



# ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

## SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS



Newsletter 18.06.21



St Ives Infant and Nursery School

<https://www.st-ives-inf.cornwall.sch.uk/web>

### Achievers Assembly

	Week ending 11.06.21	Week ending 18.06.21
Pipit	Tommy	Penelope
Puffin	Eva	Hayden
Chough	Stanley	Marshall
Heron	Ellawyn	Noah
Kittiwake	Isaac	Scott-Bailey
Cormorant	Travis	Jayden
Sandpiper	Winnie	Louie

### G7

Well, what an exciting time that was. Despite the disruption, I think we all agree the children, and adults, experienced a unique couple of days. The children had so much to say about it in school and enjoyed learning a little more about why our town looked so different.

The children have written thank you's and drawn pictures for the police and security teams. These will be posted this weekend.

I can also now tell you that we were due to have a visit from Dr Biden and The Duchess of Cambridge. I had several meetings over the half term to ensure it was safe and very well planned. Unfortunately, due to concerns regarding security, they had to find an alternative school. I am so disappointed for our children and local community, as it would have been a wonderful experience. However, we are also writing to Kensington Palace with the hope that a visit from them could possibly be rearranged. Fingers Crossed!

### FOSIIS Updates

**Bags2school** raised over £80 – thank you to you all for your support.

5-mile challenge raised £2378.30

Wow – Just WOW !

After a grand count up this morning, I am completely overwhelmed and quite teary at the enormous show of support for our book fundraising. Thank you so much.

What a fantastic achievement!

The FOSIS team and I, would like to pass on our gratitude to you all, for taking the time to run, walk, jog, cycle, skateboard and surf the 5 miles over the half term. We have all been overwhelmed by the support and the amount raised for books for our new library.

Each child who worked so hard on raising money will be asked to choose a book from our new purchases that they would like to see in the library.

We will also be completing a display for the opening of the library with the 'random read' photos so please continue to send those in.

### **School Improvements**

Just before our first lockdown you may recall I asked parents and staff to volunteer time for a M.A.D (Make a Difference) day. This was with a view to work together as a community to improve areas around school. This is because school budgets are so tight there is little if any money for big projects.

Unfortunately, the impact of COVID put these plans on hold and also impacted on the availability of grants and our fundraising.

Things have been difficult BUT we now have the opportunity to start on those projects, albeit still hindered by COVID restrictions.

Our M.A.D day is 17<sup>th</sup> July in which we are asking if people can assist us with labour or donations to support our new Early Years outdoor project.

### **Project Rainbow (Early Years outdoors)**

Now the library is well on its way the Early Years outdoor area is next on the development list. The team have planned the area and have put together a 'wish list'. If you think you could help with a donation from the 'wish list' we would be very grateful. The list can be found at the back of the newsletter.

We are also looking for some assistance before the day to jet wash the paving, build shelving in the sheds and a few other bits of prep.

On the day itself we need help to paint walls, sheds and equipment; create project boxes and many other things. We will work under covid restrictions in place at the time and if necessary, may need to scale back. However, despite any restrictions it would be lovely if we could make a start.

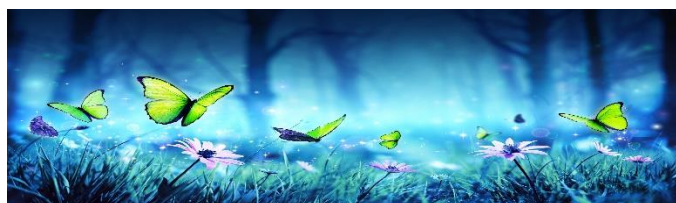
### **Project Butterfly update (Library)**

Work is continuing in the library. We have disconnected the water and are taking out the sink unit and screen this coming week. The room will be painted awaiting the furniture which is arriving later this month.

We are putting in an order for new books and sorting out our stock in the old library.

We have also had a company in to quote for wall vinyl's and are awaiting a price.

All very exciting... The Butterfly Library is coming soon ...



### **Main Outdoor Area**

We are just finalising the new surfacing for the cordoned area in the playground which will hopefully be completed in the summer holidays! This will impact on our facility to complete outdoor PE sessions and utilise the space better in wet weather.

