



# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

## SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS



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St Ives Infant and Nursery School

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

### Key Dates

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

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

**School Reopens** Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>

### Attendance and Lates

Please ensure you are following school procedures if your child is absent. School should be notified as soon as possible, otherwise we will need to follow up any unreported absences.

Now we have all been back at school a couple of weeks we are expecting children to attend school and on time. Lates have such a huge affect on our children and their self-esteem, so please do let us know if there is something we can help with to support you and your child with ensuring they are here on time.

We completely understand that the return to school has been difficult for some and getting back into the routine of school could have been a challenge. However, as we have now been back for two weeks, normal school procedures will be in place and all lates will be followed up.

Thank you for your support.

### Thank you's

#### **Covid Procedures**

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience in accessing the school site and practicing safe, covid restrictions. We are aware areas of our site can be trickier to maintain distancing than others at times, but everyone has demonstrated such understanding and patience, and we are very grateful.

#### **Parents Evenings**

Thank you for another good turn out for parents' meetings, albeit another virtual meet. I know this one in particular was a little different to usual as you had been remote learning so in many ways, you were feeding back to us. Any opportunity to strengthen home/school relationships are valued and we really appreciate your time in joining them. We hope you also found it useful.

### Achievers Assembly

	Week ending 19th
Pipit	Tommy
Puffin	Aria
Chough	Evie
Heron	Esme
Kittiwake	Millie
Cormorant	Sophia
Sandpiper	Alica



### Red Nose Day

It was lovely to see all the staff and children dressed as 'Local heroes' for this year's Comic Relief fundraising event. The children had a lovely day with fun activities as well as finding out about why the charity is so important and the work they do.

Thank you for your donations, we raised a total of **£171.89**.

Thank you to Miss Singh for organising and all of the staff for entering into it so enthusiastically.

Thank you also to all of the local heroes we celebrated today, for all of your hard work in the local community during the pandemic.



## Community

We are aiming to develop a seed and book swap nook, in one of our sheds for our local community to access. If you have any donations of

seeds or books please drop these off at the school office.

More details will follow.



## FOSIIS

### Friends of St Ives Infant School



We have a very small group of parents chaired by Dawn Stevens, who work tirelessly raising funds for our school. This has slowed down understandably, during the pandemic, but the

group are now considering how they can continue to work on supporting school.

It is a vital source of funds for us as a school and it would be such a support if more people could join the group. Once restrictions lift, they will arrange regular meetings to discuss ideas.

Our current funding projects are –

- Playground equipment and surfacing
- Developing a new library
- Developing a space for community groups; training, informal get togethers, mums and toddler groups, drop ins etc

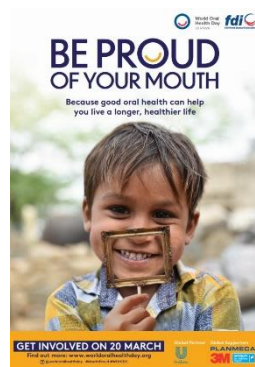
The FOSIIS also fund book bags and water bottles for all new children to school, a Christmas and Easter gift for all children and much more.

We will be promoting more widely some of our larger projects for funding, but need to complete FOSIIS registration as a charity first, and then have more accurate quotes in place, following further site visits.

I have applied for over 25 grants and funding streams since starting at St Ives however the pandemic has really impacted on the criteria for many of these, and we have been unsuccessful in all but one. That is why the support of our Friends group is so vital if we want to ensure the best possible environment for our children.

Dawn has organised several upcoming events, please see the posters around school and information at the end of this newsletter.

## World Oral Health Day



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March is World Oral Health Day. Please see our Facebook page for further information about supporting good oral hygiene.

## Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Pittard as our new learning mentor, who will offer pastoral support to our children and families. Her role is varied but will include;

- Attendance
- Working with children on developing personal, social and emotional skills such as developing friendships, raising self-esteem, building self-confidence, building communication skills, being a listening ear etc
- Supporting families

Her role is one of support and she is there to support you as well as the children. She will be out and about in the playground as much as possible to introduce herself and so you know who she is. She has spent the last two weeks getting to know our children and building relationships.

If you need any help with toilet training, sleep patterns, routines or just need someone to listen, she will be happy to speak to you and discuss ways that could help.

**Thank you, have a lovely weekend**