



# 1st November

## School News Update

*Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith*

Welcome back – we hope you had a lovely half term; we are now into a very busy half term as we move towards Christmas! We have some exciting things happening this term and the children will be extremely busy – do have a look at the diary dates attached for more information.

### Remembrance Day and Poppies

Everyone is invited to join us in the church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm for our Remembrance Day service.

Poppies and other items will be on sale again next week. Our Year 6 representatives will be selling items at morning break time. Please send any money in a named wallet or envelope and it would be greatly appreciated if siblings could have separate money as this will avoid children disturbing other classes during the day.



**Zip Pull – 50p**  
**Silicon Wristband – £1.00**

**Reflective Tag - 50p**  
**Flexi Rulers- £1.50**

We only have a limited stock of each item – once they are gone, they are gone.

### Value for this half term: Thankfulness

Please find attached with the newsletter our Home/School Values document for our current value, Thankfulness. We hope you find it useful!

In school the children will reflect on what they are thankful for and how we show others when we are thankful. We will think about how Christians show their thanks to God and learn about the times when Christians are particularly 'thankful' for what God has done for them for example at Easter when we remember that God sent his Son to die on the cross.

### Flu Vaccinations: Foundation – Year 6

Information for the Flu Vaccination in school has already been sent home. Please can we remind you that the deadline for booking your child **is 18<sup>th</sup> November**. The link is:

<https://immunisation.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Flu?id=bd288018-054c-442c-8223-49c06ead5574>

The visit is booked for 25<sup>th</sup> November. If you have not booked your child by the 18<sup>th</sup> they will not be able to receive the vaccination on that day.

## Open Session for Prospective Parents



Please can you spread the word to anyone you know who is looking for a school place for their child to start in September. We are holding our final Open Session for parents to come and view the school on the following date:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November ~ 2:00pm – 3:00pm

## Clubs

A new clubs booking form is out now for the remainder of this half term. Places, as always, are on a first come first served basis and booking forms with payment are to be sent to the school office. We will contact you only if your child does not get a place.

## Year 4 Football festival – 7<sup>th</sup> November

Following the very successful Year 5 festival it is now the turn of the Year 4 children to take part at St Ives Football Club, where they will spend the morning practising skills and learning drills and in the afternoon they will compete against 7 other local schools in a tournament. If your child has expressed an interest, they will have come home with a form on Wednesday; please sign and return this.

## Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

We are inviting children to come to school in fancy dress/non-uniform for the donation of £1.00.



## Christmas Cards

Each child has designed a Christmas card and a copy of their design, along with an order form was sent home on Wednesday. If you wish to place an order then this must arrive in the school office no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November so that we can ensure swift delivery to you well in advance of Christmas. This is a great fundraiser for our school so all orders are gratefully received.

## Dinner Money

Reminder that dinner money for the second half of the Autumn term is £91.20. If you have debt on account, please pay this as soon as possible. As a small school we do not have the cash flow to carry these debts so prompt payment and payment in advance is vital.

## Menu amendment

The week three menu for Wednesday should be Jelly and fruit and not Fresh Fruit Salad.

## Book Explorers

St Ives Library will be launching BOOK EXPLORERS on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 4-5pm. This is a new Children's Reading Group for anyone aged 9-11 years old. The group will then meet every fourth Friday of the month. They are a friendly, informal group interested in exploring and sharing reading adventures through discussion and craft.

Pop into St Ives Library for more details or email [stives.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:stives.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### Attendance % for W/E 01/11/19

Van Gogh – 97%  
Monet – 95%  
Kandinsky – 97%  
**Picasso – 98%**



## Winter Mini Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency is running a 'Pugs of the Frozen North' themed Winter Mini Reading Challenge, based on the books by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, with fun characters including Snow Trolls and spaghetti-eating Yetis!

The Challenge starts on **Monday 2 December** and finishes on Monday 13 January. Children read 3 books of their choice to unlock online

rewards. There will be fun activities, quizzes and reading recommendations on the website too.

Pop down to your local library to pick up your free reading record, activity sheets and certificate – and to borrow your books of course!

More details here [readingagency.org.uk/](http://readingagency.org.uk/)

## Can you help?

A reminder that we are still collecting empty 2 litre plastic bottles and also the cardboard tubes from kitchen rolls please. Do send them into the office as soon as you are able.

Many thanks

## Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn/Spring term 2019/2020

***Any new dates added in the future will be in bold italics***

Date	Event
<b>21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Football festival
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day – Church service 2:30pm. Everyone welcome.
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Session for Foundation intake 2020 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Open Door – day to be confirmed
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Nursery Rhyme week
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Van Gogh class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Picasso class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
<b>29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b><i>Non-Uniform day in exchange for a Christmas Hamper donation</i></b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	STARS Wreath Making event – DATE and VENUE CHANGE
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Everyone welcome
6 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Annual Christmas Fair from 3:30pm at the Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Van Gogh and Monet Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Van Gogh and Monet Nativity Performance – 9:30am
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day-change of date</i></b>
13 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Breakfast with Santa followed by the Christmas Shop
14 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Carol Singing
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto visit – Sleeping Beauty
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Christingle Service – 2.30pm in the church
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day – School Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins