



**Kehelland
Village
School**

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8th December 2023

Dear parents/carers and families,

Another wonderful week at school. It is such an honour to work in a primary school at Christmas. The children are so full of joy and wonder and it is infectious. My children are teenagers now, and when they were small, I am pretty certain I did not make the most of Christmases when they were small. I just didn't realise how quickly time would pass, and how short a time we have them as little magical people...they are still magical but it is different now they are teens. The visit from Father Christmas and his Elf via Culdrose was amazing, even if the helicopter was busy, and our Christmas lunch was beautiful! Children were served their dinners by the staff, and while waiting burst into spontaneous song – singing all the Christmas hits! There were crackers and surprise gifts, terrible cracker jokes and lots and lots of laughter. What memories we have made this week!

While I think about making the most of the short time we have, I was really saddened to hear of the death of Benjamin Zephaniah this week. He is such an inspiration of mine, an avid campaigner for diversity of our society and beating poverty, discrimination and severe dyslexia to become one of our most successful poets. His life and approach can teach us all a lot. His relentless determination and resilience to change the wrongs of society, and passion for making things right are admirable. His belief in the power of community to heal and level differences is something we truly believe in at Kehelland. As I drove home last night his song "Rong Radio" was playing on the radio, it made me really think about how what we see and hear in the media and from our close community can turn into an echo chamber, do we really have all the information? Do we really know what is going on? How are our views shaped by the things we see and hear, and are they balanced views? It is so important to make sure we listen to each other, no matter our differences. Next week our Virtue in school is Tolerance, and in my mind he epitomises this. It is essential to think of and consider the viewpoints and experiences of others, and make sure we support each other in our community to overcome barriers to success – whatever they are.

Unbelievably next week is another jam packed one! We have our Carol service at Camborne Church on Monday at 5pm, please do come along and bring your singing voices! On Wednesday we have our Showcase afternoon for all classes and our PSHE resources will be available for you to have a look at and ask questions. On Friday we have our whole school trip to the Pantomime.

Have a wonderful, festive weekend.

With warmest wishes



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Kehelland Shining Light

Izzy for always doing her best in her learning & always doing the right thing

Lighthouse Keeper Award

Longships – Darcey for showing diligence in learning her lines in the Nativity

Trevose – Frax for giving his best all the time no matter what.

Tater Du – Anna-Marie for being an excellent role model & friend

Reader of the Week Award

Longships – Ailla for taking on her narrator role with maturity & responsibility

Trevose – Isabella for demonstrating great enthusiasm when answering questions.

Tater Du – Elwood for excellent reading of the class book.

Class Weekly Attendance

Longships – 93.9%

Trevose – 94.4%

Tater Du – 89.4%

School Meals – week beginning 11th December

Week 3

Cost £2.65 per meal



Cancelled Clubs

Please note the following after school care has been cancelled:

- Monday 11th December – SATS, Art & After School club (Carol Concert)

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!



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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.

FOKS Wonka Bars

FOKS have got some great prizes from generous local businesses for their Wonka Bars! We will be selling chocolate Wonka bars (vegan chocolate also available) from the 11-15th December after school in the playground for £2 each, and a few lucky people will find a golden ticket for one of our amazing prizes in their Wonka Bar! To ensure they get theirs, Parents/carers can pre-order Wonka bars - text Jenny 07389868545 or Kirsten 07770694360, they make great gifts for friends and family, or if you would like to sell some for FOKS, please let Jenny/Kirsten know and they'll get some to you. We are raising money for new outdoor play equipment so hope we can make lots of sales!

Showcase Afternoon – 13th December

Families can drop in to the class showcases **from 2pm**, please arrive no earlier than 2pm as the classes will not be ready until then. Thank you.

Carol Concert – 11th December at Camborne Parish Church (opposite Aldi)

Please note the following for our Carol Concert;

- Please ensure that children are in their school uniform
- There are no tickets required for this event.
- Please arrive no earlier than 4:50pm for a prompt start at 5pm
- The concert should run for approximately an hour.
- After the concert, FOKS will be providing refreshments
- Please note that parents/guardians have responsibility for their children





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- If your child will not be attending, please contact their class teacher as soon as possible

Please also remember that there are no clubs or after-school club on Monday 11th. **All children need to be collected from school at 3:15pm.** No children will be transported to the church by staff.

Clubs

Below is the list of clubs for after Christmas for the first half of the Spring term. To sign your child up, please email the office, kehelland@tpacademytrust.org. Please be aware that clubs have restricted numbers. Clubs run between 3:15pm - 4:15pm and are free.

- Monday - SATs club with Miss Lewis (**Year 6 only**)
- Monday - Arts & Crafts club with Mrs Collett (*Please note there will be no Art club on the 22/01/24*)
- Tuesday - Construction Club with Mrs Davies
- Thursday - Homework Club with Mrs Polglase & Mrs Garland
- Thursday – Dodgeball (**KS2 only**) with Mr Marks
- Friday – Multi Skills Sports Club with Mr Marks
- Friday – Feel good Friday Club with Miss Browning

Diary Dates - Term dates can be found on our website

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 - 2pm & 6pm
19 th December 2023	FOKS Christmas – 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