family Learning led by Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Hannah Rae and teacher, David Read. This will be David's last session with us as he goes on to pastures new and we wish him well. Many of you will have enjoyed Family Learning with David and he has encouraged many of our current and former parents to go on to Higher Education.

GUITAR LESSONS Gavin Nicol is providing private guitar lessons in Carbis Bay over the summer. He is a qualified music teacher and teaches in local schools. Lessons cost £15 for half an hour or £25 for an hour. For more information phone Gavin on 07941 6903353.

TATE ST IVES The Tate Gallery has various events for children over the summer. Family Sundays are on Saturday 19 August at Porthmeor Beach, Saturday 16 September at St Ives Library from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon. There are more events, please see Tate website for more information.