



# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

## SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS

Newsletter 27th September 2019

### Key Dates

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9am - Bag2School, please take all bags to the Jubilee room on the day.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Census Day. As our funding is linked to this, we would encourage as many children as possible to enjoy a school meal on Census day. The menu has been changed for the day and will now offer chicken Nuggets & chips, fish fingers and chips or Quorn nuggets & chips.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Flu Immunisation (please see letter)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – World Cavity –Free Future



Day

Lots of useful resources online to help children understand the need for good oral health.

**Parent Interviews** – will be held the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October. Teachers are making themselves available across the week so please book a time slot to discuss how your child has settled in.

### Twitter

Please follow us for all the latest news and information.



@stivesinfantsch

### Parent Survey

If you haven't already please complete the online survey. See our website and twitter for the link



[tinyurl.com/st-ives-infant-survey](https://tinyurl.com/st-ives-infant-survey)

I must apologise, as I understand that the comment box at the end of the survey is not visible on the

survey. Thank you to the parents who have let us know. If you do have any further comments, please make a note of these and drop them off in the office.

*Thank you to those who have already responded.*

### Nursery & Breakfast Club Payments

Please ensure payments are made on time to ensure access to the provision is not disrupted at all. As a school we are not able to offer credit so where payments remain outstanding we have no option but to withdraw the service. If there is genuine difficulty around payment please call in to discuss these with the Office staff or Mrs Farrar.

### FOSIIS (Friends of St Ives Infant School)

Our FOSIIS are very enthusiastic and aspirational this year – they have BIG plans! The first meeting was held last week and included plans for a Halloween disco, Christmas Fair and the Bag2school fundraiser. As school budgets become more and more reduced we often rely on the goodwill of parents and staff to fundraise to purchase much needed extras. FOSIIS play a vital role in school life, not only with fundraising but also in organising additional, fun, out of school activities. We are very lucky to have them.

You may be aware that we suffer with low level vandalism on an almost daily basis. This takes time and money to correct, to ensure the site is safe and well maintained for our children. It is also demoralising for staff who work so hard to develop our outdoor resources and environment. The school was unsuccessful in securing funding for CCTV last year but we are delighted to share that FOSIIS have offered to fund the project this year! This will allow us to further develop our outside provision even further for the pleasure and enjoyment of our children.



FOSIIS have started a 'totalometer' to record and see their fundraising grow.



FOSIIS would be delighted if you could join them at their next meeting – 9am, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the Jubilee Room. If you can't make the meetings but would still like to help, then please speak to Dawn Stevens or Mrs Farrar.

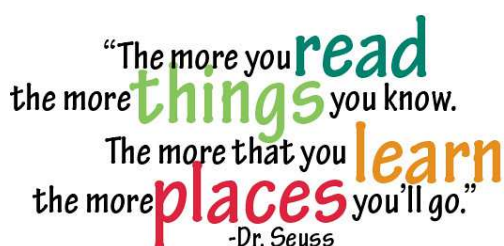
Any help is appreciated no matter how small, this can be for specific events, providing contacts or attending the meetings.

### Attendance

Further to last week's update on the newsletter please be aware that reasons for lates and absences will be requested by staff members in order to follow this up. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child has full access to the education we offer.

### Reading

We are parents ourselves and we are realistic, we know that it can be difficult to find time to read with your child regularly, however just 5 minutes a day can make such a huge difference.



Reading....

- ✓ exercises the brain and builds new connections
- ✓ teaches children about the world around them
- ✓ improves concentration
- ✓ improves vocabulary and language skills

- ✓ develops a child's imagination
- ✓ develops empathy
- ✓ Is fun!
- ✓ Is a great way to spend time together

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum. Working together we can ensure all our children make the progress we hope for and achieve to the very best of their ability.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like any fun ideas to support reluctant readers.

### Message from Mrs Farrar

I feel we have lived all the extremes of the seasons several times this week. It's definitely been changeable. I have learnt to layer up and be prepared for anything, particularly as I love to be outside. In regards to the outside, it is lovely that we are able to share our grounds with the local community particularly as we are in such a stunning location. As I mentioned earlier the constant vandalism is a challenge but this week we have had an incident after school, of our own children causing damage (probably accidently) and moving property around the grounds. Could I please ask that children are supervised after school so that this doesn't happen. Thank you

We are already half way through the first half term and school feels really settled which is lovely to see when out and about. Routines are established and children are enjoying what their year group offers along with the new challenges. We are working hard on developing a 'can do' attitude, resilience and independence in and around school.

Have a good weekend despite the predicted rain and winds.

See you all on Monday

Mrs Farrar

### Open Classrooms – All welcome

- ✓ Reception - Daily at 3.15pm
- ✓ Year 1 – Friday 3.00 – 3.15pm
- ✓ Year 2 – Thursday 3.00 – 3.15pm

