



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

Easter Holidays - Friday 2nd – Friday 16th April (inclusive)

INSET Day Monday April 19th

School Reopens Tuesday April 20th

Achievers Assembly

Fingers crossed I am back in school next week and so can finally host the much anticipated 'Hot Chocolate' get togethers for all those who have missed out due to lockdown and isolation.

I am looking forward to catching up with all the achievers.

	Week ending 12th
Pipit	Evelyn
Puffin	Harrison
Chough	Addi
Heron	Max
Kittiwake	Archer
Cormorant	Ester
Sandpiper	Charlotte



Premises Work

On top of our existing programme of works we suffered additional damage due to the strong winds on Thursday. Work will begin on that today.

Red Nose Day

This year for Red Nose Day the theme is '**funny is power**'. This year we would like the children (and staff) to dress as 'real life superheroes'. We feel this is especially important given how front-line workers have been 'superheroes' during the coronavirus pandemic. For example, doctors, nurses, postal workers, rubbish collectors, dentists, firefighters, police officers, supermarket staff.

Throughout the day we will be hearing first-hand stories from children supported by the charity. Our PSHE focus will be around understanding the roles of these 'superheroes' and why they are important. We will also be joining in with various Red Nose Day games and activities. So please support us in this good cause next Friday 19th March and send in a donation with your child.

Update on COVID Tests from NHS Test & Trace

How will households and childcare/support bubble members receive the home test?

We are encouraging households and childcare/support bubble members to get asymptomatic tests twice a week, which can be done through the following channels:

Individuals who are households/support bubbles of children and also cannot work from home, may have access to onsite workplace testing and should enquire with their employer.

Attend their local community testing site, which can be found via their council website or the gov.uk postcode checker: <https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site>

Some local and regional testing sites will offer a collect facility for home self-test. More information can be

found via their local council website, which can also be found through the postcode checker. A new online ordering service which launched on 1 March, will allow people to book a time to collect their test kits from some local and regional testing site

For people who cannot access these services there will be a supply of test kits available online for home delivery for those who need them the most.

Parking & Car Park

Please park responsibly when dropping off or collecting from school. We have had some concerns raised about the increased parking around the crossing area and the difficulties this poses for pedestrians and vehicles.

Please also remember that the carpark is also only accessible to blue badge holders or parents whose children have mobility needs.

Everyone can access free parking at the car park next to the leisure centre (please avoid using leisure centre staff car park) and the council has agreed to be flexible with timings to reflect our staggered starts and finishes.

Final note...

It was an absolute joy to see the wider reopening of school on Monday and all our children return. I am well aware there may have been some sleepless nights the night before, and maybe a little anxiety after such a long absence. However the children all settled really quickly.

It was a real delight to be out on the playground Monday morning and see how excited many of our children were, but more than that, it was just such a great moment to see everyone back in school and happy. Once everyone was in, I checked in with each class and I have to say how proud of the children we all are. Within a few minutes, they slipped into familiar routines and it genuinely felt as if they had never been away.

I have commented to many people that our classrooms suddenly felt much smaller as the children seem to have grown so much. We definitely feel as if we need an extension to our carpet area in year 2!

I hope you have also managed to adapt this week to some sort of normality. It's a huge adjustment for everyone, including you, having had the children at home for so long.

I do hope you managed to take some time for yourselves.

Apology

I must also apologise as I have not been as visible as I usually am. I'm afraid I have needed to work from home this week after breaking a couple of ribs last Friday. I did come into school on Monday, but completely underestimated how much I needed to move and the impact on the pain. I am now resting, as instructed, so working from home to facilitate this.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via email at any time. I am also in touch with school throughout the day, so kept up to date and can pick up any messages or requests for call backs.

Thank you for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week.

Take Care

Mrs Farrar