



SIJS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

REMINDER

Tomorrow Friday 30th September is a whole school closure day for in-service training. Thankyou.

INSPECTION

We have had an exciting start this term with a welcome visit from Ofsted. They had written, as you know, to say that they felt no need to come before summer 2012 due to an interim desk top data assessment. However I wrote to ask them to honour their commitment to schools to visit every 3 years as we had been due to be inspected in January 2011. I received a 'not possible to do' response.



So although totally unexpected, we look forward to sharing the results of their findings with you, as soon as possible. This should be in about 2 weeks.

Included within this newsletter is our attendance policy, which is crucial to continued success. Please read it carefully. LATENESS continues to be an issue and we will be phoning rigorously to ensure that all children get to school on time. We open the school from 08:35 (external gates at 08:30) so that ALL children are able to start the day positively and PROMPTLY. At 08:50 all doors are locked to keep children safe and learning starts in all classrooms. We deliver more than the legally expected hours of tuition in every school day because we are trying to give our children the best deal possible.

Please support us in this so that we can help your child make maximum progress. Pupils only get one chance every day to make the most of the opportunities on offer. Thank you.

SCHOOL MEALS: PUPILS - BRING SOMEONE TO LUNCH!

In response to a request from a parent Ms Wallis our cook, on behalf of COMPASS/Scolarest/Chartwells who provide catering services to over 1500 primary schools including us, invites any adult relations to have lunch with their child, on **WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER from 1245hrs.**

IF you are a year 3 pupil and you have school lunch your adult can eat for free!

Please make the most of this opportunity. All adult meals will be at the discount price of £2.20 (apart from year 3 pupil adults) for the day. Roast pork or vegetarian quorn is on offer with broccoli, parsnips, salad sticks, forest fruit flapjack or fruit cups together with home made bread!

We hope to see you and if you would like to come please fill in and return the slip so that Ms Wallis in the kitchen is able to cater effectively for the numbers coming. Many thanks.

P.S. we will be holding a tasting workshop soon too...

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS with TEMPEST

Taking place on **MONDAY 10th October from 08:15 for family groups. Children will automatically be photographed with siblings and individually during the day.**

MOVEMBER FUND RAISING

Wednesday 30th November will be our termly non uniform fund raising day. Please bring a minimum contribution of 50p.

It is in aid of MENS HEALTH with some statistics below.

<http://uk.movember.com/>

The 'Mo', slang for moustache, and November come together each year for Movember to raise awareness of cancers affecting men. How? Growing rich moustaches as conversation starters, of course... SO... after the idea from Mr Hogg and Mr Tudor as many men on site as possible will be growing and cultivating a moustache through the month of NOVEMBER- starting with being clean shaven on November 1st.

ON 30th November we will have a glorious shave time in school where we celebrate all fund raising and we are sure ALL chaps will be very glad to actually ceremoniously rid themselves of their facial hair! I suspect their partners will be even more happy!

IF ANY PARENTS WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THAT WOULD BE BRILLIANT TOO!!!!!!!!!!!!

Many thanks as always,
Sue Smith.



Proceeds go to the Movember Foundation. Men's Health:

The average life expectancy for men is four years less than women (presently 78 years old compared to 82).

The rate of cancer diagnoses in men is considerably higher than the rate in women. In every 100,000

men there will be 417 cases diagnosed, compared to 366 cases per 100,000 females.

Evidence suggests that about a third (39%) of 12 common cancers in the UK could be prevented through diet, physical activity and body weight. 1 in 9 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime.

In 2008 37,051 new cases of prostate cancer were diagnosed and 10,168 men died.

Testicular cancer in the UK affects younger men between the ages of 20 and 50. 1,990 men were diagnosed with the disease in 2007.

Smoking accounts for at least 25% of all cancer deaths and 86% of lung cancer deaths.

In 2008 22,846 men were diagnosed with lung cancer and 19,868 men died from the disease. While not as common, men can get breast cancer. In 2008 about 341 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed among men and about 69 men died from the disease.

