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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to be writing this newsletter as the new, substantive Headteacher of Kennall Vale School. I thank you for all your support this year and, more latterly, as the interviews approached. I am thrilled to be able to continue working alongside such a dedicated team of staff and to see to fruition lots of exciting initiatives. You have my assurance that I am committed to working hard to ensure the very best for your children as is the whole team.

As is inevitable there will be some changes from September and it is with a bit of a heavy heart that I have to tell you that Mr Blease will be leaving us at the end of this year after almost 13 years at Kennall Vale. It is a decision he took quite some time ago but put on hold in order to support both me and Kennall Vale School last June and for that I am extremely grateful. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated teacher and knowledgeable Assistant Head. Mr Blease plans to join his wife in their family business. I am sure you join me in wishing both Charlie Blease and his family all the very best for this new and exciting chapter in his life.

Mrs Gibbs-Ripley will be retiring at the end of term after 18 years at Kennall Vale School. I wish Pam Gibbs-Ripley a very happy and productive retirement and thank her on behalf of staff and governors for all her hard work here at Kennall Vale.

School Nurse Service

The School Nurse Service is a team of experienced professionals who can offer confidential advice and care to children, parents or carers. School nurses will support parents and carers in promoting physical and emotional health and can sign post you to the appropriate service should you have any specific concerns for your child. I have included the link to their ***guide for parents and carers***. The team will also work closely with school to ensure a consistent and joined up approach in managing any health issues. Please click on the link below for further details. If you would like a referral made to the service you can make a direct referral yourself, or if you prefer, school can do this for you.

<http://www.cornwallfoundationtrust.nhs.uk//DocumentsLibrary/CornwallFoundationTrust/OurServices/ChildrenAndYoungPeople/SchoolNursingPrimarySchoolAgedChildren.pdf>

Classes for September

I shall shortly be able to tell you which classes your children will be going into in September. Given that we have an 'age-related' curriculum staff, feel it would be nicer and more appropriate to have class names rather than numbers. In addition to this, numbers on doors don't tally with the year groups in the classes or the class numbers – all very confusing. Many schools have some wonderfully creative names for classes, often with a local flavour. ***I would therefore like to ask our children to come up with some creative names with a Cornish flavour, which staff and governors can consider. The pupil with the best and most creative idea will win a prize to be awarded in whole school assembly towards the end of term.***

Congratulations....



Brilliant manners Jacques, who achieved the **Courtesy Cup** and to Martha, Harry, Tabitha and Archie all of whom dined with me on the Captain's Table – thank you for such lovely manners!

Well done to Zophia for the lovely rosette she won for her dog! Well done also to Harry M in Class 2 for his football certificate and to Kennedie for achieving level 6 in gymnastics.



Back to your roots

We had our launch assembly with Jan and Laura from Eden Food Service. Year 6 pupils have already planted their tomatoes. The School Council will have a couple of sessions with Jan and Laura later in the term to plan a Kennall Vale recipe book which we will then sell to families and friends to raise money for Children's Hospice South West. The smoothie bike will be with us on 6th May. I hope very much that these activities will help motivate pupils to make healthy choices and to appreciate that healthy is also tasty. Year 5 pupils will be growing potatoes, Year 4, carrots, Year 3, a variety of herbs, Year 2, lettuces, Year 1, cress and reception, mushrooms. All children will then plan and make dishes with the fruits of their labours!



Dates for your diary

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Class</i>
<i>Bank Holiday Monday</i>		
<i>Smoothie Bike</i>	<i>Wednesday 6th May</i>	<i>Whole School</i>
<i>Year 6 SAT's Week</i>	<i>11th-15th May</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>25th-29th May 2015</i>	
<i>Stithians Water Sports Centre</i>	<i>Tuesday 2nd June</i>	<i>Classes 3 and 4</i>
<i>Stithians Water Sports Centre</i>	<i>Wednesday 3rd June</i>	<i>Year 2</i>
<i>Pasty Walk</i>	<i>Friday 5th June</i>	<i>Whole School</i>
<i>Minack Theatre</i>	<i>10th June</i>	<i>Classes 3 and 4</i>
<i>School Camp</i>	<i>15th-19th June</i>	<i>Class 4</i>
<i>Year 6 Induction Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 24th June</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
<i>Sports Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 1st July, 1-3pm</i> <i>Reserve Thursday 2nd July</i>	<i>Whole school</i>
<i>Open Evening</i>	<i>Wednesday 8th July</i>	<i>Parents of all pupils</i>
<i>Forest School Camp</i>	<i>9th and 10th July</i>	<i>Class 3</i>
<i>Friends of KVS Fête</i>	<i>Friday 17th July</i>	<i>Whole school community</i>
<i>Break up for summer</i>	<i>Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 2pm</i>	
<i>Return for September</i>	<i>Monday 7th Sept 2015</i>	



Beach Safety, Kieran and Tilly learning about staying safe on the beach!



Class 4 warming up for Ninjagarten!

And finally.....



Over to the children.....

Ruby Sadler painted this beautiful atmospheric picture. The copy doesn't do justice to the real thing! Some talent there I think Ruby!



Kind regards,

Louise Northern