



SIJS NEWSLETTER

Spring term 2011

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Dear Parent / Carers

Half term is upon us and we would like to wish everyone a happy, sunny break.

On the scooter front, the local police once again have highlighted their concerns regarding the many children riding scooters with no helmets and with little regard to road safety. As a school we do not have the facilities to accommodate scooters or skateboards. Therefore we ask that children walk to school and leave their scooters or skateboards at home, unless a parent walks with their child and then returns the scooter to their home, whilst their child is in school.

Helmets must always be worn by both scooter and bike users if on our school site at any time. Both bikes and scooters should be walked on the school premises at all times and not ridden, due to the number of pedestrians and cars.

We very much look forward to your rigorous support in this- ensuring both your children's safety as well as members of the community who drive cars or are pedestrians.

Thank you,
Mrs Smith.

BREAKING NEWS!

Our revamped website goes live immediately after half term!!!



Landing on www.stivesjunior.org.uk will now take you straight to our latest learning projects where you can comment on the exciting learning opportunities your child has been involved in. The greater the number of comments a project has, the higher its profile on our new site! The whole site is designed so that it can be easily updated by staff and new, exciting learning projects will be uploaded regularly, so be sure to visit us as often as you can to see what's new. Not only that, we have key dates for your diary entered onto our school calendar in the "news" section of our site, as well as continuing to make available by download class learning newsletters and school newsletters. There may be a brief period of time when you are unable to access either the old or the new website in the week after half term but this should be no longer than 48 hours at the very most. We really hope the new site will encourage your child to share their learning with you even more than they have done up to now, and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Mr Allcock, ICT Leader.

TESCO- SCHOOL VOUCHERS



SIJS are once again collecting 'Tesco for Schools and Clubs' vouchers. Please make sure that you ask for vouchers each time you shop and also encourage all friends and family to collect for St Ives Junior School too. Our target this year is to collect 33,000 vouchers- enough for a new Apple iMac for our learning zone at school.

Please hand any vouchers to Mrs Prescott at the office, and a huge thankyou in advance.



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CHANGES IN HOMELEARNING

After a recent whole-school consultation involving all children and a number of parents/carers, we have reviewed our home learning. The children are keen to keep 'The Write Stuff', but would like to alternate it with a 'learning project' every half term (3 Write Stuff and 3 Learning projects, over the year) and staff feel this is an excellent idea.

The 'Write Stuff's' main purpose will remain the promotion of the love of writing and story; creating innovative and imaginative writing as well as building writing stamina. These are key skills which your children will need throughout their education and indeed throughout life.

The learning project, the first one starting after February half term, will be based around each year group's IPC theme of the term. It will have a more cross curricular approach, enabling children to shine and explore their individual strengths and interests. For example, if a child has particular interest in art, then there will be opportunities to explore this interest within the 'learning project.'

As with the 'Write Stuff', although supported and encouraged by adults at home, we would hope that the majority of grappling with the project will be done by the children, with adults, playing a role in motivating, editing and supporting with research.

If a child does not have access to a computer at home for research opportunities, then remember that you can use the internet in the public library, or with permission, use the school computers before the start of the school day and after it.

When your child's new IPC topic is introduced after half term, there will be more information regarding the possible learning project. Across the school, all children will be given options in the way they present their home learning

- a) On paper – this could include art images, reports, stories, interviews, personal views
- b) Through multimedia in an animated way– using video, cameras, digital images
- c) On FROG – creating a 'My Page' tab to host the learning project, using text, links to websites, uploaded images, sound files and much more besides
- d) Any other creative and innovative way of sharing learning!

We would expect all children at SIJS to be involved in the learning project, which has come directly from the children. A celebration of all children's projects will be on show during Open Afternoon on 6th April.

Many thanks, Ms Teagle, Literacy Leader.

LEACH POTTERY WORKSHOP

Leach Pottery are holding two more Claydays workshops during half-term week:

Claydays at the Leach Pottery – Wednesday 23rd February 2011 10.30pm and 2pm

- Ages 6 – 12 years, £3 per child per workshop.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Only 12 places available on each workshop so booking and pre-payment are recommended

Please contact the Leach Pottery on 01736 799703 or email office@leachpottery.com
Thank you!

Margaret Parma
Administrator at Leach Pottery.



Special Certificates and Purple Tickets

W/E 04/02/11

Class 1. Jacob Bolton
Class 1. Jacob Bennett
Class 1. Megan Hall
Class 2. Sonny Sampson
Class 2. Amelia Lindsay
Class 3. William Trevorrow
Class 3. Owen Mills
Class 4. Akhil Pulley
Class 4. Mandy Chen
Class 5. Claire Careswell
Class 5. Ellie Garbett
Class 6. Tamzyn Clarke
Class 6. Isaac Griffiths
Class 7. James Narbett
Class 7. Hope McAuley
Class 8. Jack Peters
Class 8. Elliot Hurley
Class 9. Zoe-Jade Button
Class 9. Toby Horsell
Class 10. Paul Couch
Class 10. Ebby Cotterill

W/E 11/02/11

Class 1. Daisy Bowman
Class 1. Saffron Hichens
Class 2. Georgia Manzie
Class 2. Sarah Larder
Class 3. Jamie Gregory
Class 3. Samwise Allen
Class 4. Mila Watson
Class 4. Thai Merrill
Class 5. Rebecca Babb
Class 5. Holly Chen
Class 6. Matthew Hosking
Class 6. Keavy Jarvie
Class 7. Finn Hurley
Class 7. Owen O'Dell
Class 8. Charlotte Stafford
Class 8. Lionel Johnson
Class 9. Milda Ambra
Class 9. Callum Lewis
Class 10. Eloise Weidner-Lawson
Class 10. Ellie Pollock

W/E 04/02/11

Year 3. Sonny Sampson
Year 3. Faye Clemens
Year 4. Liam Bassett
Year 4. Isobel Kantaris
Year 5. Owen Wright
Year 5. Grace Mayes
Year 6. Matthew Astbury
Year 6. Neve Lewin

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Year 3. Gabriella Mursaloglu
Year 3. Jacob Bolton
Year 4. Thomas Wagstaff
Year 5. Holly Cullen
Year 5. Kai Martin
Year 6. Tabitha Fulham
Year 6. Samuel Saunders

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Year 3. Jacob Hickenbottom
Year 3. Kezia Elliott
Year 4. Zoe Pugh
Year 5. Shannon Leach
Year 5. Kez Goldsmith
Year 6. Laura Speechley
Year 6. Nicky Hudson

Congratulations
Well done

