STIVES INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2019



Well it is the end of an era. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our lovely Headteacher, Joanne Dean, at the end of term when she retires. Joanne has been our Headteacher for the past 17 years. We have all enjoyed working with her and we wish her much happiness as she sets sail for New Horizons of her own.

MESSAGE FROM MISS DEAN

As my time as Headteacher draws to a close I want to express my gratitude to everyone in our wonderful school community. It has been an enormous honour to be the school's Headteacher and I will take away and treasure so many lovely memories. Thank you to everybody for your support and friendship over all the years. My very best wishes for the future to you and your family.

STAFFING We have had a few staffing changes.

This term we have welcomed Rachel Bason to our team and in September Rachel will be working with Lucy Saunders in Puffin Class.

We say goodbye this term to Heather Thomas who has been teaching Puffin Class. Thank you Heather for all your hard work.

We are also saying goodbye to Millie Ainley (Miss A) from our nursery. Millie has made a huge contribution to looking after our nursery children and we wish her every success as she does more work for Pool Academy.

Verity Rogers has been teaching Cormorant class during the absence of Emily Lewis and we thank her for stepping in at short notice and congratulate her on her new job at St Day School.

FUN EVENING Thank you for supporting our Summer Fun Evening. After expenses we raised the fantastic sum of £1,532.91!



We particularly want to thank Mr Bennett

Tamsyn Williams has always done an amazing job with her gardening of our school grounds and working with parents and children on gardening projects. We never cease to be amazed at the wonderful produce produced and take delight on how lovely the grounds look with flowers all the year round. Tamsyn will be concentrating more on working in her art studio.

Teaching Assistant, Claire Angove left us at the end of June. Claire is starting a new career working for the Health Service and we thank Claire for all the work she has done for us over many years and wish her well in her new career.

In September we will be welcoming Courtney Bason to our team. Courtney will be working as a teaching assistant in Chough class. Naomi Carroll will be joining us and working as a teaching assistant in Puffin Class. Josh Rogers has been appointed as our new gardener.

and staff of St Ives Riding Stables for bringing their ponies.



Also the Rotary Club for providing our barbeque They have supported us for

many years and each year Mr David Watson has organised this along with other Rotarians. This will be their last year and we are so grateful for their support.

Also to the Mayor and Mayoress for attending.

NURSERY This term in nursery the children have been enjoying the fantastic weather by doing lots of outdoor learning. They had a brilliant sports day. The children had so much fun and it was made even better by all the parents that came to watch.

The children have been really interested in super heroes and so they have been making super hero puppets for their shadow puppet theatre.



Many of the children created their own mural which covers a whole wall in the nursery!



The strawberry patch in the garden has produced strawberries this year and so the children have had a lot of fun checking the patch to pick fruit for snack time.

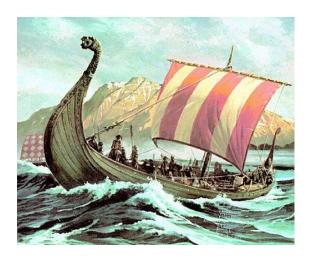
The children have been fascinated with their magnet set and have enjoyed discovering which things around the nursery are magnetic.

RECEPTION We are so pleased with how our Reception children have gained confidence in swimming this half term. We have seen some wonderful swimming and the children have really enjoyed their lessons.



This half term the children have loved spending lots of time outside in the warm weather. Both classes have particularly enjoyed their trips to the beach, exploring rockpools and building sandcastles. The children have also liked using the bikes, parachute games and having circle times outside, as well as a Teddy Bears' picnic. The children have shared their positive experiences of visiting their new Year 1 classes with their teachers and are excited for their new learning adventures in September!

YEAR 1 Heron class have been learning about the Vikings during this term whilst Kittiwake class have been studying the Wright brothers. This has provided them with inspiration for the new timeline panels for the school hall which they are creating.



The children have been planting a variety of wild flower and edible herb seeds in the school planters. They

then carried out instructional writing about their planting.





