



# 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

#### 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

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

### COVID 19

The recent changes by the government have served as a reminder that the COVID 19 virus is still very much a threat to our health, wellbeing and economy.

In school we have specific procedures in place to ensure we are all as safe as possible. This is devised after consulting Government, local authority and Public Health England guidance and is reviewed regularly. However, the impact of behaviour in other areas is equally important, which is why the social distancing and staggered arrangements before and after school are so important.

The new arrangements from the government show that restrictions are going to be in place for some time and highlights that this has to be a long term arrangement. It is not the way any of us want to live but I think we all appreciate why we have to live with some inconvenience at the moment. It is important, now more than ever, that we work together to keep everyone safe

Unfortunately, it is inevitable that people we know are going to get symptoms or even test positive. Where there is a connection to school we will follow the procedures in place to ensure we are following the guidance from Public Health England.

In order to support us with this it is important that you communicate to school any suspected cases in your household immediately. We can help support you in terms of the process for testing and isolating. It also allows us to take the necessary steps we need to in school.

Can I politely ask that if you are unsure about anything or would like to voice any objections you come direct to me. Staff who are manning the gates have been subjected to some quite aggressive, intimidating and abusive behaviour this week unfortunately. The system we have in place is one of our protective measures, there to keep everyone safe. Please do respect that.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Achievers Assembly

Our achievers assemblies are still going ahead in school, albeit virtually. The recent achievers are;

	18/09/20	25/09/20
<b>Pipit</b>	Holly	Penelope
<b>Puffin</b>	-	Hazel
<b>Chough</b>	-	Quinn
<b>Heron</b>	Evie	Oliver
<b>Kittiwake</b>	Ezra	Rosa
<b>Cormorant</b>	Edward	Betty
<b>Sandpiper</b>	Michael	Louie

Hot chocolate sessions will be taking place next Monday in year group bubbles, which means I have to 'endure' 3 lots of hot chocolate and biscuits – poor me! 😊

Well done to all of our achievers!!

## **Nut Aware**

Could I please remind everyone that we are a Nut Allergy Awareness School. This means we aim to be as nut-free as we possibly can. It is impossible to guarantee that no nut products will be brought onto school premises but we strive to minimise this as much as possible.

We ask that all of our school community do not send in any food which contains nuts; this includes Nutella, cereal bars, peanut butter etc.

We have several children in school who have severe nut allergies so we are very grateful for your support in this important matter.

Our full policy can be found on the website.

## **Community**

### **St Ives RFC Youth Section**

The training for the 2020 – 2021 season has restarted. The u7's/u8's (our Year 2 children) begin training on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 – 10.30am. The full details are on our Facebook page or you can contact [andy\\_perkin\\_stivesrfc@yahoo.com](mailto:andy_perkin_stivesrfc@yahoo.com)

Please remember we are here to help, so please do get in touch if you need to. There are lots of local groups and individuals who are offering a variety of support in our community. It is a very supportive environment and now more than ever, we need to come together and support one another.

## **Final note...**

Thank you for all your continued support. I have been brought to tears this week by parents who have taken the time to chat and acknowledge it's a tricky time but appreciating the work school are doing. Thank you, I cannot say how much those few words mean.

It is difficult and challenging at times for us all, but appreciating it's difficult for everyone and working together really makes a difference.

Mrs Farrar

Thank you!

