



# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

## SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS



Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021



St Ives Infant and Nursery School

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

### Key Dates

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Full reopening for all children

We are open for all children from Monday. A letter providing full details of the return has been sent out via teachers2parents and is on the website. Please ensure you have read this before Monday. We look forward to seeing you then.

**Red Nose Day** – 19<sup>th</sup> March (details to follow)

**Easter Holidays** - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)

**Next INSET Day** Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>

### Achievers Assembly

Well done to all of our achievers. We are all very proud of you! I cannot wait to have hot chocolate with all achievers since January!

	Week ending 5 <sup>th</sup>
Pipit	Tahli
Puffin	All the Puffin Bubble
Chough	Seren
Heron	Madison
Kittiwake	Betty
Cormorant	Felix
Sandpiper	Ashleigh



### I would like to reiterate my thanks to everyone;

Staff and parents who have demonstrated amazing juggling skills in this last lockdown to ensure our children can access learning remotely.

Our children who have managed superbly to adapt to this current situation in ways we never thought possible.

You are all amazing, however I am so looking forward to the full reopening and some normality in our school lives again. I have spoken to many of you this week and I know you feel the same. I have visions of parents skipping out of the school premises Monday morning after drop off!

I know many of you are still working from home but hope that you can find a little time to just breathe on Monday. Enjoy the children being back, think about what you have managed to achieve during lockdown and above all relax (if you can!).

Our focus will be on recovery and responding to the needs of our children. I dislike the term 'catch up' as I am not sure who they are catching up with – we are all in the same position. I wanted to share a poem written by the secret headteacher on Twitter and something for us all to bear in mind.

Don't tell me I'm behind

Don't tell me I'll be held back forever

Don't tell me I need longer at school

Don't tell me I'm lost

Tell me I can do it

Tell me you'll help me

Tell me you believe in me

Tell me we'll do it together

Yours sincerely, the children

This will certainly be our mantra when the children return. We are all role models for our children, they take their lead from us. We will be positive, resilient and demonstrate a 'Can do attitude'.

### Rainbow MAT

Working as a SAT (Standalone Academy), things can be quite isolating and we often miss out on a support network. Throughout much of COVID we have been lucky enough to work closely with the schools that make up The Rainbow MAT (Multi Academy Trust). It has been a really positive experience and we are delighted that the Headteacher board at the Regional Schools Commission, have agreed to formalising our relationship. We look forward to joining Rainbow and working together for the benefit of our children and our communities.



### Premises Work

Just a reminder that the work is still continuing. Please take care when entering the grounds, and ensure your children are supervised at all times. Areas of work will be clearly marked

### World Book Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

We have had so much fun this World Book Day. Thank you to all those of you who have joined in at home and shared the wonderful things you have been doing.

#### Masked Reader

We all particularly enjoyed taking part in the Masked Reader posts. I cannot tell you how much laughter I have heard in our corridors as these were recorded – it has been a real lovely addition to our quiet school. I hope the children (and you) have had as much fun listening, and guessing, as we did recording them. Thank you for all your guesses.

Thank you to all staff members who took part and to Miss Lewis who worked her magic behind the scenes.

#### Book Vouchers

The book vouchers will be sent home with our children next week on their return to school.



Stories\_bythe\_sea have been a huge support to us during book week. They have arranged personal video messages and interactions with authors as well as hosting our Virtual Book Fair.

Heather at Stories\_bythe\_sea has also very kindly, and generously, donated a World Book Day book for each child in school, so that they can use their WBD voucher on something else. The children could use their voucher on another WBD book or to reduce the price of any other book by £1.

We are very grateful for her generosity and continued support.

#### Activities

There have also been lots of sharing of stories in line with the focus this year and wonderful, engaging activities based around some really lovely books.

It has been a lovely day and enjoyed by all. Thank you for also supporting us at home so we could celebrate together.

#### St Pirans Day

All the children have enjoyed a video and story about St Piran, the patron saint of Cornwall today. An important story in Cornish heritage, so we hope our children learning at home also listened and enjoyed the story.

#### NELI Programme

All our reception children will be assessed for the NELI (Nuffield early Language Intervention) programme after the holidays. It is a 20-week programme to support language development. It focusses on learning new letters, sounds and words, as well as practicing speaking and listening skills. If your child meets the given criteria to take part in the programme we will contact you with further information.

### Final note...

As Monday fast approaches I imagine there will be mixed emotions about the return to school next week.

The best thing we can do for our children, is to keep things as normal and low key as possible. They are often far more resilient than any of us give us credit for.

Some of you will be anxious and equally some may be ready for the return. Be reassured we are here to support you all.

We will be ready to welcome you all back next week with a smile on our faces and a positive outlook!

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week.

Take Care

Mrs Farrar

