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Dear Parents/carers and families,

**Dates for your diary- Y2 SATS- Week beginning Monday May 15th until Friday May 19th.
Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week beginning Monday June 12th until Friday June 16th.**

Welcome to the Summer Term! I attach a copy of the Parent Overview for the term. For further information please refer to the Guiding Light Curriculum Longships Year A on the school website under Curriculum/Content and Plans. For Reception children, please find the EYFS curriculum document on the school website under EYFS/Curriculum.

Please remember that school starts promptly at 8.45, when we mark and close the register, so you need to be arriving at the gate well before this time. If you arrive after 8.45, you will need to go around to the front of the school and enter via Reception. If you feel that a sibling from Trevose or Tater Du needs support to enter school, please drop off your Longships child, and then walk around to the front of the school to enter via Reception. I will not be able to let you enter Longships and then cross the hall, sorry. We are doing this so that the hall is free to start our Read Write Inc. learning promptly at 8.50, and also to comply with safeguarding regulations.

Now that our swimming lessons have finished, we will be returning to PE lessons on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that your child's PE kit comes into school on a **Monday morning**. We are tightening up our rules on PE kit. If your child does not have their kit in school, we will phone home to ask that it is brought in. Your child will **not** be able to take part in the lesson if they do not have their kit. Please also ensure that they have the correct kit- black or navy blue shorts/joggers and the correct colour t shirt for their Godrevy group. They can wear their school sweatshirt or bring a separate one especially for PE, but it must be plain navy blue or black. We want Kehelland children to look smart at all times, and do not want them to be wearing sweatshirts, joggers or shorts in other colours.

The homework document given to you last term states the expectations for homework in Longships Class. It is **really, really important** that you make practising letter sounds and listening to your child read part of your weekday daily routine, however busy you are. It will take 5, 10 or 15 minutes at most, but the benefits to your child are huge. It is very evident to staff which children are practising regularly and which are not, as it really impacts on their day to day progress. The Y1 children have their **Phonics Screening Check** in June, so it is very important that they are completely confident at recognising all the letter sounds. Please record all the days when you have heard your child read on the right hand side of their diary. It is very upsetting for your child when they are unable to put their superhero on the display because nothing is recorded.



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Thank you everyone for signing up to the Seesaw app. It is really helpful if you try to look at notifications promptly, as it means that I can contact you quickly with class information and updates. It also means that you are aware of what your child has been learning that day in school, so that you can offer interest and support. I will try to put information onto Seesaw as soon after the end of the school day as possible. Especially exciting class news appears on the school Facebook page.

Please be aware that I cannot look at Seesaw messages during teaching time, i.e. between 8.30 and 12.00 and between 1.00 and 3.15. If you have an important message, please contact the office via email or telephone call. Messages about illness and absence should be sent to the office anyway.

Finally, a reminder about classroom rules;

-Please could the children wear the correct school uniform and P.E. kit. P.E. shorts, joggers and sweatshirts should be **black** or **navy blue** and not any other colour.

-Please could long hair be tied back. Also could elaborate head bands, bows, slides and hair ties be avoided, as they tend to distract children from their work, and end up being constantly taken off and put back on throughout the day.

-Please could children bring water in their bottles, not squash or juice.

-Please could the children **not** bring toys and personal possessions into school. These are again a distraction and it is upsetting if they get broken or lost. For show and tell sessions, I would like the children to bring in either a favourite story for me to read to the class, or something that is directly linked to our current learning. Otherwise I am overwhelmed with tens of children wanting to show things like small stones that they have picked up!

-Also, it would be really helpful if you could sort through your child's book bag **each day**, making sure that their reading book, diary, spelling book (Y1/2) and homework folder are in place, and that information letters and any of your child's drawings and craftwork are removed.

We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning. After the success of our trips to Helston Museum and Pendennis Castle, I am planning trips to a farm or gardens, and to the beach. I am also hoping to hold another "showcase" session after school, when you can listen to our music learning, and view the classroom. Excitingly, we are also planning a sleepover at school in June or July- watch this space!

If you have any questions, please come and speak with me, or send a message on Seesaw.

Marion Davies Class teacher