

ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL

SETTING SAIL FOR NEW HORIZONS



Newsletter 03.12.21



St Ives Infant and Nursery School

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

Upcoming Dates

- 8th Dec Last Day for Santa Letters
- 10th Dec Last Day for Cornwall Christmas Boxes
- 15th Dec Raffle Drawn
- 15th Dec Christmas Lunch day
- 16th Dec Year 1 & 2 Christmas Parties
- 17th Dec Reception & Nursery Christmas Party
- Monday 20th Dec to Monday 3rd Jan inclusive
- Christmas Holidays
- 4th Jan Inset Day
- 5th Jan Children return to school

Achievers Assembly

Well Done to all our achievers!

Hot chocolate with Buddy will take place Friday morning until Christmas!

| | Week ending 03.12 |
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| Treen | Cadie |
| Perran | Ralph |
| Lamorna | Nellie |
| Kynance | Seren |
| Gwithian | Courtney |
| Godrevy | Daniel |



Thank you!



A BIG thank you to Mole Valley Farmers for donating the Christmas tree again this year. Thank you too to Mr Earles for arranging this.

We are very grateful.



2021 CHECKLIST

Everything you need to include in your Christmas box:

- ☐ 2 x tins of meat
- ☐ Tin of potatoes
- ☐ Tin of sweetcorn
- ☐ Tin of carrots
- ☐ Jar of cranberry sauce
- ☐ Gravy granules
- ☐ Stuffing
- ☐ Christmas pudding
- ☐ Mince pies
- ☐ Packet of custard
- ☐ Tin of fruit
- ☐ Packet of yummy, sweet biscuits
- ☐ Box of chocolates
- ☐ Packet of 'nibbles' (peanuts or similar)
- ☐ Chocolate log or Christmas cake
- ☐ Soft drink (plastic bottle & no alcohol please)

You're welcome to add other Christmas treats to your box (please don't include alcohol, cigarettes, vouchers or any perishable food).

Please place all the items into a decorated **closeable** cardboard box and take it to one of the collection points by Friday 10th December ready for collection and distribution. Thank you very much!

LAST COUPLE of DAYS

We are very proud to support our local community and be a drop off point for Cornwall Christmas Boxes for the 3rd year running.

Individual donations of any of the items above are welcomed, along with complete boxes. Our location makes us an ideal spot for dropping off (please contact the office so you can access the grounds when dropping off).

The last day for drop offs is 10th December

St Ives in December

Santa Arriving by lifeboat Today!

Santa is coming to St Ives on Friday 3rd December at 6pm. He will arrive in the harbour on the RNLI lifeboat and will be welcomed by the Mayor of St Ives, Kirsty Arthur. Santa will then do a short tour through town on SS Belinda, his new Sleigh to Café Art in Royal Square. Santa and Kirsty will then welcome our Local Heroes voted by the public to switch on the Christmas Lights

SANTA'S GROTTO Saturday 4th December

Santa will be visiting on Saturday 4th between 1pm and 4pm. His Grotto will be located in Kidz R Us Theatre, lower Stennack. Entry is £3 and Santa will be giving every child a little present. Children are welcome to speak to him, but to protect Santa and everyone else there will be social distancing. No booking required, just turn up on the day, and while waiting enjoy stilt walkers, singers and musicians around the town

TREASURE HUNT & CHRISTMAS WINDOW COMPETITION

Throughout the festive period, there is a Christmas Window display competition for shops around the town for you to vote for. Votes can be posted in special boxes at The Wharf Post Office & Toy Shop, Tregenna Post Office, Café Art and the Library. You can also vote on the Facebook page, Instagram and web site. Also a treasure hunt for the whole family. Entry forms and details can be found in the Library and both Post Offices.



Christmas Tree Festival and Christingle service

17 Dec 5pm St John's Church

15 community groups have teamed up to fill St John's with beautifully decorated Christmas Trees. We will have our own special tree decorated by the children of our school. There will also be a special Christingle service at 5pm once all the trees are decorated.

24 Dec 5pm St Ia Church Family Carols

Traditional Festive Carols and fun for all ages.



Families Workshop: Make & Take Winter Decorations

Saturday 4 & 11 December 2021
sessions available throughout the day
online booking essential

www.leachpottery.com

Higher Stennack, Saint Ives TR26 2HE
01736 799703

COVID Protective Measures

The new variant and amended guidance from the government highlights the need to still be very aware and take the steps we need to support our whole community.

I would like to remind you that we are continuing to ask parents/carers to wear masks at drop off and collection times, and not to gather in groups on the school grounds.

We are not yet re-introducing staggered starts but continue to work as separate year groups as much as we possibly can yet limit mixing of groups. We continue to limit visitors to site and ventilate the classrooms as much as we can. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing as opening the windows is our only option to support the ventilation advice.

Many of our community remain anxious about COVID and even more so now with the new strain. I ask that everyone is mindful of how others feel and follow the guidance we have in place at present.

If you are feeling anxious about covid in anyway then please do get in touch and I will happily go through all the protective measures in place in school.

After School Clubs

As our clubs for the autumn term come to an end I would like to thank all of the staff involved in running these clubs.

Thank you to Mrs Bason, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Cooper, Miss Cocking, Mr Hansen, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Lamb and Mrs Pulley.

Our new club offer will be shared at the beginning of the new year.

Excitingly, the New Horizons Newspaper team have completed their first publication which has been shared with all parents by email. A printed copy has also been shared with all reporters. What a fantastic job they have done.

Final Note

I met with one of our governors this week and reflected on the very unique last couple of years and how just a few months into my headship here at St

Ives, we faced a global pandemic – definitely not something you expect, or plan for. I was looking back, as I am very conscious that this has seriously inhibited our parents coming into school and having those usual conversations and interactions. I have really missed this, as have staff and I know you have too.

As I am sure you aware that the deadline for new Reception applications is almost upon us and we would normally have prospective parents to look around school. The only way I can facilitate this at this current time is to offer parents an appointment on a Friday afternoon. This will be taking place on the 10th December, along with the option of a TEAMS meeting.

However, I am very aware that many of our existing parents have not yet had the opportunity to visit school, to meet staff properly and to get to know us or our school as much as you would in ‘normal’ circumstances’. I want you to know, it is still very much a priority for me, and I am working on how this can be safely facilitated in January.

We are now enjoying our last couple of weeks until the Christmas holidays with lots of fun, exciting activities taking place in school as well as in our local community.

As a school we have created 150+ Christmas tags for our local Cornwall Christmas Boxes which will be gifted to members of our local community via the Salvation Army. We have also been invited to decorate a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival and Christingle service at St Johns.

Our Christmas raffle tickets should now be with you. Please don't forget to return them, with the appropriate amount of money, so they can be entered into the draw. There are lots of fantastic prizes to be won.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Leisa Farrar

