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13th January 2023

Dear parents/carers and families,

I can hardly believe we have only been back for a week and a couple of days! So much has happened already – Happy New year!

Firstly, all the staff at Kehelland would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to all families for such wonderful cards and generous gifts over the Christmas period. We absolutely love working with you and your children, and that is reward enough. We were totally bowled over by the kindness and generosity – it means an awful lot to us. Thank you.

The children have come back to school so well this week and they are ready for their learning and managing very well – especially those children that have changed classrooms. A quick reminder that toys should not be brought into school unless there are exceptional circumstances, and that children should have only water in their water bottles please. Similarly, you will notice that the weather appears particularly bleak and miserable so all children need their coats in school every day. Thank you for your help in this!

We have begun teaching our lessons slightly differently this term. The National Curriculum is really quite packed, and we were finding that trying to teach different subjects in the afternoon was not working very well. For example, teaching an hour of art we would lose at least 15 minutes with children getting equipment out and then 15 minutes tidying up, so children were really only getting half an hours worth of art. We don't think this is good enough! We want our children to have the time and opportunity to have calm, quality learning.

We recognise that for some lessons (PE, Science, RE, French, PSHE) children learn best when they learn the subject each week to make sure the learning sticks. Some lessons they do every day (Reading, Writing and Maths) because it is the best way to learn in those subjects. But in other subjects (History, Geography, Music, Computing, Art, DT) the subjects have a really strong discipline to them, and need continuity and plenty of time to make sure learning sticks and children progress well. To enable children to become amazing Historians and so on, we are therefore going to teach the latter subjects in blocks, fully immersing the children for two and a half hours a week. Sometimes they may have a whole week on computing, and then two weeks on art and perhaps three weeks on History. These subjects will be called our Lighthouse Learning. The content of our curriculum has not changed and we are still teaching the National Curriculum, however our change in approach is to ensure the very best learning outcomes for the children. Feedback so far is that it is great and children can really see the difference in the quality of their learning. If you have any further questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher. Our curriculum



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approach will soon be up on our website too. You should also have coming home today or Monday a learning overview for the term that lets you know what your child is learning about and a class newsletter too.

Another new development is the investment we are making in new technology to support the children. We want our children to be able to go out into the world prepared for using technology effectively. We have a whole class set of Ipads now for our eldest children, a class set of laptops and some desktop computers. The desktop computers are now over 7 years old and are starting to fail. The desktops will remain but as they fail, they won't be replaced with desktops. To replace them we aim to have at least two classes using Ipads and one with laptops over the coming year. The children have been very excited about them and have been enjoying the "quiz" aspect of our lessons where using retrieval practice, we are making sure that learning sticks!

You may well have seen the school on ITV news on Wednesday evening. Some of our children spoke brilliantly about the environmentally friendly approach the school has taken with its boiler, and taking part in the HVO trial here in Kehelland Village. They were absolutely amazing and I am so proud of them and how well they did. It was quite scary being in front of the camera, but they spoke clearly and with great purpose and intellect. Very well done to them!

Finally I would like to offer huge CONGRATULATIONS to two of our current staff who have taken on new roles within our school. Miss Young is now our permanent, full time school secretary who is here to help with all aspects of school life. She has been successfully covering Mrs Olds sickness period and so stepping up officially into the role will be seamless. I am really pleased that she has decided to take on the Secretary post and know that she will be a huge success. Similarly, Mrs Davies as well as being the Longships class teacher, has become our new Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Davies is an outstanding teacher and has already contributed significantly to the overall progress and development of our wonderful school. I know that all parents, just like the staff, will be really pleased that she has taken on such an important role. I and the whole team here at Kehelland, are really excited about the new direction and strength of the staff team.

Please do have a wonderful weekend, we all seem quite tired at this point in bleak January, so I do hope you can all rest and spend time with your wonderful families. As always, if you have any questions or queries then please do get in touch.

With warmest wishes

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Kehelland Shining Light

Aalayah R for going above and beyond in Maths

Lighthouse Keeper Award

Longships – Madison T for showing enthusiasm for History learning.

Trevose – Olivia P for always the right thing and making our school a better place.

Tater Du – Grace R for showing kindness

Reader of the Week Award

Longships – Kitto RM

Trevose – Eleanor U

Tater Du – Lexi B



Our children being interviewed by ITV about our environmentally friendly boiler and how they feel about our environment. Well done to them for doing so brilliant!



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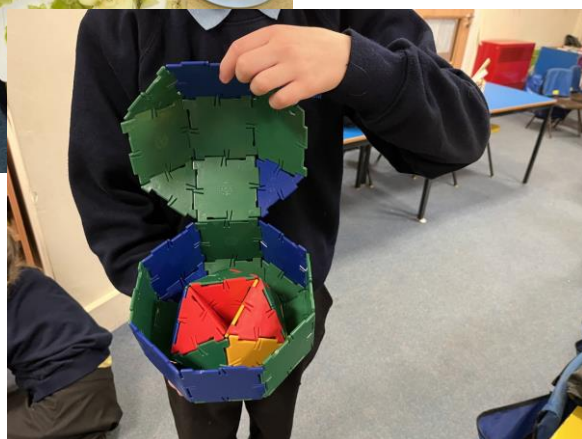
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Some pictures from a couple of our after school clubs this week.



Do you know that we have a new school Facebook page? For updates and photos of some of our adventures, please see:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085329141404>



Reminder about Toys

Can we please remind you all that toys should not normally be brought into school. Unfortunately, they are becoming a huge distraction in classes and they are disrupting learning for children. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Reminder about Water bottles

Can we please remind you that water bottles should only contain water. Many thanks



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Early Breakfast & After School Clubs Reminder

Please ensure that you book with the office via email no later than 48 hours before. This then helps us to ensure we have staffed efficiently. We understand that sometimes there may be times when there is an emergency crops up and you will need to make a last minute booking.

Payments Reminder

Just a quick reminder about payments. The office no longer accepts cash payments. All payments must be made via BACs. Please ensure when making your payment that the reference is filled out in the below format and with a reference for what the payment is for. Many thanks.

Bank details are:

A/c name: Truro & Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT)

A/c No: 39582568

Sort Code: 30-98-76

Ref: PKH/child's surname/*a reference for what the payment is for i.e. Lunch*

School Meals – week beginning 16th January
Week 3

Cost £2.41 per meal



Diary Dates

13 th – 17 th February 2023	Half Term
31 st March 2023	End of term
17 th April 2023	Inset day
18 th April 2023	Return to School
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term
5 th June 2023	Return to School
25 th July 2023	End of term

