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24th November 2023

Dear parents/carers and families,

Unbelievably we are hurtling toward Christmas! I am so looking forward to the lantern parade this evening. The children have worked so hard and with real creativity and care, building the lantern with artist Amanda Lorens. The lantern itself is absolutely huge! It took us by surprise when we realised quite how big it was, and that it dwarfed our wonderful French Hen lantern from last year. I must admit there was a little panic when we thought about how in the world we were going to get it to the parade. It was amazing however, that after my email asking for help, we had several very kind offers of help. The Haigh family have very kindly managed to procure a van and have driven the lighthouse round, ready for the evening. Thanks so much to Imogen's Dad and Dash, the company he works for. It really highlights how important team work and care is for all of us in trying to ensure the children have a wonderful experience while at school. Thank you so very much to everyone that offered to help.

Somehow, the world in the past few years has become quite complicated and full of conflict. It is our job to explain and talk to the children about events round the world. For us as adults some of the stuff we have seen on the news is really distressing. For children it can be even more so. When we talk about and help children with big feelings, and concepts like conflict and war, we always talk about things like "take the high ground" or "love thy neighbour". Sometimes, this works. Sometimes it is more basic than that. Sometimes we have to be able to love people and care for them even if they disagree with us. We teach the children that we have to be responsible for our own actions, and that "two wrongs don't make a right" – yet they see on the news many examples of when the grown ups in the world can't manage this. As we start to head into the festive season, and children become more heightened with glitter and the promise of Father Christmas, we should be mindful that conflict across the world means that many children are not going to be able to enjoy the Christmas period as we will. This year we will be talking with the children about the true meaning of Christmas. We will be asking children to consider those that are not as fortunate as they are, both in our local area and internationally. If your children talk about these things, please do not avoid these topics with your children, talking about these difficult things makes our children reflective, caring and tolerant humans. I am pretty sure the world needs more people like that. We are very lucky to have such a caring and close knit community. We feel that it is an absolute privilege to work at a school at this time of the year, and are so lucky to be able to share the joy of the children and help to shape the next generation of grown ups that will hopefully manage conflict much better than the current generation.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at the Lantern parade tonight – meet from 5.15 outside St Meriadoc school, look for the Kehelland banner. School uniform is not needed – wear lights and bring musical instruments if you have some!



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Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday!

With warmest wishes

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Kehelland Shining Light

Noah for amazing resilience

Lighthouse Keeper Award

Longships – Indy for showing great enthusiasm for our Mexican market role play

Trevose – Lucinda for always being so respectful

Tater Du – Toby R for his approach to maths, particularly in helping others around him which in turn has helped him to reinforce his own learning

Reader of the Week Award

Longships – Ruby for being an enthusiastic reader & making excellent progress

Trevose – Stanley for putting loads of effort in the fresh start sessions

Tater Du – Finley C for his enthusiastic & fantastic reading of the class book to the whole class.

Class Weekly Attendance

Longships – 96.3%

Trevose – 96.9%

Tater Du – 98.6%

School Meals – week beginning 27th November

Week 2

Cost £2.65 per meal



Road Closure

Cornwall Council intend to close Treswithian Downs on the 1st December between 08:30 – 16:30

Cancelled Clubs

Please note the following after school care has been cancelled:



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- Tuesday 28th November – Construction Club (due to Parents evening)
- Monday 11th December – SATS, Art & After School club (Carol Concert)

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Leaflets

To help get our name out there, we have made some beautiful leaflets. If anyone knows of any local businesses who would be able to take some leaflets or if you would like to hand some out in your local community, please contact the office. Thank you in advance!

PSHE Parent Consultation Opportunity

During the December class Showcase event, we will be sharing the resources and curriculum that we use to teach Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) to the children. This includes Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and mental health as part of PSHE, Computing, PE and Science as statutory subjects. This education is a statutory part of the national curriculum and as such we must teach it to all children. However, there has been much attention in the press regarding what schools teach, mostly incorrect and sensationalist reports, so we would very much like for you to come and have a look at what we teach in each year group. Resources used in each lesson will be available for you to see, our rolling programme which makes clear what each lesson is about and Mrs Watkins will be available for any questions. We will subsequently send out a Microsoft forms survey to gather opinions and comments on the resources used. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you so much to Adam & Dash Van Rentals for moving our very large lantern!





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Diary Dates - Term dates can be found on our website

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| 24 th November 2023 | Lantern Parade |
| 28 th & 29 th November 2023 | Parents Evenings, 15:15 – 17:30 |
| 7 th December 2023 | Christmas Dinner |
| 7 th December 2023 | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day |
| 11 th December 2023 | Whole School Carol Concert at Camborne Parish Church at 5pm |
| 11 th – 15 th December 2023 | FOKS selling Wonka FOKS Bars |
| 13 th December 2023 | Rocksteady Concert for Rocksteady Children at 10am |
| 13 th December 2023 | Showcase Afternoon from 2pm |
| 15 th December 2023 | Panto at the Hall for Cornwall |
| 18 th December 2023 | KS1 Nativity Afternoon & Evening – Details TBC |
| 19 th December 2023 | FOKS Christmas Party – Details TBC |
| 19 th December 2023 | Break Up for Christmas Holidays at 1:15pm |
| 4 th January 2024 | Return to School |
| 12 th – 16 th February 2023 | February Half Term |
| 28 th March 2024 | Break up for Easter Holidays |
| 30 th March 2024 | Easter Trail |
| 15 th April 2024 | Return to School |



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