



# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

## SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS



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St Ives Infant and Nursery School

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### Upcoming Dates

**Thursday 3 March** - World Book Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic relief

**Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup>** – Parents Evenings

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET day

**11<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> April** Easter Holidays

### Achievers Assembly

**Well Done to all our achievers!**

	Week ending 28.01	Week ending 04.02	Week ending 10.02
Treen	Elizabeth	Isla-May	Troyte
Perran	Joseph	Enzo	Piper
Lamorna	Remi	Harry	Flora
Kynance	Isla	Ted	Josie
Gwithian	Madison	Willow	Fern
Godrevy	Alfie R	Oliver	Maddie S

### After School Clubs

Our clubs: Garden & Sketch, Peaceful Mind & Body, Drama, Spanish, Film, Choir and ECO/Recycling all started this week and what a great first week!

Thank you to the teaching staff for providing such a range of clubs this term.

### World Book Day

Our World book day theme is raising the profile 'Reading for Pleasure'. We would like to invite children to bring in their favourite book and dress as a character from that book. They will share the book with their peers on the day, explain why it's their

favourite book and talk about key characters and settings.

We all know children that love to dress up as superheroes all the time BUT we would really be grateful if the focus of the day can be the reading books. The children will get the opportunity to dress up (superheroes if they choose) for Comic Relief later in the spring term.

Please don't feel you need to buy an outfit. You and your child may choose to make one at home or alternatively no costume is absolutely fine – the focus is very much on the book!

Thank you for your support

### Comic Relief

We will be joining in with this special fundraising day on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Further details to follow.

### Parents Evening

Our parents evening will be held on site and in person this term!

We would be delighted if you can attend this really important update of your child's journey in school. You will also have the opportunity to look around our shared areas which have recently been updated – the library and Early Years outdoor space.

We are also planning some further information sharing ideas as well as an opportunity to add your voice to our consultation on our values.

If you would prefer an online meeting, this can be offered.

More information to follow.

## PE Kit

Please ensure your child has their PE kit on their PE days. Long hair also needs tying up please.

The type of activities taking place means it is unsafe for your child to take part in their school uniform.

## Uniform

Please let your child's teacher know if there is a reason your child is not able to wear full school uniform. All children are expected to wear uniform for school; however, we appreciate things happen – ie that shoes may be ruined just before a holiday, and you intend to replace them then.

Our uniform comprises of the following;

- Black school shoes
- Yellow, White or Light Blue polo shirt
- Royal Blue jumper, sweater or cardigan
- Grey or black trousers/shorts
- Grey Pinafore/skirt
- PE white t-shirt
- PE shorts/leggings – black or blue

Uniform can be bought from supermarkets, shops or Trophy Textiles

[St Ives Infant School Uniform - Trophy Textiles SW Limited, Cornwall](#)

You can choose logo or no logo, there is no expectation from us for uniform with logo.

## Attendance

Please ensure that any absences are reported on the day of absence. Our office staff are finding they have to ring a lot of families where we have not received notification. We have a recent automated service which makes this much easier to do.

We are also experiencing a significant number of late arrivals. Please support us, and your child, to try and ensure prompt arrival. They can often become anxious about going into a class which has already started their learning, as well as being aware that they have missed some or all of a lesson. We have also seen it can impact on friendships, self esteem and general anxiety.

If you need any support with any aspect of attendance, we are here to help in any way we can. We have successfully worked with families to support routines at home which has impacted on sleep, eating and

getting out of the door on time. It really helps when your child knows we are working together.

Mrs Clarke, our pastoral lead is on site Monday, Tuesday afternoons and Friday all day. If you would like a call back or to arrange a chat with her please call the office.

## Covid

Spring term has certainly been the term of covid for us! And whilst we are reflective, we had been lucky up to that point we have all been mindful of all our plans that have not been able to go ahead.

Thank you for your understanding and support. It is at this time that we, and all other schools, have to act on our own circumstances. At our worst point we had almost 50% of staff absent and 63 children affected. Apart from a few days in one class, we managed to keep school open, but with those figures its really easy to see how our usual school activities and events could not go ahead or were affected in some way.

We have had further cases this week but hopefully we are coming through the worst and will be able to get back to more normal activities; volunteers back in school, trips and events in person.

## Final Note

I just wanted to reiterate my thanks to everyone for their support during this really challenging half term.

With the lighter nights, longer days and the suggestion of Spring (and less covid!) hopefully will come the opportunity to fully experience all that our Setting Sails curriculum offers.

Our focus on Go Cornish continues to improve and we now have all our greetings in assemblies in Cornish. I am still working on my pronunciation, however there are lots of helpful audio clips online to help with that – thank goodness! Our curriculum is incorporating more Cornish vocabulary which has been lovely to see and hear in our classes across school.

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Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Leisa Farrar