The most common cancer in the UK for men is prostate cancer and for women breast cancer. In 2008 5,584 men were diagnosed with skin cancer (malignant melanoma) and 1,121 men died from the disease.

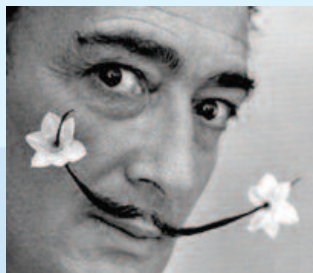
An estimated 2.8 million people have diabetes and 850,000 do not know it.

About 1 in 3 adults have high blood pressure, and blood pressure tends to rise with age.

1 in 4 men in the UK will experience a mental health problem at some point in their lives.

Men commit suicide four times as often as women. Only 26% of men go to their GPs for regular check ups.

Let's face it, men are known to be more indifferent towards their health, especially when compared to the efforts of women, who proactively and publicly address their health issues in a way not traditionally seen with men. As a result, today the levels of awareness, understanding and funding for support of male health issues, like prostate cancer, lag significantly behind causes such as breast cancer.



HAVE YOUR SAY IN ST IVES

St Ives Police Neighbourhood Team, Cornwall Council, St Ives Town Council and other agencies are giving residents of St Ives the opportunity to "Have Your Say". They are holding a public event at St Ives Rugby Club on Wednesday 5th October at 7 pm. Anyone who lives, works, or has an interest in the community are all invited to come along to discuss which topics or issues are important to you. The agencies present will then take away any issues relating to them and look at how to resolve them.

These can range from parking and traffic flow to potholes and signage, from speeding to ASB and lack of youth facilities to any other community issue that you think needs addressing.

We look forward to seeing you all there and coming up with feasible and proactive, long term solutions to these problems. Meetings have been very successful in the past with a number of priorities being addressed with a noticeable difference in the town.

PUPIL COUNCIL

Our new Pupil Council has held its first meeting, led by Chair Lilly-Mae Lander and Secretary Joseph Cross.

Lilly-Mae and Zara Elliott were elected to represent SIJS at the St Ives Bay Youth Council which initiated the recent successful roller discos at the Guild Hall.

Items to discuss at our next Pupil Council meeting include the progress with the sunshade canopy, originally suggested by last year's council.

HDLP GOLD AWARDS

A huge well done to all students and their parents or carers who were committed to keeping and maintaining learning throughout the Summer holidays.

The Gold winners are as follows:

Class 3- Rebekah Couch, Gabriella Mursaloglu and Zarah Simpson

Class 4- Ryan Goodman, Lara McBlane, Saffron Hichens, Sophie Park and Megan Hall

Class 5- Samuel Peters

Class 6- Alfie Paxton & Madeline Cooper

Class 7- Rueben Veal

Class 8- Isaac Griffiths and Kacey Seaton

Class 9- Charlotte Steed, Rebecca Hughes and Keavy Jarvie

Class 10- Charley Fox, Owen Wright, Kira Lomas and Jordan Trevorrow

We will continue to track very closely progress achieved throughout this year by students as usual, and to see if the children who completed the summer learning challenge make greater progress as a result of their efforts. Extensive research demonstrates this is the norm because children start from a secure learning platform ready to accelerate their learning and do not have to catch up.

We very much hope that all students and their carers will be committed to taking part in holiday learning set to keep brains agile and to ensure no learning is lost from memory during the Christmas and Easter holidays. It really does matter and it really can make a significant difference to your child's learning capabilities and ultimately their future.

Thank you.

I confirm that I would like to have school lunch on WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER.

