



St Ives Infant School

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08 October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Harvest Festival Thursday 11th October

This year at our harvest festival we will once again be collecting donations of food for our local foodbank which is based at St Johns in the Field church. The food bank provides a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people in need.

On Thursday the children are invited to bring food to school to donate to the food bank. The bank is happy to accept all kinds of food, but please don't send perishable items as the food will not be distributed until the following Tuesday.

Football club

After half term we will be starting an after school football club for children in Year 1 and Year 2. It will take place on Mondays and will be led by Mike Shilton, a local football coach with support from Mrs Hicks and Miss Lewis. The club will cost £2.00 per session. If you would like your child to join this club please complete the slip below and return it to school by Wednesday 17th October. We will confirm whether your child has a place before half term.

Fife lessons

We currently have spaces for more children to learn to play the fife (a fife is the same size as a recorder, but played like a flute). Our woodwind teacher, Ziggy, joined our assembly last week to talk to the children about the fife and to demonstrate how to play the instrument. If you would like your child to learn this instrument please call into the school office to find out more and pick up a form. Lessons are held on Friday mornings and cost £5 per week (but are free if you receive income support and the cost is reduced if you receive certain benefits). Fifes can be bought from local music shops.

Parent governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please see the attached letter from the clerk to the governing body. If you would like to know more about being a governor please get in touch or have a chat to one of our existing parent governors: Dawn Stevens, Carl Burdett, Leanne Paxton and Helen Carver.

Little Larks after school singing club

Nicole Tesseyman, one of our parents, will be running her after school singing club again this term. It will be open to children in Year 1 and Year 2 and will run on Wednesdays from 7th November to 12th December from 3.15 to 4.15pm. Nicole will be teaching the children a range of songs, including Disney tunes, traditional songs and pop songs. She will accompany the children on the guitar and they will also explore rhythm using percussion instruments. Each session will cost £3.50. If you would like your child to attend this club please complete the reply slip below by Wednesday 17th October.

Junior school car park

Mrs Davey, headteacher of St Ives Junior School, has been in touch to express her concern about the number of cars which are parking in the drop-off zone directly outside the junior school. Parking in this area is not permitted under any circumstances as parked cars prevent the area being used as intended – for stopping briefly to drop children off.

You are welcome to use this facility, but all infant children must be accompanied to their classroom and an adult would therefore need to be dropped off with them.

The drop-off zone is the area running along the front of the junior school as seen in the photographs below.



I have agreed to monitor the situation to try to ensure that the area is not used for parking.

Leisure centre parking

We have also been contacted by St Ives Leisure Centre regarding parents parking in the staff parking area or parking in a way which blocks staff from accessing this area. Please could everybody park in designated parking bays and with consideration for other users of the car park.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Dean

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM

Child's name:

Class:

FOOTBALL CLUB

I would like my child to attend the after school football club

SINGING GROUP

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Signed.....

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL
PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

08 October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for five parent governors and there is currently one vacancy.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. Training is available for all governors.

A summary of the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor can be found on the reverse of this letter. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than 31st October 2018. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours sincerely

Kerry Horner

Clerk to the governors

Qualifications and disqualifications to serve as a school governor

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor if he or she:

- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
 - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of anybody;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care;
 - is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- has been convicted under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for parent governor at the same school;
- is an elected member of the Local Authority (applies to parent and community governors only);
- has refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate
- has been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months



Nomination form

Election of parent governors

Please enter IN BLOCK LETTERS the name and address of the person being nominated for election:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of person nominated: _____

Signature of proposer (if different to nominee): _____

Name and address in BLOCK letters of proposer (if different to nominee):

Personal Statement (maximum 250 words)

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent governor.

I confirm (i) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent governor and (ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the School Governance Regulations.

Signature _____

Date _____

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by Wednesday 31st October 2018.