



St Ives Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that everyone has had a very good summer. A very special welcome to all the families who are new to the school. I hope that you and your children will quickly feel at home with us and enjoy your time at the school.

Photographs

On Monday 18th September, Tempest Photography will be coming to school to take individual and family group photos. Please see the attached letter.

Nursery places

We currently have spare places in our nursery in the mornings and afternoons. All children from the age of three are entitled to 15 hours of free nursery provision and some are now eligible for 30 hours if parents are working. Please refer to www.supportincornwall.org.uk/childcare for more information. The hours can be used flexibly, for instance children can attend whole days rather than only mornings or afternoons. A lunch club is also available from 11.45pm. Children can start nursery as soon as they are three years old and we offer some stay and play sessions leading up to this time too. If you would like to register your child for a place or discuss the arrangements that you would like for your child please get in touch.

School car park and parking permits

To prevent congestion and accidents in the school car park the school, in conjunction with the Junior School, has a policy that parents are not permitted to park in the school car park at the start and end of the school day. The arrangements are set out in detail below.

Each year we issue 50 permits for Trenwith Car Park (the leisure centre car park). The permits allow parents to park for a short time in the morning and afternoon in order to bring children to school and collect them. New permits need to be allocated for this year and parents who need a permit are invited to apply for one on the attached form.

If you would like to apply for a permit please complete the attached form and send it back to school by Wednesday 13th September. Please continue to use the existing permits until the new ones are issued.

Car park arrangements:

Morning: The barriers in the car park are closed at 8.30am every day and remain closed until shortly after 9.00am.

Drop-off zone: There is a drop-off zone running along the front of the Junior School where cars can stop very briefly and Junior children can get out. You are welcome to use this facility, but all infant children must be accompanied from this area to their classroom and an adult would therefore need to be dropped off with them. This area can only work if people do not park in it! The Junior School is very concerned about the number of parents with infant children who are parking in this area – your co-operation with this matter is appreciated.

Afternoon: The main front gate to the school site is closed from around 2.30pm and opened again at 3.30pm.

Nursery: Parents of nursery children are permitted to drive into the site and park to collect the morning children at 11.45am and bring afternoon children at 12.30pm as the numbers involved are small. However, I would like to ask you to park below the top barrier to prevent vehicle movements at the front of the school.

I understand that these arrangements are a challenge for some families. However, the arrangements need to be respected by everyone or they will not work.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is open every day from 7.45am. Children can arrive at any time from 7.45 until 8.30am.

Breakfast is served in the hall and the children then go through to the Jubilee Room to play until the bell for the start of school at 8.55am. The club is run by some of the school's existing teaching assistants on a rota basis

You do not need to book into the club in advance, but payment (£2 per day) must be made on arrival or in advance. Children will not be able to stay at the club if payment is not made.

The Breakfast Club is free for children who are eligible for pupil premium (children who would have qualified for free school meals under the previous system and children who are in care or have a parent who is in the armed forces). The school is using some of its pupil premium funding to run the club. If you are not sure whether your child is eligible for pupil premium please contact the school. There is a simple form to fill in which is then processed by Cornwall Council. If your child had free breakfasts last year they are still eligible.

Miss Lewis

Miss Crow has decided to work part-time, for four days each week. We are fortunate that Miss Lewis is able to teach Cormorant Class on Fridays. Miss Lewis taught Cormorant Class all last term and is therefore already an established member of our staff.

Music lessons

Brass and woodwind lessons will be starting soon. If you would like your child to start to learn the fife, kinder clarinet (Year 1 and Year 2), trumpet or cornet (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) please call into the school office to find out more and pick up a form. Lessons cost £5 per week, but are free if you receive income support and the cost is reduced if you receive certain benefits. Fifes can be bought from local music shops and other instruments can be hired from the music service.