Name: Class: Year Group:

Special Certificates and Purple Tickets

W/E 23/09/11

Class 1. James Marsden
Class 1. Tilly Lawton
Class 2. Chloe Bryan
Class 2. Loki Allen
Class 3. On trip to Penzance
Class 4. On trip to Penzance
Class 5. Jordon Jeffrey
Class 5. Ellie Garbett
Class 6. William Trevorrow
Class 6. Madeline Cooper
Class 7. Amber Lawrence
Class 7. Akhil Pulley
Class 8. Joseph Pascoe
Class 8. Grace Mayes
Class 9. Felix McCrossen-Sadler
Class 9. Bethany Hampton
Class 10. Euan Pellow
Class 10. Owen Wright

W/E 30/09/11

Class 1. Lamorna Pascoe
Class 1. Michel Bennett
Class 2. Abigail Palmer
Class 2. Kai Read
Class 3. Archie Hearse
Class 3. Daisy Cullen
Class 4. Poppy Lennon
Class 4. Toby Green
Class 5. Jack Upton
Class 5. Grace Vickery
Class 6. Isobel Kantaris
Class 6. Louisa Matthews
Class 7. Thai Merrill
Class 7. Laura Ebert
Class 8. Isaac Griffiths
Class 8. Kai Merry
Class 9. Matthew Hosking
Class 9. Keavie Jarvie
Class 10. Molly Hocking
Class 10. Olivia Mundy

W/E 23/09/11

Year 3. Molly Cross
Year 3. Toby Mills
Year 4. Caitlin Lawson
Year 4. Lewis Wood
Year 5. Jade Peters
Year 5. Billy Bassett
Year 6. Mia Anstis
Year 6. Jack Stevenson

W/E 30/09/11

Year 3. Hapi Reynolds
Year 3. Kitty Clark
Year 4. Daisy Cullen
Year 4. Toby Green
Year 5. Harry Jasper
Year 5. Chloe Turner
Year 6. Solomon Ahanan
Year 6. Bethany Hampton

Congratulations
Well done





SIJS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regulations SI 2005 no 58 “The Education (School Attendance Targets) (England) Regulations 2005” came into force on 14th February 2005 replacing the 1999 regulations. The regulations require schools to set a target to reduce overall absence. Authorised and unauthorised absences are reported as a total—not separately.

At St Ives Junior School, good practice identifies a need to monitor attendance and to identify the reasons for non-attendance in order to address problems because of the negative effect on children’s learning, progress and ultimately the standards achieved over time.

St Ives Junior School has to target and develop strategies to overcome attendance problems working with pupils and parents to ensure attendance does not fall below the national norm.

The EWO Education Welfare Officer will be called in immediately if there is a concern. This officer (Tracey Hone) will make an assessment of the case and work closely with the pupil and their family as well as the school, to resolve issues surrounding poor attendance.

- Parents should contact school on the first day of absence. Phoning is preferred, if not a letter is required. Parents can phone at any time and either leave a message on the answerphone or direct with the office from 8:30am.
- School will text the primary mobile number from 9:20 each day to find out why a child is away. This is to ensure every child is safe, and up-to-date contact numbers are VITAL. Please contact the office immediately you have a phone number change.
- Each parent has a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly and is on time.
- Absences which are authorised are medical (when a child is ill), bereavement, dentist and appointments of a medical nature which must be made in term time.
- Absences which are unauthorised are for example: shopping trips, looking after other children, day trips, birthdays, etc. These reasons will not be accepted as reasons for absence.
- Requesting holidays in term time must be made in writing using the schools holiday form available from the school office. There is no parental right to a 10 day period of absence as legislated.
- If holidays in any one year mean a child is absent for more than the authorised 10 days—the extra days of absence will be recorded as unauthorised and this will be reflected on the annual child’s report to parents in July. In addition the headteacher will write to parents informing them of this fact when they request and return a holiday absence form.
- When a child returns to school he/she should bring in a written note, signed by the parent for each period of absence unless a phone call of explanation has been made to the office, or we have spoken to you on the phone.

Holidays taken in term time as always have a very direct negative impact on our figures. We really do need your support in this. Thank you.

Attendance as well as lateness is an ongoing area of concern for us so we must all make a supreme effort to eradicate both lateness and non attendance unless a child is really unwell. Every day away means LOST LEARNING...