



SIJS NEWSLETTER

Spring term 2011

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Dear Parents / Carers

WELL DONE especially to year 4 students and to everyone who helped our **COMIC RELIEF DAY** efforts- an amazing...**£655.67** was raised. Thank you to all who put themselves out there!! Especially Mr Allcock for his bravery facing heavy wet sponges!!

Having received this information from Mr Billy Peters we are encouraging everyone to take part in the '**YOUNG CITIZEN CUP**' as detailed below. Your child can choose anything they have achieved whilst at school or alternatively something they have created in their own time at home. All entries need to be labelled accurately, at the office- for collection by Friday 8th April. Thank you. [This is optional]



St Ives Old Cornwall Society Young Citizen Cup

The very first Old Cornwall Society was formed in St Ives in 1920 by Robert Morton Nance. A group of people lead by Morton Nance were devoted to all the ancient things that embody the spirit of Cornwall – its traditions, its old words and ways, and its Celtic language and Nationality. They adopted the society motto: "Gather ye the fragments that are left, that nothing be lost".

In 2010 the St Ives Old Cornwall Society celebrates its 90th anniversary and to mark this important milestone the Cornish Gorsedd is donating a cup to be awarded by the St Ives Society to the young person who best exemplifies the spirit of The Old Cornwall Society. It is felt that the competition should be open to school children of all ages and there should be no fixed format to allow the children the greatest scope for creative ideas. The end result should demonstrate an understanding of the Old

Cornwall Society and its motto and it is hoped that this might become an annual event.

It is hoped that school teachers could suggest to the children that submitted work could come from a wide range of topics - from a piece of writing; an artwork; piece of music; poetry; a collage; sculpture; or an act of local citizenship. They could possibly look for inspiration in old traditions such as: sailing model boats on Consols Pond on Good Friday; local May Day celebrations; our revived Town Swimming Gala or St.Ives Feast Day. Perhaps they could look at the enduring culture of St Ives for ideas including those things that continue to make our home a special place to live. Inspiration could come from observations made of the artist community or a study of our wonderful beaches and coastline that continue to support surfers and water sports enthusiasts in the present day.

Entrants need to make their submissions by the end of the Spring Term and pieces will be collected and returned, after judging, by a committee member of The St. Ives Old Cornwall Society.

Although not yet confirmed, it is hoped that work submitted for the competition will be displayed at St. Ives library for public viewing. The winner will receive a silver cup and will be photographed by the local newspaper.

It is sincerely hoped that the competition will grow in popularity thanks to support from local St Ives schools.

TAX CREDIT INFORMATION

(In response to parent requests).

Tax credits are payments from the government. If you're responsible for at least one child or young person, you may qualify for Child Tax Credit. If you

work, but are on a low income, you may qualify for Working Tax Credit. You can often get both types of tax credits. If you're working or going back to work, and you've got children, you can get financial and practical help with childcare. From tax credits to flexible working arrangements, there's lots of support available to make your life easier. If you work and pay for childcare you may also be able to get extra tax credits to help with the costs of childcare. The Tax credit payments aren't taxable. Call the tax Credit Helpline for more information on 0845 300 3900 and to see if you are eligible to claim. The helpline is busiest between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm and after 4.00 pm. If you call outside these times your call may be answered more quickly.

Sincerely, Mrs Smith.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Recently, our school librarian, Mrs Corin, has worked alongside a LA librarian for a full day, to ensure our books are updated. It is essential that our children are reading the best quality books, in terms of both new, fresh books and showing relevance to our children, in the fast changing world we live in. In total, 300 books were exchanged, both fiction and non fiction! In response to the recent parent questionnaire, we are in the process of researching books to add to our already wide repertoire, to ensure children have breadth of understanding and genre.



A reminder that Mrs Corin is in the library until 3.30 every day. Please use this time to either change books, or to simply use the quiet space to read with your children. **All library books** should be back in school by **Monday 4th April**. If any books are lost, then a contribution of £5 to cover part of the cost is to be paid to Mrs Prescott. If the books are found, as in most cases, then Mrs Prescott will refund you the money. At the end of last year we reduced the loss to £500 in books never returned, down from the previous year's £2000 loss. Please help us so that this year we can buy more books instead of covering a loss.

Thank you,
Ms Teagle (Literacy Leader)

BRAINPOP: learning alongside your child at home

With the support of the Technology College we have been able to purchase a huge and simple to use online learning resource called Brainpop. Staff have been using Brainpop in school for a number of weeks now and we are delighted that we are now able to let students access Brainpop from home.



Each of the learning activities, which cover a significant number of different curriculum areas, features an animated movie involving a character called Tim and his best friend Moby. Simply click and follow the characters as they explore different areas of learning, then take the quiz challenge and re-cap the learning

To find Brainpop visit www.brainpop.co.uk

our school username is:

stives

our password is:

resilience

All pupils and staff have the same username and password.

