



Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you this week with hope in my heart. I was deeply moved by the inauguration of the new President & Vice President in the United States and the powerful message of unity which infused the celebration. Although the week began with dark clouds, the sun has returned and the days are lengthening. The birds are singing their hearts out at school this morning!

I have attached a bird quiz for your entertainment and education this week (please don't send us your guesses). Answers will be in next week's newsletter.

I can report that all of our staff are well this week and have shared many examples of home learning with me. I am pleased to note that more of you are connecting to the Google Classroom and submitting children's work to the platform. I would encourage you to do this if you haven't yet tried - it is our aim for children's learning to be shared on Google Classroom rather than by email if possible. Please let me know if you need any support with loan of ipads and let your teacher know if you need printed lesson packs.

The Department for Education have asked primary schools to participate in Covid tests for school staff from next week. They have asked us to self-test twice a week to identify asymptomatic carriers of the virus. Tests are to be done at home by staff and results reported promptly. If we should have a positive result it is likely to impact on our key worker children who are attending school and could mean that you might be asked to keep your child at home, at very short notice. I apologise in advance for the inconvenience this might cause but hope you understand the Government's intention to break chains of transmission.

I look forward to seeing children at assembly on Monday afternoon - Zoom links are in the email to which this newsletter is attached.

Have good weekend,

Yours sincerely

Rick Gill

"We have a long way to go" sighed the boy.
"Yes but look how far we have come" said the horse.



School Dinners

**This is a reminder that school dinners are available to all children attending school.
Please order your meal through parent pay as normal.**

ST IVES SCHOOL OF PAINTING

SUNDAY KIDS ART CLUB

Session 1: Inspired by Patrick Heron

Sunday 24th January

10.30 to 11.30am /£10 per family

Book your place

www.schoolofpainting.co.uk

Sunday Kids Art Club

Paint with Shapes like Patrick Heron

Liz Luckwell

10.30 am - 11.30 am, 24 January

Taking inspiration from the things around you, learn to take elements of a still life and abstract them into shapes and colours like Patrick Heron did.

Can you collect natural materials like leaves, pebbles and berries when you go outside and fruit from your shopping? We will be looking at the colours and shapes of what you have collected very closely.

Then we will learn about mixing paint to create your own colour chart. You will draw simple shapes playing with size onto a larger piece of paper and use the chart to fill in the shapes with paint. To finish off we will think about the background and decide what colours to make it.

COVID-19 in your home

Thanks for being Covid-safe at work. But remember coronavirus is also moving from home to home. If anyone in your household has symptoms or tests positive you all need to self-isolate and follow the rules at home to protect each other and stop the virus spreading.

- ✓ Try to stay 2m apart
- ✓ Wash hands frequently
- ✓ Avoid sharing objects
i.e. cutlery
- ✓ Clean or disinfect all
surfaces
- ✓ Keep your spirits up!