Heron and Kittiwakes made kites with the help of parents and carers on a perfect windy day and had great fun trying them out on the school field.



The children are now nearing the end of their violin lessons which they have greatly enjoyed.

YEAR 2 Sandpiper and Cormorant classes have had a very busy half term. Their visit to the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Gardens was very enjoyable. The children got an opportunity to find out about Barbara Hepworth's life and her art. They were able to sketch the various sculptures in her amazing garden. This visit was followed by the children writing information leaflets. We are very lucky to have such an amazing resource on our door step and if you get an opportunity this summer do go and visit it.



The Goblin Next Door was performed by all the children to parents, grandparents, the younger children and Year 3 children from St

Ives Junior School. It was so wonderful to see the children shine in their roles, sing beautifully and enjoy performing on the stage. Thank you to everyone who helped provide the costumes. Well done Year 2!



Both classes have now been to visit the Junior School as part of their transition days. The children are very excited and are looking forward to moving up to Year 3. The children have grown and are now ready for the next stage of their journey. We wish them success!

BREAKFAST CLUB The price of Breakfast Club will unfortunately need to rise in September to cover our costs. It will cost £3 per day from the start of term.

Moran, well known writer of the Soggy the Bear books sadly died recently. He generously left £500 for the school in his will to be spent on books. We are thrilled to be honoured in this way. The children will help to select books for the school library in September.

Reading Challenge from St Ives
Library is entitled 'Space Chase.
(spacechase.org.uk) All the children
have to do is to read six library books
and visit the library regularly over the
summer, collecting incentives on the
way. Please encourage your child to
visit the library and sign up to see the
difference the Summer Reading
Challenge makes to their reading skills
and confidence. The library will be
celebrating all children who take part
at the beginning of the new school
year.





SHILTON SOCCER ACADEMY

The Academy is running summer soccer camps at Hayle Football Club and boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 13 years of age are welcome to sign up. The cost is £10 per day from 9.45 until 14.00. Children will need to bring a drink and a packed lunch. To book the various dates or for more information phone Mike Shilton on

07969897857/01736 755925. Also see <u>www.shiltonsoccer.com</u>

SWIM SAFE Swim Safe are running free outdoor swimming and water safety sessions for children aged between 7 and 14 years of age between 22 July and 27 August on Mondays and Tuesdays. Children need to be able to swim at least 25 metres to take part.



This is being run at Surf House, The Island, St Ives, TR26 1SY. The idea is that the children learn how to keep themselves safe when swimming outdoors and what to do if they get into trouble. Each hour long session is completely free and includes safety advice from qualified lifeguards and up to 30 minutes in-water tuition with qualified swimming teachers. Swim Safe is an inclusive activity that can be adapted for children with special educational needs and or disabilities.

Visit swimsafe.org.uk to book your place, or visit them on the day.

CORNWALL MUSIC SUMMER

a pop up music summer school in the beautiful surroundings of Truro School on 5, 6 & 7 August from 9.00 until 16.00. The cost to attend is £20 per day or £50 for

3 days. It is open to musicians of Grade 1 or above. Spaces are limited to 75. To register your interest email office@cornwallmusicservicetrust.org

HALSETOWN VILLAGE FETE

Halsetown is holding its annual village fete. On Saturday 27 July there will be live music from 6 – 11.00 pm and on Sunday 28 July there is a family fun day from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm with Free entry.



SCOTT SPORTS Scott Goodchild is running Summer Football Fun Days on various dates for children aged between 5 and 14 years of ate at a cost of £10 per child. Football kit, boots, packed lunch and plenty of drinks required. For more information phone Scott on 07763171524.



SOUTH CROFTY 39 There will be a celebration of Cornish Mining at Heartlands on 31 August 2019 from 10.30 am until 4.30 pm. Entry and parking is free. There will be all sorts of family entertainment including a bouncy castle, bouncy assault course, the Puffing Devil will be steaming around, story telling, singing etc.