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### End of Year Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As we find ourselves at the end of this academic year, and what a year it has been, I thought it would be good to put all the final updates and information in one end of year letter rather than a newsletter.

There are lot of things to update you on so deep breath, here goes...

#### **Pupil Premium – School Meal Holiday Funding**

The funding for vouchers has been agreed again for the summer holiday by Cornwall Council. We have ordered the vouchers through WONDE again, so all our parents whose children qualify for pupil premium funding, will receive a voucher for £90 (£15 per week for the duration of the 6 week holiday). This will be accessed by one voucher which will be sent to you direct from WONDE.

If any of our families experience difficulties with food or other urgent needs over the break, then please contact me over the holiday using my head@ email address, or contact one of the many local organisations who will be able to help. We are very lucky to have some wonderful organisations and people in our local community who can help. We are proud to be a small part of it.

Facebook –

@St Ives community food share

@Heather Britten

@St Ives Salvation Army

@St Johns in-the-fields

@St Ives Food bank

#### **Breakfast Club**

Please continue to book and pay for places for the breakfast club via school money app. We need payment in advance of the session please and we are not able to offer credit. The cost of the session will remain at £3 per day however please contact us if your child is eligible for pupil premium.

We intend to open up again to offer places for the junior school, subject to any further covid updates from the government over the summer.

New parent log ins to School Money will be sent in the new school year.

### School Day 2021

It may be optimistic, but we are planning on reverting to our pre-covid arrangements for the school day. Both gates will be open with free access into school grounds. Please be aware that this could change in response to any government guidance that may be published between now and September. We will communicate any changes through teachers2parents.

	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon
Nursery	8.45 - 11.45am	11.45 – 12.30	12.30 – 3.30
	Start		Finish
Reception	8.50 door open 8.55 School starts	11.30 – 12.30	3.15pm
Year 1 & Year 2	8.50 door open 8.55 School starts	12.00 – 1.00	3.15pm

### Staff & Class Information

Please find below our new class names and the adults working in those classes. I will continue to keep Nursery and Reception updated, as soon as I am made aware, regarding Miss Sturges and the situation for September.

Class	Year Group	Teacher	Other Adults
Treen	Nursery/Reception	Miss Sturges	Mrs Evans Mrs Williams Mrs Smith
Perran	Reception	Mrs Lamb	Mrs Cooper Mrs Briggs
Kynance	Year 1	Mrs Pulley	Mrs Crocker Mrs Davies Mrs D.Stevens Mrs Dunn
Lamorna	Year 1	Mrs Thomas	Mrs Dunn Mrs D.Stevens Mrs Oakes Mrs Davies Miss Cocking
Godrevy	Year 2	Miss Lewis	Mrs Barnett Mrs Simpson Mrs Beach Mrs Oakes
Gwithian	Year 2	Mr Hansen	Mrs Beach Mrs Goodman

Additional adults who will work with children in school across several classes:

Miss Ball, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Goodman	Breakfast Club Team
Mrs Bason	Speech, language and communication Lead
Miss Ball, Mrs Sterling, Mrs Bailey	Kitchen Staff
Mrs Penaluna, Mrs Bailey	Cleaning Team
Mrs Stevens, Mrs Cocking	Admin Team
Mrs Briggs	Growing and Gardening Lead

We are currently seeking to appoint a HLTA across school and a pastoral lead.

I would like to offer our thanks and well wishes once again to our staff leavers;  
Mrs Hicks, Mrs Champion Merrill, Miss Singh, Mrs Bentley-Smith, Mrs Pittard

We would also like to welcome the following staff members to the team;  
Mrs D.Stevens, Mr Hansen

### Sports Activities

Despite challenges such as covid restrictions, severe weather warnings and many families in isolation, we were extremely pleased to be able to hold an exciting sports event for all the children across school. This was completed in year group bubbles this year and varied across the year groups.

I must thank staff who responded well to changes we needed to make due to the heat; adapting timings and activities, to ensure our children remained safe, yet still enjoyed the event to the full. There was also some icy treats shared to help cool everyone down. The children had a wonderful time, were brilliantly behaved and really enjoyed themselves.

### Achievers

16.07.21	
These children will join me for hot chocolate on Thursday	
Class	Name
Pipit	Ethan
Puffin	Troy
Chough	Senan
Heron	Konnor
Kittiwake	Tiana
Sandpiper	Jade
Cormorant	Jonathan

23.07.21

The children below have been chosen as 'always' children. They have been recognised for their behaviour, manners, hard work, empathy, being a good friend, kindness etc throughout the year.

These children will join me for hot chocolate and extra treats on Thursday SHHHHHHH...The children do not yet know, as we will be announcing it in assembly so please keep it quiet until after school.

Class	Name
Pipit	Sam
Puffin	Leo
Chough	Alana
Heron	Courtney
Kittiwake	Daniel
Sandpiper	Oscar
Cormorant	Sophia

Well done to all our achievers! It is also fair and right to say we are exceptionally proud of all our children this year. It has had many and varied challenges and they have been absolutely super stars – well done to all the children of St Ives Infant & Nursery school!!

