

Head Teacher: Mrs Ellie Watkins

22nd September 2023

Dear parents/carers and families,

This week it has been evident in local news, that schools and families are at the forefront of so many issues! Alongside the cost of living crisis, the school building crisis and now even the Camborne Secondary school crisis, it is clear that schools and families are finding things quite challenging! It is really important that before anything else, we acknowledge and understand that to help children and families, we must all work as a team. I have had several conversations this week where I could have used the phrase "it takes a village to raise a child" and this is still very true! We are always here to help our families, and will always be flexible and do what we can to support the development, progress and wellbeing of our community. We have to operate within some fairly well defined rules as set out by the government for everyone's safety and to ensure high standards, but that does not mean we cannot work together to make sure our children have the best education and experience here at Kehelland. We are really proud of how well we support our families and how we manage our limited resources for such a small school – this is only possible because our staff are truly amazing and go above and beyond in all they do.

With this in mind, this week we have relaunched our wonderful PTA who will now be known as the Friends of Kehelland School – FOKS! We have some exciting plans for the year ahead, please do look at the dates and events further on in the newsletter. We know that everyone is busy but any help or support you can give is so hugely appreciated. FOKS works to improve the experience of all our children and help us to do and have things that we wouldn't be able to fund. As a small school FOKS really are a huge part of what we do, and if we can encourage as many of you as possible to get involved that would be amazing. Do come along to the coffee afternoon on 28th September to find out more! Thank you!

On another note, while we think about working together and helping each other and the cost of living at the moment, can I draw your attention to Pupil Premium Funding. I have attached our parent guide, but essentially, many families qualify for this award from the government. They change the criteria quite often, but if eligible, your child will get free school meals (in KS2 in addition to the universal infant meals) and half price school trips, clubs and wraparound care. We also offer a £100 kitty for your child if granted pupil premium and if attendance is good, which can be spent on the full cost of trips, residentials, extra lessons, cubs and uniform if needed. Please see our parent guide attached for more details. You have to apply for the funding online but it HUGELY benefits the school and your child. We are more than happy to help you apply online as we know sometimes online forms can be jolly confusing, please just give myself or Miss Young a shout in the office and we can tackle it together!





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We are looking to extend our school family further and are advertising for someone to join our team as an SEN TA. The job description can be found on our website and Facebook page – please do share this far and wide so that we can find the right person for our lovely community.

This week I have failed miserably in accepting that the weather has truly become autumnal, and have not been prepared on the gate in the rain...without a coat! Can I please remind you to send a coat in with your child each day and I will do better! Also, the children will be allowed to play on the field, and play football, if it is wet ONLY if they have wellies and waterproofs in school. We want them to have as much fun as possible, but cannot have a hoard of mud covered, soaking wet children trying to learn properly in the afternoon! Please can you check that your children have wellies and waterproofs if they would like to go on the field.

With warmest wishes

Mrs Ellie Watkins

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Kehelland Shining Light				
Anna-Marie for consistently exceptional conduct				
Lighthouse Keeper Award		Reader of the Week Award		
Longships – Tamzin for always being ready to learn		Longships – Maryann		
Trevose – Arianna for continued effort in all of her learning Tater Du – Paddy for diligence in his work		Trevose – Ellie PB Tater Du – Beren		
Class Weekly Attendance				
Longships – 93.9%	Trevose – 93.9%		Tater Du – 97.4%	





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School Meals – week beginning 25th September

Week 3 Cost £2.65 per meal



<u>Emails</u>

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FOKS

Thursday 28th September 3:00-3:45 Parent meet & greet in the playground.

Easy Fundraising

This is an easy way to help raise funds for our PTSCA. Essentially all you need to do is download the app, select Kehelland PTSCA as your cause and whenever you buy anything on the internet, just go via Easy Fundraising and it donates a small percentage to our PTSCA (now FOKS). £261.02 has been raised so far!

Clubs & ASC

Please note there will be no ASC or clubs on the **27th September** due to staff training. Appologies for any inconvenience





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Road Closure

Please note that Cornwall Council are intending to close Treswithian Downs from the 16^{th} October to 17^{th} October between the hours of 9:30am – 3:30pm.

Headlice

There has been a reported case of headlice. Please ensure you check your child for headlice.

Music Lessons

Brass

Mrs Burden has spaces for any pupils wishing to learn or to continue brass lessons. To sign up, parents should go to the CMST website and follow the sign up process. For instrument hire, please visit the AsOne website.

<u>Violin</u>

Juliet has spaces for any pupils wishing to learn the violin. To sign up, parents should go to the CMST website and follow the sign up process. For instrument hire, please visit the AsOne website

<u>Piano</u>

A call out to parents whose kids might like to try tinkling the ivories! Our piano teacher (Simon) is offering a FREE trial class over the next couple of Wednesdays for anyone who might like to start learning. Open to all budding Billie Eilishs, mini Mozarts and eager Elton Johns. Please email <u>skneebone@cmst.co.uk</u> to register your interest.





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Diary Dat	es - Term dates can be found on our website	
More dates to follow		
25 th September 2023	Individual School Photos (<i>Please note that date has changed</i>)	
26 th September 2023	Trevose Trip to Camborne Library	
7 th October 2-23	Apple Day at Kehelland Trust (FOKS have a stall) <i>Please get in touch if you would like to volunteer to help</i>	
10 th October 2023	Tater Du trip to Bodmin Jail	
18 th October 2023	Showcase afternoon – 2pm	
23 rd – 27 th October 2023	October Half Term	
30 th October 2023	Inset Day	
31 st October 2023	Return to School	
3rd November 2023	Autumn Celebration	
23 rd November 2023	FOKS AGM	
13 th December 2023	Rocksteady Concert for Rocksteady Children	
15 th December 2023	Panto at the Hall for Cornwall	
18 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity Afternoon & Evening – Details TBC	
19 th December 2023	Christmas Party	
19 th December 2023	Break Up for Christmas Holidays	
4 th January 2024	Return to School	
12 th – 16 th February 2023	February Half Term	

