



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS



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St Ives Infant and Nursery School

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Key Dates

NEXT INSET DAY

- February 8th 2021

We break up for February half term **Friday 12th Feb** and return **Monday 22nd**.

Achievers Assembly

Well done to all of our achievers. We are all very proud of you! We will ensure that when things go back to normal we will catch up on our Hot Chocolate sessions for all achievers. I have stocked up on lots of biscuits and marshmallows. I am so looking forward to us been able to meet up for them again.

	Week ending 15 th
Pipit	Remi
Puffin	Leo
Chough	Nelle
Heron	Ellawyn
Kittiwake	Sonny
Cormorant	Sam
Sandpiper	Bryce

Free School Meals

Those parents whose children qualify for pupil premium funding in school will receive their second voucher on Monday 8th February for that week only.

That is because the Edenred scheme does not allow us to provide vouchers for half term and we have to use another provider. A voucher will be sent separately to cover half term, after which the Edenred scheme will continue until we return fully to school.

Half Term

Further to government announcements this week I can confirm we will be closed during half term for all

children. I know many parents will appreciate the break in remote learning! You all definitely deserve it.

Lay in, stay in your PJs all day, play all day, watch TV, take some long walks and just be!



Community Food Share

One of the many local groups who are helping our local community at this challenging time. Did you know they can offer deliveries on Wednesdays or Saturdays?



Remote Education

For your information, our remote education policy and remote education FAQs are on our website.

We are also looking to further develop contact with our children, so we will be sending additional guidance for users on Google classroom to establish further etiquette and ensure we keep everyone safe.

I do try and pop into the virtual classes as often as I can and take a look at the work shared from you all. It has been lovely to see some of the work coming in. You are all doing such a fantastic job.

Please ensure you are sharing work with the class teacher via google classroom or email. We love to see it and it helps the teachers provide personalised support.

Final note...

I am sure I am not alone in saying that January feels like the longest month ever. Christmas seems such a long time ago and this time of year, with the current circumstances, it can be difficult to find something more positive to focus on. The common thought with everyone seems to be this lockdown is much harder, the weather is miserable, we don't have Christmas to look forward to and things don't seem to be improving. However, we are one month closer to spring, longer days and hopefully a change in the weather. Whilst the governments have confirmed we will not be reopening for all, immediately after half term hopefully the vaccine roll out and the impact of lockdown will mean it won't be too long before we can return to some small elements of normality and have all of our children back with us.

I have had some lovely conversations with parents who are remote learning this week and there were some common themes.

You are all doing such an amazing job but some are putting extra pressure on themselves and I want to remind you to be kind to yourselves and remember that your role is completely different to ours as school staff. Firstly, we have trained for many years, it was a choice and we say goodbye to our children at the end of each day. You are trying to juggle different roles (teacher, lunchtime supervisor, parent, cleaner, cook etc) in your own home and you can't have a lunchbreak or say bye at the end of the day. This adds

all sorts of complexities even before you factor in other siblings or working from home.

Some days will be more productive than others and that's okay!

We are so pleased to be getting such a high level of interaction this lockdown. Please remember we are here to support you, so do get in touch if we can help in anyway.

Take Care

Mrs Farrar