### Premises Update

#### **M.A.D (Make a Difference Day) 17.07**

After covid put paid to our first planned M.A.D day back in Easter 2020 we were delighted to hold our first day last Saturday. Our first focus was the Early Years area, starting with the shared area at the back of the classrooms. We were joined by parents, staff and families who worked exceptionally hard in the ridiculous heat to clear bamboo, lift paving slabs, prepare and reseal the mud kitchen and many other jobs. Their brilliant start can be seen in the photos on our Facebook page.

Thank you to...

Mr and Mrs Stevens, The Thomas family, Mr & Mrs Parma, Mr & Mrs Cooper, Miss Cocking, Miss Lewis, Mrs Lamb

Thank you also to the many parents who donated items from our wish list and to Ocean Supplies Ltd [Ocean Supplies Ltd](#)

Our next date is Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August and we would be delighted if you can help us continue to improve our school for our community.

#### **Windows & Doors**

In December last year we submitted a bid for government funding to replace our windows and doors around school. We were lucky enough to be successful and look forward to the following programme of works –

Summer – Replacement glazing to all playground facing windows

October – Replacement of all windows and doors to the Elliot's, replacement of all external doors

Easter – Replacement of the curtain walling to the Junior school side of school

## **Playground Improvements**

Raising the finances needed for this project has been extremely difficult however I am very happy to say that the fenced off area is due to be dug out and a new surface laid in the last week of the holidays. It costs £26,000 for a robust base and surfacing so we have only been able to go ahead with the surfacing at this time but hope to add Infant Trim trails to the bottom of the area at a later date, The top is to extend our wet weather play areas and ensure we are able to deliver PE lessons outside effectively.

## **Library**

Miss Lewis and I will be working on the library over the summer with some exciting and special plans for our reopening in the Autumn term. I look forward to sharing photos of our journey and the final area later in the year.

Thank you again for the amazing effort of our families during our 5 mile challenge in raising so much money to purchase new books.

We have also shared our wish list on social media and would be delighted if you could share amongst friends and family.

<https://wherereadingrocks.com/stories-by-the-sea/school-wish-lists/st-ives-infant-school-wish-list/>

## **Year 2's**

Our year 2 children are having a lovely last day with us on Thursday. We have lots of special and exiting things planned which include a picnic and book giving assembly.

Thank you to Stories by the Sea (see below) and St Ives Bookseller ([stives-bookseller.co.uk](http://stives-bookseller.co.uk)) (for your kind discounts which enabled us to ensure every child could choose a book to be presented to them on their last day as a gift from school and a book they have chosen to be in our new library. Your support is very much appreciated.

## **Reading**

Please remember the fantastic reading challenge at St Ives Library this summer. Read 6 books and collect rewards as you go with a medal at the end of the summer.

We have our own reading BINGO challenge launched by FOSSIS. Full details have been sent out to all children, Reception to Year 2. Please drop the sheets back in when we return in September. The class with the most bingo sheets returned will chose the theme of our first non uniform day!

Congratulations to the following children who successfully accepted FOSIIS challenge to send in photographs of themselves reading in unusual places.

The winners of the challenge were;

Piper, Pierre, Nellie and Hazel

Each child received a book and a voucher very kindly gifted by Heather at Stories by the Sea.

[Stories by the Sea – Where Reading Rocks!](#)

@stories\_bythe\_sea

## **Governors**

I would like to thank Dawn Stevens who has been our Chair of Governors for several years. Governors tend to be often the hidden element of school life but play such a vital role, particularly in a standalone academy. The role of a governor has been quite demanding this year with the many changes and challenges due to covid, but Dawn has been a huge support to me personally and the school as a whole. We are very sorry to see her stepping down for this role however we are delighted it is because she is joining our staff team.

I would also like to thank all of our other governors, who have been involved in the many challenges we have faced this year and have supported our school.

It is my intention to share our 'Meet the Governors' information in the new year so you can get to know them a little more. Equally we will be recruiting for more parent governors to join us.

Thank you to Nick Widdows, Colin Nicholls, Emma Short, Janet O'Shea, Naomi Champion Merrill, Leone Pulley, Tricia Friskney- Adams and Laura Phillips for donating your time to our school, it is very much appreciated.

## **Communication**

We are currently reviewing a few communication routes, looking to add to this in September, so please bear with us and in the meantime we ask that you keep up to date with;

- Facebook
- School Website
- Emails and texts by teachers2parents

## **Rainbow Academy Trust**

When we return in September we will officially be part of the Rainbow Academy Multi-Academy Trust. You will notice the MAT logo joining ours on our communication and signage. We are very much looking forward to working with the other schools in the MAT to further improve our provision for children and staff members.

We hope to be able to welcome you back in to school very soon when hopefully bubbles, social distancing and protective measures, will not be such a high priority and we can return to our core focus – the children and our families.

Have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely



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