

ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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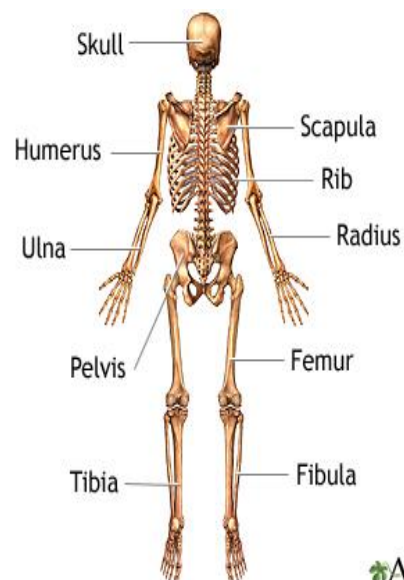
We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. Christmas now seems a long time ago! We are all looking forward to the half term holiday. We break up this Friday, 10 February, at 3.15 pm and return to school on Monday 20 February.

STAFFING NEWS Many of our members of staff have been busy attending courses. Several have attended Maths courses whilst others have attended Thrive training and Early Years' Courses.

YEAR 2 NEWS The children from Sandpiper and Cormorant classes visited the Guildhall recently where they were greeted by the Mayor who gave them a fascinating talk about the civic artefacts and their history and about the work of the council.



This term the Year 2 children have been learning about the brain, how it works and how using our brain helps us to become more clever. The children have also been learning about bones, internal organs, teeth, the circulatory system, muscles and growing and changing. You may have noticed the wonderful model of a skeleton that we have been loaned by Rune's family and is in Cormorant classroom. Thanks to parents for all their help and encouragement with this project. Many children have brought in games and other items linked to the human body. They have also been reading the 'Funny Bones' story.



ADAM.



The children have also been learning about the story of St Ives' patron saint, St Eia, in time for Feast Day when St Ives celebrates St Eia coming to St Ives from Ireland in a coracle (or on an ivy leaf as the story goes).



YEAR 1 NEWS Our Year 1 children have been learning about volcanoes and what causes them to erupt, how lava is formed etc. They have carried out their own volcano experiments. The children have also made their own papier mache hot air balloons. Many thanks to parents for coming in to school to help with this.



The children from Kittiwake and Heron class have also been learning about how the New Year is celebrated in China and recreated dragons in their craft work. They have read the story of Miss Fanshawe and the Great Dragon Adventure.

RECEPTION NEWS The children in our Puffin and Chough classes have been learning about ice and exploring what happens when ice melts. Puffin class have made flavoured ice and Chough class have concentrated on which animals live in icy conditions.

The children have been learning the story of the Three Little Pigs and have been making their own stories up and creating their own books.

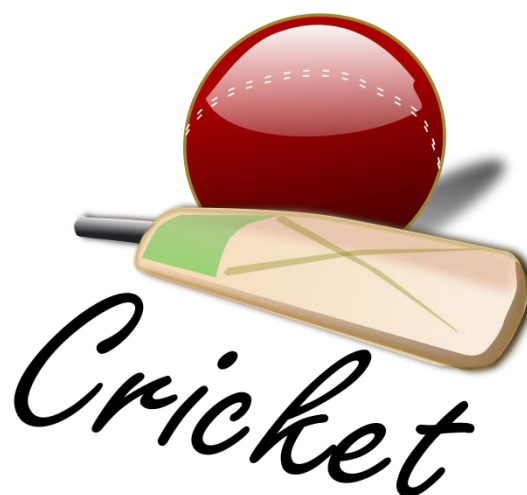


NURSERY NEWS We welcome some new children to our nursery this term. As we accept children into our nursery from the age of 3 we have children starting nursery throughout the school year. They first attend some 'play sessions' with their parent and they soon settle into nursery life. We reserve nursery places for children from birth, and if you would like an application form for your family or anyone else you know please pop into the school office to collect one.



The nursery children have been busy learning nursery rhymes and jingles. They join in with singing these and soon get to know them. This helps them become aware of the sounds and features of words which help them when they are learning to read.

GOVERNOR NEWS We are recruiting three new parent governors to our governing body. Please see the attached for information.



CORNWALL CRICKET BOARD

There will be cricket games and skills for children aged between 5 and 12 years of age from Monday 13 – Friday 17 February. If booked and paid in advance the charge is £15 per day and if on the day the price is £20 per day. Siblings will receive a £2 per day discount on those prices. All equipment is provided but the children need to bring a packed lunch and drinks. This will be staffed by Cornwall Cricket Board's ECB qualified coaches.

Application forms available at www.cornwallcricket.co.uk

Enquiries to m.kent@cornwallcricket.co.uk

Return forms and payment to Cornwall Cricket Centre, College Road, Truro, TR1 3XX.

FOOTBALL Scott Goodchild, a qualified football coach is running a football fun day on Thursday 16 February from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm at St Ives Football Club, Lelant Saltings for children aged between 5 and 14 years of age. Registration is from 10.30 am. The charge is £10 for the day and the children will need to bring a packed lunch and football/sports clothes are required including shin pads. To book call or text Scott Goodchild on 07763171524.



Hi tide Kidz Club



After school and Holiday Club

For children Reception to 10 years.

School pick up - 6pm, Monday - Friday

(St Ives schools only).

Holiday Club - from 8-30am until 5-30pm

Half days available.

St Ives Children's Centre.

If you would like more information or wish to book a place, please contact Juli on 01736 794222.

ST IVES SKATEPARK PROJECT

There will be an SK8 Event at St Ives Guildhall on Sunday 12 February between 12 and 3.00 pm. This is a free event and is a half pipe Skate Competition with lots of prizes and a fun session for all levels of ability. Spectators welcome.

This event is to kickstart the St Ives Skatepark Project



which plans to raise funds to revamp the existing skatepark. Find out more information on www.stivesorchard.co.uk/skatepark

BOOK FAIR St Ives library group is holding a book fair on Saturday 4th March in the Guildhall. We are a collecting point for donated books. If you have any books which you would like to donate please put them in the plastic box in the office corridor.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for five parent governors and there are currently three vacancies.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend free induction training.

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than 24 February 2017. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Dean

Qualifications and disqualifications to serve as a school governor

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school. A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
 - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of anybody;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under s 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor or has at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- has been convicted under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for parent governor at the same school;
- is an elected member of the Local Authority (applies to parent and community governors only);
- has refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate
- has been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months.

Nomination form

Election of parent governors

Please enter IN BLOCK LETTERS the name and address of the person being nominated for election:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of person nominated: _____

Signature of proposer (if different to nominee): _____

Name and address in BLOCK letters of proposer (if different to nominee):

Personal Statement (maximum 250 words)

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent governor.

I confirm (i) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent governor and (ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the School Governance Regulations.

Signature _____

Date _____

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by 24 February 2017.