Meeting your child's teacher

I hope that your child will settle happily into his/her new class and quickly become familiar with any new routines. Please do come and see me if you want to talk about any aspect of your child's education. I know that you will be keen to meet up with their new teacher to discuss how well they have settled and any particular needs which they may have. The Reception teachers will be arranging home visits and the teachers of the Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be arranging to see parents in the week starting 9th October. Please look out for letters inviting you to choose a suitable time (but don't wait until then if you need to meet with your child's teacher). Meetings for Nursery parents will be arranged through the term.

Volunteers

We really appreciate the support we receive from all our volunteers. Some people stay and help with reading at the start of the school day and others help with the library at lunchtime and other classroom activities. If you are interested in volunteering please get in touch and we can then discuss what would suit you best.

Asthma and allergies

If your child has asthma or an allergy please let us know. There are forms for you to complete so that we know their individual needs and understand the medication that they need. Our school cook is always made aware of any allergies and will always ensure that children are provided with alternative dishes to enable them to have the free school meals to which they are entitled. Forms are available at the school office.

Yours sincerely *Joanne Dean*

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Autumn Term 2017

Monday 18th September	Individual and family group photos
Tuesday 19th September	Swimming starts for Year 2 children
Friday 29th September	Flu immunisation for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children (letters will be sent home about this NHS programme)
Monday 9th October	Parent interviews begin for Year 1 and Year 2 children (each teacher will organise these)
Wednesday 18th October	Harvest festival celebration
Wednesday 18th October	Open classroom for Reception parents after school
Friday 20th October	School breaks up for half term
Monday 30th October	Children return to school after half term
Tuesday 28th November	Last swimming lesson for Year 2 children
Monday 4th December	Dress rehearsal for the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance at 9.30am (grandparents invited)
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas performance Year 1 and Year 2 at 2.00pm Choir invited to sing at the Rotary Club's Celebration of Christmas at 4pm
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas performance Year 1 and Year 2 at 9.30am
Monday 11th December	Reception Christmas performance dress rehearsal at 9.30am (grandparents invited)
Wednesday 13th December	Reception Christmas performance at 9.30am
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas dinner
Thursday 14th December	Nursery nativity (in the morning for all nursery children)
Monday 18th December	Christmas party
Tuesday 19th December	End of term

ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Dear Parent/Carer

We have arranged for Tempest to take individual and family group photos. To avoid families having to queue for a long time we have arranged slots for each class. If you would like a family group photograph taken please arrive at, or slightly after, the time we have set for your class. Please do not arrive in the hall before this time.

8.30 Sandpiper Class

8.45 Cormorant Class

9.15 Kittiwake Class

9.35 Heron Class

9.55 Chough Class

10.15 Puffin Class

11.00 Nursery morning children

12.30 Nursery afternoon children

Children can either come to school at the normal time and then join you when you arrive at the allotted time or, if it is more convenient, we are happy for children to come to school later that morning rather than you coming backwards and forwards to school!

If your child is only being photographed on their own and not in a family group this will be done during school time and they should come to school at the normal time.

Would you please complete and return this form to school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Dean

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Would you like your child photographed: Yes No

A) ALONE

B) With his/her brother/sister who attends this school YES NO

C) With his/her brother /sister who attends Junior/Comp School YES NO

D) With his/her pre-school brother/sister (not nursery) YES NO

Signed Parent/Guardian

Child's Name Class Teacher

St Ives Infant School and St Ives Junior School
Application for a Trenwith Car Park Permit 2017 – 2018

If you have children in both schools you only need to complete on form and return it to either school.

Name:

Address:

Children's names and year groups:

80 permits are available between the two schools. If more than 80 applications are received the governors will use the information provided to determine how the permits are allocated.

Why do you need a car park permit?

How many children will you be bringing to school when you use the permit?

Please return to the school office by Wednesday 13th September. Only applications which are received by this deadline will be able to be considered.

Permits will be sent home on Thursday 14th September. A waiting list will be kept of parents who are not allocated a permit.