



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS

Newsletter 29th November 2019

Key Dates

Friday 6th Dec – Christmas Fair, 5.00 -7.00pm

****No Achievers Assembly on the day of the fair****

Friday 6th Dec – Final day for Cornwall Christmas Box drop offs.

****NEW DATE Tues 10th Dec – Nursery/Reception
Xmas Songs Rehearsal (Grandparents invited) 9.30am**

****NEW TIME Wed 11th Dec – Nursery/Reception
Xmas Songs 9.30am**

Thurs 12th Dec– School closed for General Election

Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day - all donations to Save the Children

Mon 16th Dec – Y1/2 Dress Rehearsal (Grandparents invited) 9.30am

Tues 17th Dec – Y1/2 Performance 2pm

Wed 18th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day

Wed 18th Dec – Y1/2 Performance 9.30am

Thurs 19th Dec – Christmas Parties pm

Friday 20th Dec – Last day of Term

Donations will be welcomed at all of our Christmas performances for our chosen charities for December – Cornwall Christmas Box & Penhaligon's Friends

Achievers this week...

This week's 'Achievers' ...

Class	Achiever
Pipit	Isla
Puffin	Violet
Chough	Summer
Heron	Alice
Kittiwake	Austen
Sandpiper	Sienna
Cormorant	Lacey
Staff	Miss Slane

Well done to everyone. See you for hot chocolate on Monday!

Green Charter

Please see the attached letter for information about the 'Climate emergency' declared today by us, and many other Cornish Schools.

As part of our work within this charter we will be gathering opinions on how you would prefer information, such as this weekly update, communicating to you. Please reply to the letter attached so we can actively reduce wastage in the future.

Attendance

We would encourage you to get in touch, if you are having difficulty with any attendance issues to see how we can help, please arrange an appointment with Liane Whitely or Leisa Farrar.

Due to persistent poor attendance and an increasing number of late arrivals, attendance and late arrivals will be a key focus for January. It has a significant effect on the child who is late in terms of entering an established working classroom, and the learning they are missing. However, it also impacts on the settled class when a child is late and on other members of the school.

In terms of illness, please ring in as soon as you can to advise of illness on the day. Holiday requests need completing 2 weeks before so that you are aware if the holiday is authorised before you go. Holidays will only be authorised in circumstances where a child's attendance is usually good, and where there is an inability to take holiday within school time.

The start of the school day is 8.55am and children are expected to arrive ready to enter the classroom at this time. Late arrivals need to enter via the office and provide a reason for being late. All attendance is monitored, including lates, and letters will be sent out later this term to address any areas we are

concerned about. Please see our attendance policy for further information.

Note from Mrs Farrar

There is a little hint of Christmas in the air and we can already feel the excitement from the children! Our first festive occasion takes place next Friday with our Christmas Fair organised by FOSIIS. This is quite a feat organisationally, so if anyone can help prepare things such as tombola gifts, set up or man a stall on the day please let us know.

Please note that from next weekend we will be closing the school site after school hours (6pm to 7am weekdays) and weekends. The decision hasn't been taken lightly but due to the number of issues on site we have been left with no other option. I really appreciate all the messages of support we have received.

Don't forget, Santa arrives in the harbour tonight at 6pm and there is lots more going on in town to get us all in the festive spirit!!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Farrar



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Penwith Primary Schools Declare 'Climate Emergency'

29th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

St Ives Infant School, in collaboration with Penwith primary schools, and primary and secondary schools across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, has formally agreed to declare a 'climate emergency' TODAY Friday 29th November.

The 'climate emergency' is the biggest challenge facing our planet and future generations. To have a significant impact we need to do more than make symbolic statements - we need to turn warm words into impactful actions. St Ives Infant School has made a commitment to the Green Charter for Schools and we will do all that we can to achieve its aims. This will be interpreted in an appropriate way, reflecting the age and understanding of our children. At our school we will be discussing what actions we can take as individuals, and as a school, to lessen our impact.

Further information about the Green Charter can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Leisa Farrar
Head Teacher



A GREEN CHARTER

for schools in Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly

As educators, we are committed to teach our young people to be environmentally literate and to develop their knowledge, skills, motivation and confidence to practice and promote sustainability in their community.

As organisations, we are committed to ensure any decisions we make about our working practice take into account the impact on the environment, with the aim of adopting sustainable practices wherever possible.

To this end, we will:

1. Collectively declare a climate emergency in November 2019.
2. Provide the opportunities for staff, Governors, children, and community to find out about the climate emergency and what action they can take.
3. Gain Eco-School status within two years, then maintain it thereafter.
4. Significantly reduce the use of single-use plastic with the aim of becoming 'plastic free.'
5. Develop the school grounds to promote: engagement with nature, biodiversity and growing food.
6. Have a meat-free school menu once a week and/or promote the benefits of eating less meat and more seasonal, locally-sourced food.
7. Speak out. Staff work with pupils to engage with parents and community in order to promote action on climate change.
8. Engage with another school (nationally or internationally) about action in schools.
9. Support Cornwall Council's aim to become carbon neutral by:
 - reducing energy consumption by at least 10%
 - using some form of renewable energy source on site, where possible
 - buying energy from renewable suppliers, where possible
10. Explore ways to lessen the impact of petrol and diesel vehicles on the environment.