

# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### CHRISTMAS 2018

**Well, Christmas is here already. What a busy term it has been. We break up on Thursday 20 December and return to school on Monday 7 January.**

**THANK YOU** A huge thank you to our loyal band of parent helpers who regularly come into school to do guided reading with the children and help with trips, 'Friends' events, school library etc.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** The trustees of St Ives Community Fund are providing a simple festive meal in St Ives Guildhall on Christmas Day from 1.00 – 3.00 pm (get there by 2.00 pm in order to eat). Anyone is welcome but please book a place at the table by calling into Colenso's shop at 2 Gabriel Street, St Ives or by emailing [tamwill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tamwill@hotmail.co.uk) or ringing 01736 795695. The meal is free of charge and all are welcome.



**CINEMA TRIP** Our Year 1 and Year 2 classes had an exciting trip to the Royal Cinema, St Ives, last month where they watched a film called Ferdinand which our children and their accompanying adults enjoyed.



**SWIMMING** It has been the turn of our Year 2 children to go swimming this term and our Year 1 children will swim next term.



**CHRISTMAS FAIR** The children were very excited to find that Father Christmas had paid a special visit to our Christmas Fair. The event was very popular and we would like to thank parents for donating such a lovely assortment of sweets in the cones that we sent home. We tried to hide these away during the run up to the Fair, from children and staff! Thanks too for the wonderful cakes and other items.



Thanks also to the Friends for running lunchtime workshops where the children were busy making Christmas decorations to sell at the Fair.

The Friends of the School have been working very hard this term. The last few events including the Christmas Fair have raised the fantastic sum of £1,183.92.

**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PERFORMANCES** We have had three separate nativity performances.

Our Nursery children performed 'Robin's So Excited to a packed nursery.

The Reception children's nativity play was 'C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S spells Christmas'.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children performed 'The Very Hopeless Camel'.



Thank you parents and carers for providing such lovely costumes.



All our nativities were well supported and there was a retiring collection for Penhaligon's Friends, a Cornish charity which provides support for children and their families in Cornwall who have suffered a bereavement. We raised £219.39 for them.

**YEAR 1 NEWS** Our Year 1 children have had a very busy term. At Halloween they made

some delicious Pumpkin soup which they ate. They have read the story 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper and then used story language and actions to retell it. The children have also concentrated on using punctuation in their writing and thought about the features of sentences.



The children also made clay bowls and created firework pictures on their laptops. They have used musical instruments to create a piece of firework music.

**SCHOOL CHOIR** The school choir practises every week and we are grateful to Mrs Hick's mum, Jill Trewartha, for regularly coming into school to play the piano for them. Jill herself is known to many of our parents because she used to teach here.



The choir sang at the Rotary Club's celebration of Christmas at St John's in the Fields Church on 4 December and at St Ives Christmas Market on 9 December. They also sang to residents of Trewidden Care Home on 11 December.



**YEAR 2 NEWS** Parents have attended Learning Together sessions run by Mrs Sharma Benjamin which have been held in the Jubilee Room on Wednesdays. The sessions have focused on how we teach addition and subtraction using the new mastery approach. Open classroom has also been popular as it provides the opportunity for parents to look at their child's books and the classroom displays.



The Year 2 children have written their own version of the poem, 'The Sound Collector'. They have been reading information leaflets and using ICT to research ideas for their own leaflets on playground games.

**RECEPTION** Our Reception children have been learning to hold books correctly in guided reading and practising turning pages carefully. They have been telling stories from pictures and sequencing simple stories.



The children have been learning to recognise numbers from 0 – 20 and counting objects carefully from a group and in a line from 1 – 10.

**NURSERY** The staff have been busy decorating and it is feeling very festive in the nursery! The children have been building outside with our planks and blocks. They especially like making hot chocolate shops and car washes.

The children have also been looking at shapes, finding them hidden around the nursery and

playing shape games on the touchscreen.

Inside they have built a stage with the blocks and the children have been putting on shows and making tickets for the audience.



#### **NEW PARENT GOVERNOR**

Miss Laura Phillips, mother of Sam and Alice in Chough class, has been elected as our new parent governor. Thanks to everyone who participated in the election, especially to Mr Jenkins who also volunteered for this role.



#### **HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

