



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

February Holidays - Monday 15th – Friday 19th Feb (incl)

No school work for anyone – enjoy the break!

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

Next INSET Day Monday April 19th

We have had no further update regarding schools reopening for all pupils. The last government update stated schools would certainly be closed until at least March 8th.

If that is the case we would expect to be informed around the 22nd February. We will notify you as soon as we have anything confirmed.

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.

	Week ending 12th
Pipit	Arlo C
Puffin	Riley
Chough	Maggie
Heron	Jake
Kittiwake	Logan
Cormorant	Felix
Sandpiper	Jack



Free School Meals

Half term week vouchers have been sent via a company called WONDE, the same company we used for Christmas.

After half term the Edenred vouchers will restart, up to the point we fully reopen. The order site is not due to reopen until Monday 22nd Feb. Access to the site is then phased across all schools until Wednesday of that week to limit traffic. It is possible we may not be provided with access to process our order until the Wednesday, and the site requires a few days to process, so please bear with us that first week. We will order them as soon as we possibly can within the constraints of the government system.

If you have not received the vouchers for any reason then please check your junk/clutter folder in the first instance, but then let us know.

Remote Education

Our additional live reading sessions have started, and the teachers have loved seeing more class members attend this week.

Please try to join as many sessions of these as you can. It keeps the 'community feel' of the class/year group in a relaxed, informal way and children are finding it a real link to 'normal' school life.

We have also started some live teaching of phonics and reading for identified children. Several of our staff will be leading on this after the holidays.

Premises Work

After half term we will be having some work completed onsite, most of it outdoors. Please take care when entering the grounds, and ensure your children are supervised at all times. Areas of work will be clearly marked

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?



COVID update from Cornwall Council

The number of infections is reducing in Cornwall because we have seen our residents respecting the social restrictions in place during the third lockdown. Thanks to this, we have slowed the spread of the virus through our communities, and for that we are thankful.

However, as the surge in cases in late December and January showed, if Cornwall lets our guard down infection rates can spiral quickly, and we could soon find ourselves back where we started.

Therefore, we are asking all residents, especially parents and carers to continue to respect the lockdown rules, especially during half term. We know this is a challenge, especially for those parents and carers who are home schooling and we understand the temptation to relax while the pressure of teaching is not there for a week.

However, we have done so well since January and we simply can't afford to throw all of that hard work away. We are asking those who are on a half term break to avoid travelling distances in the car and "explore from your door" instead.

Final note...

As we reach the end of another rather unique half term I think it is important to reflect on how well everyone has adapted.

I have mentioned before how the government expectation of us as a school was far higher; in terms

of the remote education offer but also in terms of the level of expectation and engagement they expect us to encourage from our families. This has meant we have encouraged more from you. And you have all done a brilliant job.

This lockdown has felt different in the colder, wetter months and it's also almost a year on from the first one, so patience and positivity is wearing thin at times. That's to be expected for us all, but I feel we have all risen to the challenge despite it being difficult at times. None of us are perfect.

Teachers and support staff have upskilled quickly and our remote education offer reflects the feedback from you after the first lockdown. Whilst we cannot personalise our offer to suit everyone, feedback seems to suggest we have been able to meet most peoples needs.

I know there have been many difficulties for some families for many reasons but you have been open and honest with us, and together we have been able to find a way through.

Hopefully the next few weeks will see positive shoots of hope, in terms of COVID and the weather and we will be able to enjoy a bit more of a normal life.

Nothing would please me more than having school fully open for all of our children.

I wish you all a very enjoyable, relaxed and school work free half term – you definitely deserve it.

We look forward to being back in touch with you after half term hopefully with news of a return date (fingers crossed).

Take Care

Mrs Farrar

