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Head Teacher: Mrs Ellie Watkins

24th February 2023

Dear parents/carers and families,

Wow -what a week! Welcome back to the spring term, it has already been so busy! We have started swimming sessions with Longships class and had a school trip to Pendennis Castle. This is on top of our usual offer of learning and music lessons, specialist PE provision and assembly programme daily. It seems quite full on, but as part of our motto we believe these experiences are necessary as they help children to learn, find happiness and make memories. When we speak about success in our motto, this doesn't just mean in academic subjects. Success is different for every individual and we celebrate that whatever it is.

This week I have had several conversations with children who say the same thing about success, they worry about whether they can "do" their learning. They say they don't like a particular subject because they don't always get it right. It is important to acknowledge that to be successful you HAVE to make mistakes. You cannot learn without mistakes, and we really want to encourage children to make mistakes. As adults, we make mistakes all the time (well I do!). Most of us aren't very keen on making mistakes either – society seems to teach us to "beat ourselves up" over things that we thought were the best things to do at the time. Yet with hindsight or further knowledge we know we would have done differently. This doesn't make us failures, and it doesn't mean children are not good students or aren't learning. It helps us to deal with the situations differently in the future. In fact the more mistakes a child makes, the better a learner they can be and the faster their progress usually is. Think about a toddler learning to walk, the toddlers that are too nervous to try and give it a go, take longer to walk. The toddler that fearlessly, cruises around the furniture clumsily, falling, bumping, are often chaotic – but they walk quickly....and then there is no stopping them!

Please try to encourage your children with the language of learning. When your child tells you they "can't" do a subject or are "rubbish" at something, remind them that they are learning. That we all learn. That we all have to struggle before we can do it. Try to instil in them that they "can't do something YET" and that they are being successful learners by making mistakes. If we managed to change this mind-set in society as a whole and in our own children, just imagine how proactive and accepting our society would be. Keen to keep making progress while being kind to themselves. It would go an awfully long way to managing our mental health and we would have a much more resilient, caring and successful society.

Next week we are quite excited as on Thursday 2nd March it is World Book Day! We are asking children to please dress up as a book character (not a film or game character) and bring the book that they have come from with them so that they can share it with the class. Please don't rush out and spend a fortune on costumes – home made and reused costumes are fantastic.





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We are also asking children to bring an unwanted book with them (if they have one) and we will do a class book swap, where they might get to take a different book home if we have enough to swap. It will give children the chance to explore titles they may not ever have thought of before.

We will also have a special assembly, where I will be awarding prizes (obviously consisting of book vouchers!) to our best effort for fancy dress and ALSO the competition winner of our photograph competition "Extreme Readers" which we are launching today. The competition is to take a photo of your child reading in a strange/extreme place or doing something extreme....please do remember to stay safe while doing this! Photos should be sent via email to Miss Young in the office (kehelland@tpacademytrust.org) and the cut off time for the photographs is 9PM ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH. The best three photographs (we will use book, novelty, humour and "extremeness" as judging criteria!) will win a £10 voucher to spend in Waterstones, as will the best fancy dress. There may be the involvement of some sweet treats too! In the afternoon of World Book Day, we will also have some mystery readers, who will share a book and their experience of reading with the children.

It is so important for children to develop a love of reading, and understand that reading isn't easy for everyone. Numerous studies have shown that reading is the single most effective predictor of success for young people. The better their ability to read, and their love of books, the happier they are and the better their wage and socio-economic standing is in later life. This is why we celebrate and make reading the centre of all we do, and it is the first lesson every day. This is why we try to make sure all children are in school on time in the morning, because they miss their reading session — which is super important.

We are all so excited about world book day and the fun we will have next week – even the teachers are going to dress up! Please get in touch if you have any concerns or questions and I REALLY am looking forward to seeing the outfits AND can't wait to see the photographs of extreme readers.

With warmest wishes as always

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Kehelland Shining Light

Ynelha H for working hard to raise a huge amount of money for charity.

Lighthouse Keeper Award

Longships – Ailla C for showing such enthusiasm & knowledge in our history learning

Trevose – William G for always giving 110% in everything he does.

Tater Du — Lexi B for being a reliable member of Tater Du

Reader of the Week Award

Longships – Ocean A

Trevose – Imogen H

Tater Du – Elliot V

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



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.

School Meals – week beginning 27th February Week 3

Cost £2.41 per meal















Longships Class went to Pendennis Castle this week. They had a wonderful time learning about the castle. Thank you to our parent helpers!









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We are super proud of Ynelha in Tater Du. She spent some of her half term trawling the supermarkets for donations to make cakes. She then spent a whole day baking, decorating over 100 cupcakes and two Battenberg cakes. She then created her own sale signs and then sold her cakes. All of which she did to raise funds for Marie curie. Her target was £100 but as it stands, she smashed this by raising over £300 with more donations coming through the door. Well done Ynelha!!

Diary Dates

2nd March 2023 World Book Day – Dress up as book character

14th March Tater Du trip to Newquay Zoo

28th & 29th March 2023 Parents evening – details to follow

31st March 2023 End of term

17th April 2023 Inset day

18th April 2023 Return to School

9th May – 12th May 2023 KS2 SATs week

29th May – 2nd June Half Term

5th June 2023 Return to School

25th July 2023 End of term

