

# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

# SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS

# Newsletter 9th October 2020



St Ives Infant and Nursery School

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

# **Key Dates**

## INSET DAYS 2020 - 2021

- February 8<sup>th</sup> 2021
- April 19<sup>th</sup> 2021
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### 23.10.20 Wear Pink for Breast Cancer

We have already planned our fundraising days for this school year and we are very mindful not to have too many as it can get overwhelming and disruptive for our children. However, Breast Cancer is something very close to many of us on the staff and we have decided we would like to be involved in the 'Wear Pink for Breast Cancer day'. We are more than happy for children to join in with this if you wish, but we must stress this is not one of our official fundraisers, please do not feel obliged to participate in any way. We just wanted to explain why the staff might be wearing pink on the same day!

This year's full school calendar can be found on our website.

## COVID 19

Thank you to the parents who returned their remote learning survey sent out last week. It has really helped us with forward planning. We will share how, over the next couple of weeks. If you haven't yet returned your form there is still time as it allows us to reflect how we can best meet the law that the government has put in place, together with our families circumstances.

Can we also remind all parents to notify us if anyone in their household develops symptoms and needs to take a COVID test. We are more than happy to support with procedures and it ensures we can keep our records up to date, provide FSMs if your child qualifies along with learning packs if your child is going to be absent for several days.

Thank you

#### **Achievers Assembly**

# Well done to all of our achievers. We are all very proud of you!

	09.10.20
Pipit	Emmie
Puffin	Thomas
Chough	Lacey
Heron	Konnor
Kittiwake	Xander
Cormorant	Millie
Sandpiper	Jade

Hot chocolate sessions will be taking place next Monday.

# **FOSIIS**

# Bags2School

FOSIIS have organised a distanced fundraiser for school. Bags2school will be collecting good quality RE-USE items from school on Friday  $4^{th}$  December at 9am. We will receive bags on Wednesday  $2^{nd}$  and Thursday  $3^{rd}$  December down at the Elliot building, 8.45-9.15 and 2.45-3.15. Due to covid they are not supplying bags this year so please use your own — there is no limit. It's a perfect time of year for a clear out now the children are back at school and the seasons are changing.

#### We can donate:

Mens, ladies & childrens clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories

#### They cannot accept:

Uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.

The full leaflet can be found on facebook or displayed on the notice board.

#### Stories by the Sea

We had a fabulous staff meeting at Stories by the Sea, a, inviting and inspiring book shop on Tregenna Place, this week. You can see some photos of our visit and the books we purchased on our Facebook page.

If you haven't yet been, we would highly recommend a visit. It is owned and run by an ex-teacher who is passionate about books. Heather knows the stories inside out, so if even if you're not quite sure what you want I am sure she will be able to help.

We are extremely grateful to the bequest from Philip Moran that allowed us to boost our 'reading for pleasure' books so generously and provided us with an excuse to visit such a great bookshop.

# Nasal Flu Immunisations

## https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

The nursing team have asked us to remind you that Nasal flu immunisations are due to take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> in school. They need all consent forms submitting by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at midday please (see link above)

# **Staffing**

Unfortunately, due to a change in her circumstance Mrs Parsons will be leaving us at half term.

This means we are now recruiting for a Learning Mentor as well as a Caretaker and cleaner. All vacancies can be found on the Cornwall Council website. Please let anyone know you think may be interested.

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/

#### Free Piano

Thanks to a kind donation we now have a spare piano. If anyone is interested in taking it off our hands, please contact the office. You will need your own transport and 'muscle' to move it, but we are also paying it forward so no costs involved! It works absolutely fine, we just fancied a change of style.

#### Final note...

Thank you for all your responses regarding parents evenings, despite the constraints of the current situation we are trying to offer a 'normal' service so please do bear with us.

We are also aiming to offer a visit for anyone interested in Reception places for 2021. We will communicate our plans in the next month.

We are very proud to offer a teacher led nursery as part of our school, in which we currently accept children aged 3 and above. Funding is accessible from the term after your child turns 3. Further information about funding can be found here...

https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds

If you would like any additional information regarding nursery, please contact the office who will arrange for Miss Sturges, our Nursery teacher, to call you back.

Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you, as always, for your support – we really do appreciate it.

