

Head Teacher: Mrs Ellie Watkins

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear parents/carers and families,

I just can't believe we are at the end of our second week -time is flying by so quickly! The Pebbles have settled in so incredibly well and it is a joy to see them each day. This week, one of the highlights for me has been when out on duty at lunchtime, seeing the youngest children (in this instance the EYFS boys) bouncing enthusiastically down the playground in a very organised line. The giggles were infectious and the technique was better than I had anticipated! As I looked across the playground I saw some of our eldest year 6 children on the scooters and they too were absolutely bent over double laughing. It reminds me that even though the children grow so quickly, they really are still children no matter how far up the school they progress – the memories we make are more important than ever. Our playtimes have been significantly restructured with new activities and staff on duty. This makes sure that ALL children get the chance to play different things each day. We have also scheduled in times where the youngest and eldest children get to play together specifically and so teach each other key skills while they play – patience, kindness, sportsmanship, fair play and gentleness. It is a lovely thing to see and as a small school a real strength of ours. Our children also get time each week to meet in mixed age groups for shared reading, where the older children read to and teach the younger children to read, and the enthusiasm of the little ones rubs off on the older ones. Really very special!

We have lots of plans already to ensure the children have lots of wonderful experiences and make fantastic memories – keep an eye out for news on school trips from the class teachers and news on our PTSCA soon. We are also beginning our weekly celebrations and this morning I have my first celebratory ice lolly session of the year with our weekly certificate winners. We love to celebrate those children that have approached their learning and conduct with thought and care, so please do make sure consents have been returned for photos etc so that we can share them with you too!

Can I also take a moment at the beginning of the year to ask parents if they could refrain from parking in the residential close opposite the school if at all possible. I know parking is limited, and tricky, but if we could be considerate and kind to everyone it would improve our links with our community, who are very supportive of the school as a whole. In terms of road safety our wonderful Governor Sue Norfolk, has been working with the Local councillor to try and get some better signage on the roads to make drivers aware that there is a school, that they should slow down and that there will be pedestrians on the lanes. The signs will hopefully be from Treswithian Downs all the way into the village from all directions. We are very hopeful and there seems to be some progress – watch this space and thank you Sue!



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Now the initial return to school has taken place, it may be that there are worries or queries you need answering. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Miss Young in the office or myself and will always do our very best to help.

With warmest wishes

Mrs Ellie Watkins

Head teacher

Kehelland Shining Light Ellie PB for showing fantastic manners around school				
Lighthouse Keeper Award		Reader of the We	ek Award	
Longships – Madison for showing diligence in her Maths & writing Trevose – Lucinda for taking pride in her learning Tater Du – Toby L for being ready to learn		Longships – Ailla Trevose – Elena Tater Du – Poppyleigh		
Class Weekly Attendance				
Longships – 98.9%	Trevose – 98.9%		Tater Du – 100%	

School Meals – week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September

Week 2 Cost £2.65 per meal





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# Clubs & ASC

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

# 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.

### Music Lessons

# <u>Brass</u>

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





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### <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.

<b>Diary Dates</b> - Term dates can be found on our website			
More dates to follow			
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Individual School Photos ( <i>Please note that date has changed</i> )		
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Tater Du trip to Bodmin Jail		
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Showcase afternoon – 2pm		
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	October Half Term		
30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Inset Day		
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	Return to School		
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Rocksteady Concert for Rocksteady Children		
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Panto at the Hall for Cornwall		
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity Afternoon & Evening – Details TBC		
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Break Up for Christmas Holidays		
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Return to School		
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	February Half Term		



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