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Newsletter

14.12.16

Dear Families,

Well here we are with just two days to go before the Christmas holiday. It has been such a lovely build up starting with the lanterns and carol singing in the village, school plays and the delightful service in the Methodist Chapel. Thank you to all who took part in these events. Christmas shopping and Santa's visit caused much excitement as did the grand raffle which raised £282. We have donated £141 to Children's Hospice Southwest and £141 to Armando Aid, the charity we support to help refugee children, so a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU.**



The **Courtesy Cup** was awarded to Matthew from Bedruthan and to Amy from Morgawr; both children have shown great thoughtfulness!

Holly, Max, Oscar and Abigail W joined me on the **Captain's table** last week – it was a lovely, lively lunchtime!

The Friends of Kennall Vale have worked tirelessly to ensure our children experience lots of fun and enjoyment during these last few weeks of term. I thank them for their hard work. We still, however only have a very small core of people and need more to share the workload a little more. Please would you consider giving up some time to joining The Friends and helping them plan and prepare fundraising events. Through their work we have raised a great deal of money that has enabled us to purchase things our limited budget just won't stretch to.



Fruit of the week this week:

Clementine



Healthy Schools

Mr Chirgwin and I are introducing a fantastic maths initiative that has proved highly successful in many schools up and down the country. You may wonder what that has to do with health and wellbeing! It is called 'Active Maths' and is a practical and physical approach to maths which takes place daily, reinforces important concepts and gets children moving really quite energetically.

I went on a course recently, was told to take trainers and spent the day running, jumping, skipping and so on. I was exhausted but very fired up with enthusiasm. The maths was great fun. It doesn't replace what we are doing it simply supplements it. Mr Chirgwin has already piloted it with his class and the response from one pupil was, '**Can we carry on doing this and not have a playtime!**' Do ask your children about it next term as it gets established and becomes routine.

Lunchbox of the Week!

The award for the healthiest lunchbox of the week went to both Arlan from Piskies and Kieran H from Cormoran. Their lunchboxes were packed with lots of good things, they each won a pomegranate. Well done Arlan and Kieran! We are also seeing fewer wrappers in the see through bin! Well done children!



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
16.12.17	Break up for Christmas
03.12.17	Return for Spring Term
13.02.17 – 17.02.17	Half Term
10.02.17	Morgawr Class Assembly – families invited
24.02.17	Cormoran– families invited
03.03.17	Piskies – families invited
10.03.17	Bedruthan– families invited
31.03.17	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 18.04 17	Return to School for Summer Term



Santa Clause is Coming to Town!

Santa will be arriving in Ponsanooth on his sleigh this Friday 16th December at 6.00pm. He will start at Dingles Close and then work his way around the village.

Menu Change Tuesday 3rd January 2017!

Sausages and Chips or Vegetarian Sausages and Chips. Desert will either be chocolate shortbread or fresh fruit.

And finally...



Over to the children.....

Nathan is proudly showing off his lantern house. Bedruthan have been experimenting with circuits in science.

Poor Matthew was too poorly to play Joseph in the Christmas play, but has come bouncing back, as you can see, enjoying his Christmas shopping! Thank you to our 'present wrappers'.



Kind regards,

Louise Northern