Brainpop content is specifically aimed at 7-14 year olds and you as parents and carers will need to make family based decisions on whether your child is mature enough to access all of the content without your supervision. Should they show an interest for example in how the body changes during puberty you may specifically choose to watch this video alongside your child and use it as starting point for further discussion. This is just one possible example.

We hope you and your child thoroughly enjoy Brainpop and find it as useful and as engaging as we have in school so far. Feedback from pupils has been overwhelmingly positive. We will put a link to Brainpop on our website too.

Thank you.

Matt Allcock (ICT Leader)

FUTURES FRIDAY ALERT

Last Spring Term 2010 saw the launch of our 'FUTURES FRIDAY' series for years 5 and 6 students, whilst years 3 + 4 continued with FUN FRIDAYS with vertical grouping. This term we will continue with Fun Fridays and vertical grouping for all and continue our 'Futures Fridays' again in the summer term. Thus we need YOU – people with an enthusiastic passion for their job of work. Last year students were fascinated to find out the various learning routes taken, which had enabled all to achieve the job they wanted.

If you, or anyone you know in the local community, are brave enough to come and talk to several classes with their teacher for a short time on a Friday afternoon- **we would love to hear from you.**

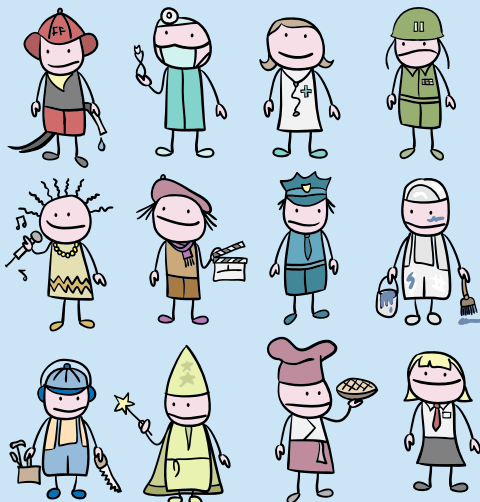
Once again we would like to have every single job possible represented and maybe you could be the small flame that lights a child's imagination as to what they might like to do in the future, so that they are inspired to study and super charge their learning to achieve a happy future.

Please, please contact Mrs Gidlow who is co-ordinating, or the school office if you are willing to come in or if you can persuade anyone from our community to contribute.

It was an amazing success in 2010 thanks to all our contributors and we just need community support again to enable the experience to be as broad as possible for all children, across all kinds of jobs.

Future Fridays will begin after May half term.

Thank you very much indeed.



www.stivesjunior.org.uk

Advice on Head Lice with NHS Choices

Co-ordinating bug busting days across the country can help to prevent head lice circulating.



For diagnosis information please visit-

www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Diagnosis.aspx

For prevention information please visit-

www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Prevention.aspx

Introducing the simple skill of Bug Busting®. To beat head lice you need the right, clinically proven comb - the uniquely efficient Bug Buster® – packed with the correct instructions.

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TO HELP- the combs are available from school reception at a price of 75p.

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Email- bugbusters2k@yahoo.co.uk

One to One Help Line- 01908 561928

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DIARY DATES

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL @ 2:30PM-

is the next SIJS Friends of the School meeting. Please do try and come if you can to support and plan ahead.

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

All school clubs end for the term.

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL-

OPEN AFTERNOON- we very much look forward to seeing as many parents, carers and relations as possible.

Come and Share your child's successes and all their efforts.

YEAR 6 will once again sell cakes in the hall if parents can send in some CAKES!
PLEASE...

Friends of the School will hopefully support as usual although Mrs Nicol could do with several friends to rotate as well this time please!

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL-

Last day of Spring term.

TUESDAY 26TH APRIL-

First day of Summer term.

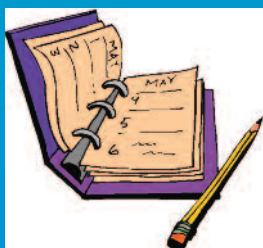
FRIDAY 29TH APRIL & MONDAY

2ND MAY-

Bank Holidays

MONDAY 9TH MAY-

All school clubs start again



W/E 25/03/11

Class 1. Lucy Humphries
Class 1. Rosie Finch
Class 1. Faye Clemens
Class 1. Jacob Hickenbottom
Class 3. Magdalene Berg
Class 3. Jordan Morris
Class 4. Samuel Barlow
Class 4. Zane Langley
Class 5. Matthew Burrell
Class 5. Jack Upton
Class 6. Grace Mayes
Class 6. Bethany Hampton
Class 7. Owen Wright
Class 7. Rebecca Jones
Class 8. Michael Maclean
Class 8. Callum Dunicliff
Class 9. Jade Bromley
Class 9. Toby Horsell
Class 10. Luke Scadden
Class 10. Kieran Jasper

W/E 25/03/11

Year 3. Hannah Marquis
Year 3. Jacob Bennett
Year 4. Jaydon Bark
Year 4. Carla Tophill
Year 5. Euan Pellow
Year 5. Rebecca Jones
Year 6. Elliot Hurley
Year 6. Sylvie Nicol

Congratulations
Well done

