



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS



Newsletter 21.05.21



St Ives Infant and Nursery School

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Key Dates

Half Term

31st May to 4th June inclusive

Summer Holiday

23rd July – 06.09.21 inclusive (last day at school Thursday 22nd July)

Inset Days for 2020 – 2021

- 06.09.21
- 04.01.22
- 07.02.22
- 08.04.22
- 25.07.22

Additional bank holiday for Queens Platinum Jubilee

- 26.07.22

This date falls in May half term next year and so schools are being asked to organise an extra day in lieu of this. We have chosen to take it at the end of the year, so together with the last inset day it means we finish on the previous Friday (22nd July)

We are optimistically still planning that most of our summer events will take place in some form or other although these may look different to usual. These are also subject to change depending on current guidance or the circumstances at the time. So please look out for information closer to the planned event.

Our proposed dates:

- 06.07.21 & 07.07.21 Transition Mornings for all our children (separate letters are coming out to our new Reception and Year 2 children)
- 09.07.21 Reports to parents. These will be a slightly different format this year to reflect the disrupted year.

- 16.07.21 Nursery Sports event
- 19.07.21 Year 2 Sports event
- 20.07.21 Year 1 Sports event
- 21.07.21 Reception Sports Event
- 22.07.21 Year 2 Celebration Assembly

At present, due to current guidance, we are not able to plan to invite parents into school for Sports or year 2 celebration, although we will reflect on current guidance closer to the time.

As a staff we felt it was very important for these events to take place for our children, even if parents are unable to be present.

Loving Cup

Our Year two children enjoyed a visit from the Mayor and her deputy on Monday 17th to celebrate her Choosing ceremony at the Guildhall. The children then learnt about the Loving Cup ceremony in their classrooms to fully understand the tradition. All children in school enjoyed a saffron bun.

Thank you to Mister Mayor and her Deputy for taking the time to visit us.

Achievers Assembly

	Week ending 21.05.21
Pipit	Finley
Puffin	Chloe
Chough	Jack
Heron	Jeff
Kittiwake	Archer
Cormorant	Pierre
Sandpiper	Jonathan H

Covid Update

Not much has changed regarding COVID 19 school guidance which I appreciate can be quite confusing in terms of the wider lifting of restrictions in other areas.

We appreciate your continued support in our existing plans to follow the risk assessment we have in place.

Staffing

The current staffing arrangements will be in place until further notice.

- Miss Mostert will continue to cover in Nursery until further notice.
- Mrs Groves will continue in Kittiwakes
- Supply HLTA cover has been booked to provide PPA release time for teachers.

Polite Reminders

Parking & Driving

We have had recent concerns raised about illegal and unsafe parking, as well as speeding outside the schools. We all appreciate that many people need to use cars to get to school nowadays, and that schools were never built with vehicles in mind. However, if we could ask that people, knowing the challenges, are patient, understanding and safety aware when driving in the vicinity to school. Thank you

Supervision

Please ensure your child is supervised when on school property, before and after school. We have seen some very near misses in terms of accidents recently, along with children accessing areas of school that are unsuitable. The area in between our school and the juniors is attracting many children who are climbing the walls - of which there is a very steep drop onto concrete. The wall has also been damaged due to the climbing. All parents are asked to leave the gated school grounds as soon as possible, to ensure staff can secure the grounds in line with their other responsibilities.

Books

At the beginning of last year, we invested £2000 on our home reading books to enhance the quality and range of home reading books we could provide for children. I am very sorry to say that many of these books are being damaged whilst at home. It is important to our children that they have access to good quality books, but it is very sad, and costly, for these to be treated in such a way to cause them unusable for others. Books have been returned

ripped, pages missing, bitten by animals, wet and drawn upon. Whilst we appreciate that accidents happen, can we please ask that there is adult support around use of books at home please. With effect from next half term, we will be communicating with parents where books have been identified as damaged or lost to recoup the costs of a replacement.

As most schools, we are working hard to make a very tight budget provide us with the best value for our children. Having respect for books is something we teach in school, reading provision is a particular focus at present and for our resources to be treated like this, it is really disheartening.

Thank you for your understanding.

Bags2School - Tuesday 8th June

Drop offs welcome at the following dates and times.

Today, Monday 24th & Friday 28th May

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.

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Miss Davey and I are working together to decide on an appropriate way forward and hope to get a letter out to you in the next few days. The constant drip feed of information is continually impacting on the decisions and plans we are trying to make. Thank you for your patience.

Final Note

I have had such a lovely time in school this week. I have seen some wonderful work, fantastic empathy, and support for one another in play and amazing determination from our children to improve themselves. The hot chocolate sessions this week were an absolute joy, with lots of chat and laughter.

We may not have had much to smile about in terms of the weather this week, but there is plenty to celebrate in school. It's always a delight to be around school and spend time in the classes.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back next week for our final week before half term.

Take Care

Mrs Farrar