

Head Teacher: Mrs Ellie Watkins

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear parents/carers and families,

This week we really have had everything thrown at us! A late opening due to cold weather, much illness, a nativity, a disco and finally the end of term. The Christmas period in a school can be exhausting for staff and children! It is however, a huge honour to be working in a school at Christmas time and I for one feel truly privileged to be able to share such joy with all of the wonderful Kehelland children. Please let your child know that they have given me the greatest gift this year – they have made me smile and feel loved. Our school motto really is for the grown ups too – I feel safe, loved, joyful and successful here at Kehelland, and already I have made memories that will last a lifetime.

I expect as we go into next year we will have further cold weather. We will endeavour to let you know as soon as we possibly can about late opening or school closures. We will email, pop a notice on our Facebook page, send a text message and use the local authority closure system which will announce school late opening and closures on their website and via local radio. Please make sure we have all your contact details by contacting Miss Young, our secretary - kehelland@tpacademytrust.org

You will have heard plenty in the media regarding illness and particularly Strep A. From January we will be bringing in enhanced infection control methods – more cleaning and encouraging children to wash their hands! Please do not panic, we are not heading back into the realms of the Pandemic. We are however mindful that after the pandemic we all seem to have less effective immune systems and bugs are spreading rapidly through our children. Rest assured we will do all we reasonably can to look after them in this sense.

Our Christmas Disco this term was absolutely fantastic! Thank you so much to our incredible PTSCA who organise these events. They are for the benefit of all children – not only during the event, but the money raised goes to supporting the school and your child in other ways. They contribute to transport for trips, books and resources and even special treat days. If you think you might be able to help with the PTSCA then we would be very grateful for donations or any offers of help. Please see Sara Rogers, Jenny Olds, Miss Bev or any PTSCA member for further information.

The Longships class children really were awesome in their nativity performances this week. I tried not to get too emotional, but I really couldn't help it! Not only were they particularly cute, they worked so hard to put on a great show. It is hard to believe that many of them stood in for poorly classmates, that there were new children in the class and that some were absolutely terrified as they had never performed before. They reflected all that is important about Christmas – a reminder to just do your best, and be there to look after each other and share great memories with our loved ones. I am so proud to be a part of Kehelland School





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and so proud of the lessons these children teach me every single day. Each child played their role beautifully and they sand their hearts out – very well done Longships class!

As we do approach the end of the year, I want to acknowledge how hard it has been this year for so many of our families. This year we have managed significant staff changes, a whole new building, a new curriculum, and way forward for our school. We have all had to manage the cost of living crisis and some significant struggles. As a school, although we want to ensure learning is at the forefront of what we do, it is not the only thing we do. We are here for all of our children and families. If you ever need anything, please do not be worried or reticent to contact us. We have an open door and will always try to help and support you all in anything that you need guidance with. Life can be really hard, and we hope that you feel able to reach out to us if you need a shoulder. We are always here for you all.

2022 has been a funny old year! I am so lucky to have been able to take on the role here at Kehelland as Headteacher. You have all supported me, and contributed to some significant changes over the past term – thank you for your support, joy and conversations. We have sailed through some choppy waters this term with staffing changes and changes to our systems, but we are now sailing forward and gathering pace. We have a strong direction and a decent breeze behind us. We might not always get it right, but we are always listening and will always do our very best for the children. I wholeheartedly believe that 2023 will be a truly inspirational year for our school and community – we have so much planned, and such huge hopes!

All of the staff at Kehelland would like to wish each of you heartfelt wishes for a wonderful Christmas and joyous New Year and thank you for your continued support.

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 Matthew C	
Lighthouse Keeper Award	Reader of the Week Award
Longships – Ailla C for always showing diligence & enthusiasm in her work. Trevose – Demelza W for always being so kind and considerate	Longships – Davina K Trevose – Daisy L Tater Du – Anna-Marie P
Tater Du – Edward H for being full of joy	







We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner on Wednesday. We had a cracking time!







We had a wonderful visit from Santa this morning!

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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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> January Week 1

Cost £2.41 per meal







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Diary Dates	
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	End of term at 1:15pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Inset day
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Return to School
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Half Term
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	End of term
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Inset day
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Return to School
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Return to School
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	End of term

