



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS



Newsletter 14th May 2021



St Ives Infant and Nursery School

<https://www.st-ives-inf.cornwall.sch.uk/web>

Key Dates

Half term – 31st May to 4th June inclusive

Inset Days/Traditions

Although I do not normally address comments on social media unless they come directly to school, I feel I do need to address the ones this week around the local traditions.

It is very unfortunate that the comments, and anger by the local community, both online and in written responses I have received, were based on inaccuracies shared on social media.

We have always, and will be, taking part in the Loving cup ceremony this year. I have been in discussion with the Mayors admin office since we first heard from the office on the 23rd April. The Mayor will be visiting school on Monday afternoon as planned.

My letter sent out earlier in the week was to *consult parents* in what you wished to do, based on some previous parent feedback. This is to ensure we are meeting the majority voice in our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that I chose to move to the area because I wanted to be the Headteacher at this particular school. With that comes a responsibility and an appreciation of the local community. Since my arrival, I have facilitated a curriculum redesign which is based on St Ives and the local area. It is a very personalised curriculum solely because I do value the school, community and history of where I lead. A copy of this can be found on our website.

I hope that helps to clear up any misinformation and misunderstanding from comments earlier in the week.

I will be able to update you on Inset days for next year and the G7 arrangements when I have received all the responses and liaised with Miss Davey at SIJS.

Achievers Assembly

	Week ending 14.05.21
Pipit	Aria
Puffin	Poppy
Chough	Inka
Heron	Bart
Kittiwake	Acacia
Cormorant	Lily
Sandpiper	Charlie

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Bags2School - Tuesday 8th June

Drop offs welcome at the following dates and times.

Monday 17th & Friday 21st

Monday 24th & Friday 28th

9.00 -9.30 am & 2.45 – 3.15pm

Remember for every bag you drop off you will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into the great raffle prize draw – the more you donate the greater chance you have of winning.

Music Magpie

Any donations of books, CD's, DVD's would be welcome as we are using music magpie to raise money. Please drop off at the office.

Dress as an Animal Day

The whole school had a fabulous day last Friday. I have shared some of the photos on Facebook.

I am delighted to announce that the most popular voted animal was a ...TIGER. More details to follow of our adopted animal.

Thank you for your support in the whole day.

We raised over £95! Which is a great achievement.



Online Safety

There are many sites that have great information for keeping safe on the internet. It continues to be a growing concern for children of all ages.

[Home Internet Controls | Free Online Safety Guide | National Online Safety](#)

[Gaming: what parents and carers need to know \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

School Premises

A reminder please to exit the school grounds as soon as possible.

The gates will be locked 10 minutes after the last class closes at 3.40pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Staffing

Further to my recent letter regarding staffing, I have a few updates;

- Miss Mostert will continue to cover in Nursery until further notice
- Mrs Groves (who has been working in Kittiwake and across school) will be covering in Kittiwake class until the half term
- Mrs Phillips absence will continue, and we are currently securing cover.

Our own staff have also stepped in and covered absences and we are trying, as much as possible, to maintain some consistency for our children.

Final Note

After a varied start to the week weather wise, with daily exposure to all the seasons – it does appear to be more settled in time for the weekend so hopefully we can all get out and enjoy it!

In line with the government's road map and the newest education guidance we will continue to review our provision in place to ensure we are all keeping safe. I will of course, keep you updated.

Can I please encourage you to contact school, or me directly if you have any concerns or questions regarding wider school decisions? Hopefully, this will limit the misinformation circulating. It has been a very challenging time for the whole country recently and our community is no different. We need to work together to support everyone within it.

We will shortly be finalising our plans for Summer term regarding transition arrangements, sports days etc. The impact of COVID continues to affect our usual plans but I am confident all of these can be offered albeit in a slightly different way this year.

Thank you,

Mrs Farrar