### **General COVID Update**

We are all aware of the rise of infection rates locally and the extension of current restrictions. With that in mind please find below reminders regarding guidance;

- Let us know immediately if anyone in the household has symptoms
- Whole household to isolate until test results returned
- Please advise us of test results regardless of outcome

The following website has links to advice re symptoms, getting tested and isolation.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

### **COVID and school**

Please continue to support school and the wider local community by following our protective measures.

- Social distance when in the playground
- Please wear a mask if you are able, due to the constricted entry/exit points
- Remain distant from the classroom
- Do not gather in groups.
- Leave school premises as soon as you have collected your child/children
- Access school via designated gates at the appropriate time

Thank you for your continued support. As we edge closer to the school holidays, it would be devastating if I had to notify families or staff that they are starting their holidays in isolation.

Due to the extension of measures by the government we will unfortunately be unable to invite parents into school for our sports events or our Year 2 picnic, to ensure we are as safe as possible.

We would like to share photographs and videos of the sports events with you however this is extremely difficult due to the high number of our children who do not have permission to have their image shared. If you would like to change your permissions, then please do list the office know as soon as possible. If this then makes the sharing of the events feasible, we will update you.

Our transition arrangements may also need to change, and we will be in touch regarding this as soon as possible.

### Key Dates

#### **Summer Holiday**

23<sup>rd</sup> July – 06.09.21 inclusive (last day at school Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July)

#### **Inset Days for 2020 – 2021**

- 06.09.21
- 04.01.22
- 07.02.22
- 08.04.22
- 25.07.21

#### **Additional bank holiday for Queens Platinum Jubilee**

- 26.07.22

This date falls in May half term next year and so schools are being asked to organise an extra day in lieu of this. We have chosen to take it at the end of the year, so together with the last inset day it means we finish on the previous Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> July)

#### **Summer 2 Dates:**

- 09.07.21 Reports to parents. These will be a slightly different format this year to reflect the disrupted year.
- 16.07.21 Nursery Sports event
- 19.07.21 Year 2 Sports event
- 20.07.21 Year 1 Sports event
- 22.07.21 Year 2 Celebration Picnic

#### **Next Year**

Our new class names will be decided upon by the children on their transition day with their new teacher. Our theme for classes this coming year is beaches. Teachers, additional adults and classrooms will change from this current year.

#### **Final Note**



What a very busy two weeks back. The summer term is always so exciting but also very busy for all involved. G7 and all that involved, has just further added to the excitement that this half term brings.

It's also a really lovely time of year to see our children's development as we reflect on the year. I have had the delight of seeing some fantastic work this week from children whose work has been so amazing, their teachers have been proud enough to send them to me to ensure I can also share in their successes. This has meant hug beaming smiles for the children, the teaching staff and me!

We have such a lot to look forward to this half term and although it is going to look slightly different, we will ensure that the children enjoy every minute of it. They have already shown their resilience and adaptability to change over the last year and a half. They continually surprise us with their approach and acceptance.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Farrar

Buckets and spades
Pegs
Washing line
Outdoor cushions
Water spray bottles
Bigger Buckets
Plastic jugs for pouring
Shower curtains (clear or white)
Sieves
Pots and pans
Plant pots with hooks 
Paintbrushes/rollers
Kitchen utensils such as ladles, mixing spoons, spatulas, tongs etc.
Old mobile phones/cameras
Tyres
Large outdoor chalk
Small garden windmills
Small kites
Laundry baskets
Large egg timer
Long logs
Tree stumps high enough  to be used for little stools
Summer accessories old sun hats/sunglasses
Winter accessories: -hats -gloves -scarves -coats -wellies
Pushchairs for dolls
dolls
Old sheets/large fabric
Den clips
Clipboards A4
Outdoor colourful bunting
Multipurpose soil
Any unwanted uniform that is too small for spares
Outdoor children's picnic benches x3 <a href="#">RESÖ grey-brown stained, Children's picnic table - IKEA</a>



## *Early Years Wish List ...*

If anyone has any contacts to help with supply/donation of the following, this would also be really appreciated:

-artificial grass

-bark

-outdoor paint (to use for painting fencing/concrete walls/steps

-chalkboard paints

Please drop any donations or  
advise us of your planned  
donation to the office before or  
after school.

Thank you

