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Newsletter

Dear Families,

We are now into our third week back and the children have all relaxed into their new classes very well. I am delighted to see just how nicely our new Piskies have settled in. They seem to be very happy and have already enjoyed some lovely activities including making bread for our harvest celebration this week. Thank you to Mrs Burley for coming in to organise that – it's always nice to welcome her back in school!

Our children are immersing themselves in their new topics. Already Bedruthan has presented an assembly for the whole school on the solar system, their topic for the next four weeks. Cormoran is studying life cycles and have already produced some fantastic work that they are able to talk confidently about. Morgawr is looking at animals with a focus on biology including nutrition and movement. Each topic has a curricular focus with a good balance throughout the year of science, history and geography.

Children are all looking really smart and I do like our new cardigans. I notice that footwear is looking good too – thank you, it really does make a difference.

Special Educational Needs

There have been some significant changes to the law in relation to pupils and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. I shall be publishing some up to date information on our school website including our new school policy and our local school offer; that is provision available through school. **The special educational needs register** is being replaced with **record of need**. Pupils formerly at the **school action stage** do not go on to the new record of need. Instead they will become pupils we refer to as **'on-alert'**. These pupils will be monitored very carefully and supported to help them make progress or to address any short term learning needs. Pupils who were at the **school action plus stage** will automatically be transferred to the new record of need. This is because those pupils have additional and external provision that is different from that of their peers. Pupils with a statement of special educational need will also be transferred onto the record of need. Eventually all statements will become **Education Health Care Plans**. Targets will be set in the same way as before and review meetings will continue as before. Forgive me if this all seems very complicated. It actually simplifies things and enables us to be more focused on the children and less tied into unnecessary paperwork. There is a greater emphasis on involving children in the process and, where appropriate, inviting them to all or part of a review meeting. This makes sense; they are far more likely to achieve if they have some ownership of their targets and have been involved at the outset rather than simply told!



I am embarking on the National Award for SENDCo's (Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinators). This takes a year to complete (July 2016) and will enable me to make Kennall Vale School one which stands out for its outstanding provision for all pupils with special needs and disabilities.

Should any parents wish to discuss these changes please come into school and talk to me.

The School Day

Just a reminder – the school day begins at 9am promptly. In order for children to be in class, seated and ready the bell now goes at 8.55am thus giving pupils time to come in, hang up coats and bags and get organised.



School Council

I am looking for a willing parent to help lead our School Council. If you think you would like to be involved please let me know. It wouldn't be a huge time commitment but it would give a new and fresh angle to our meetings.

The Friends of Kennall Vale School

Our Parents' Association has very disappointingly dwindled to the extent that only two members were present at last week's meeting. The agenda was really promising but we unfortunately will struggle to see all our ideas come to fruition due to a lack of interest/work commitments. In order to go some way towards addressing this we have decided to hold meetings during the evening to see if that makes a difference. Clearly those who work will be unable to attend during school time. The role of the Friends is primarily to raise funds for the school so that our children can engage in activities and treats that otherwise they would not have. This is an important aspect of school life and I would be very sad to see it marginalised because we simply don't have enough support. So I am making a plea – please, please, if you think you can spare a little time to attend a meeting and to share some of the responsibility of organising various events, let me know. Our next meeting is on **Monday 9th November at 7pm in the school. There will be some light refreshments including a glass of wine.** In this way we can share ideas whilst having a bit of a social! Please consider it.

Mrs Richards

Thank you to all of you who have already made a contribution to Mrs Pam Richards leaving gift. Any further contributions should be handed to the other Mrs Richards, in the office by Friday this week (25th September). Many thanks.



Congratulations....

To Lucas for achieving the **Courtesy Cup** last week – always polite and well-mannered! Well done to Olivia D, Dylan S, Jayden and Ruby, all of whom were chosen by Carol and Mandy, in the kitchen, to join me on the Captain's Table last Friday.





Operation Christmas Child

I am sure many families have taken part in this extremely worthwhile initiative in the past. I would like our children to participate this year. It is a wonderful opportunity to focus on the plight of other children around the world who are not as fortunate as our children. They live in great deprivation largely due to the ravages of war. Each child or family fills a shoe box of goodies. The box should be wrapped in Christmas paper and brought into school no later than Monday 2nd November. This enables those of you who are busy to utilise the half term! I shall shortly be sending leaflets home with guidelines. Please note carefully the sort of items that are appropriate. I will be leading an assembly for the children on this, showing them a video about how their boxes will be distributed.



I couldn't resist including this photo. Jacques is fulfilling his duty as waiter, admirably! The Year 6 lunchtime monitors are very nurturing and caring with our younger children; it's lovely to see and we will continue to encourage it! Olivia D and Olivia B, Jayden and Ruby were charming company; telling me all their news!



Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Class
Individual Photos - Tempest	Tuesday 6 th October. Younger brothers and sisters from 8.45am.	Whole School
Parent Consultation Evenings	Mon 19 th , Tue 20 th and Wed 21 st October	All Parents
Hallowe'en Discos	Friday 23 rd October: EYFS and KS1: 1.30-2.30pm in the school hall KS2: 3.30-5pm in the school hall. Details to follow.	EYFS and KS1 KS2
Half Term	Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th Oct	
Shoe Boxes to be handed in	Mon 2 nd November	
Morgawr Class Assembly	6 th November	Morgawr
Meeting of the Friends	Mon 9 th November at 7pm in the school	Parents/Carers
Cormoran Class Assembly	13 th November	Cormoran
Piskies	20 th November	Piskies
Bedruthan Class Assembly	27 th November	Bedruthan
City of Lights: Truro	Wed 18 th November	Bedruthan
Piskies Christmas Play	Mon 7 th Dec at 1.30pm	
Cormoran Christmas Play	Tuesday 8 th Dec at 1.30pm	
Morgawr Christmas Play	Wednesday 9 th Dec at 1.30pm	
Bedruthan Christmas Production	Thursday 10 th Dec at 6.15pm	
Christmas Shopping Day and Santa's Grotto	Mon 14 th Dec – all afternoon in the school hall	
Christmas Lunch	Wed 16 th Dec	
Class Christmas Parties	Wed 16 th Dec – all afternoon	
Break up for Christmas	Friday 18 th Dec	
Return to School	Monday 4 th January 2016!	

Over to the
children.....



And finally.....

We are having a whole school drive to promote and improve on maths presentation. Mr Chirgwin was particularly impressed with the way in which Sophie presented her work yesterday – so here it is! Well done Sophie!

LO: Adding 3 digit numbers using compact addition

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Kind regards,

Louise Northern