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Head Teacher: Mrs Ellie Watkins

5th May 2023

Dear parents/carers and families,

The experiences and memories that our children have made this week are incredible! Trevithick Day, the Spring Celebration at Kehelland Trust and as Mrs Arnold (who has been a TA for many, many years and on many residentials!) called it "the very best residential I have ever been on" at the aquarium for Trevose. These experiences are arguably more important than the academic, which is why making memories is a central part of our motto. This week all of our children have been Safe, Loved, Joyful, Successful and have made great Memories. I am so very proud of every single one of them for who they are and what they do. The school staff are truly incredible and I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff who have gone above and beyond this week for the good of the children.

Next week we have a different aspect to focus on – KS2 SATS tests. These are a huge part of the year 6 children's "right of passage" to secondary school and beyond. Whether or not you agree with testing – and there is much debate - they are still an important thing for our young people. I know that all of our year 6 children will be successful in their SATS this year. Success for each of them means something different, and it should be different for different people. I am reminded of the quote "If you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, then it will spend its whole life believing it is stupid". It is true that we want the children to do well and do their best in the tests, but they really are not the most important thing in the world. Who they are and what they love is just as important. How they interact with others is just as important. Their sense of humour and talents at sport, art, dance or music is just as important. Their sense of self is just as important.

Although probably not for children, I recently watched the Chris Hemsworth Series "Limitless" and the first episode of this talks about the importance of how we talk to ourselves, how we nurture that internal voice and what a massive difference this can make to how well we do things and our mental health. In the episode Chris has to walk out on a crane above the city. He is petrified. With some simple mindfulness techniques and by practising telling himself that he CAN do it, and he IS successful, he manages to calm himself and achieve his goal. Alongside this anecdotal evidence, science tells us that the voice in our head is crucial to our success with brain scans proving that positive self talk is powerful and real. This long weekend please bolster your child's internal voice – whether or not they are doing their SATS. Every child should know that we at Kehelland believe in them and their abilities. They are all strong and capable of doing difficult things. They are all geniuses. They are all amazing. They can all achieve things that they think are impossible if they just keep going and keep trying. They should tell themselves this every day and every time they come up against a challenge that makes them question this.





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To those year 6 children doing their SATS next week – you ARE able to do it. You WILL be successful. We are PROUD of you NO MATTER WHAT THE TEST SCORE. You are all more than a score and we will love you regardless – just give it a go and do your best, whatever your best looks like.

Any problems or questions as always please do get in touch.

With warmest wishes as always

Mrs Ellie Watkins

Head teacher

Kehelland Shining Light				
Ocean for retelling the whole of Jack & the Beanstalk in beautiful, joined writing				
Lighthouse Keeper Award		Reader of the Week Award		
Longships – Mikey for giving a fantastic oral retelling of Jack & the Beanstalk Trevose – Whole class was awarded camp certificates		Longships – Nola Trevose – Imogen Tater Du – Elwood		
Tater Du — Toby L for always being ready to learn		Attendance		
Class Weekly Attendance				
Longships – 91.7%	Trevose – 98%		Tater Du – 90%	

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







Coronation Lunch celebrations!





Trevose Residential to Dartmoor & Plymouth Aquarium. The children & staff slept in the aquarium.





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School Meals – week beginning 8th May Week 1 Cost £2.41 per meal



Diary Dates - Term dates can be found on our website		
8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday – No School	
9 th May – 12 th May 2023	KS2 SATs week	
11 th May 2023	Longships Trip to Cornhill Farm	
12 th May 2023	Trevose Show Case 3:15pm – 3:45pm	
15 th May 2023	Year 6 surfing trip	
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term	
5 th June 2023	Return to School	
23 rd June 2023	Sports Day	
30 th June 2023	School Reports	
10 th – 13 th July 2023	Tater Du Residential to London	
20 th July 2023	Leavers Assembly	
25 th July 2023	End of term at 1:15pm	
4 th September 2023	Inset Day	
5 th September 2023	Back to School	

