

09/09/22

# Kennall Vale News



Dear Families,

Welcome back to Kennall Vale and I hope you all had a lovely summer holidays. I'm sure you all made the most of the great weather although I can't help but feel we are paying for that now! I hope the children have enjoyed their return to school and we are delighted to welcome all the children starting their first year at Kennall Vale School (see picture next page)! Many of you will have received school communications from Mrs Goward this week (previously Miss Pym!). Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Goward who were married during the summer holidays.

Whilst we celebrate the beginning of a new school year, we are all also reflective of the sad news shared with the world yesterday that Queen Elizabeth II passed away. Today, children have had the opportunity in their classes to reflect on this news in an age appropriate manner, reflecting on the Queen's life.

As this is the first newsletter, it is an opportunity to go over a few useful topics to set us up positively for the year ahead:

## Routines and the school day

- Registration is at 0900 (a bell goes at 0855) and children who arrive after this time will need to enter the school at the main entrance, signing in at the office with Mrs Goward.
- Parents must contact the school to communicate if there is a change of person who is picking up a child at the end of the day. Also, we will only allow children to walk home if parental consent has been given.
- All school dinners are to be selected and paid for on Parent Pay. Meals have to be selected before 0900 in order for the choice to be recorded for that day. Any issues, please contact Mrs Goward.
- Children in EYFS, Year 1 & 2 are entitled to 1 piece of free fruit a day.
- All other years can get a piece of fruit from our fruit trolley for 10p a day. Parents can pay weekly, termly (£7) or yearly for this (£19).
- After School Clubs finish at 4:15pm and children are collected from the main entrance.

## Uniform and equipment

- All children are expected to wear school shoes (not coloured trainers) and plain socks. *Note: ankle boots are fine in the autumn/winter when the weather is wet, but please do not buy anything with buckles or excessive tags as these can lead to injury in the playground.*
- Children should bring a coat to school every day due to the changeable weather.
- Children should have a refillable water bottle.
- Having taught P.E to EYFS and Year 1 for the last 4 years, a plea close to my heart is a request that all uniform is clearly labelled. This ensures lost uniform and P.E kit always find their way back to their owner. Thanks in advance...!

Please remember that if you have any questions, no matter how trivial they may be, please do speak with the class teacher, Mrs Goward or myself. The whole team at KVS is here to support your children and we are very much looking forward to the year ahead!

Have a good weekend,  
Mr Chirgwin

## Attendance Target for the year: 96% and above

Each week, the class attendance figures will be listed here.

Sometimes, absence cannot be avoided, for example when a child is poorly. Please contact the school office on the morning of the illness to notify us.

If you wish to request a planned absence, please collect an 'absence request form' from Mrs Goward. **Note: all absences are unauthorised unless deemed an 'exceptional circumstance'**. **Term-time holidays are not authorised by the school.**

The school work closely with the Education Welfare Officer to support families who have low attendance figures. When a child's attendance drops below 90%, it is identified as 'persistence absence' and the EWO will contact the family to offer support.

Please ensure your child is in school on time. Arrivals after 0900 are marked as 'late' in the register. Please contact me if any support is required—we are here to help.

## Stars of the Week!

Piskies: EYFS children

Cormoran: Elowen

Morgawr: Oriole

Zennor: Marylou

Bedruthan: Grace



## Values Award:

Logan—Piskies

## Welcome to Kennall Vale School!



### Diary Dates 2022/23

Date	Event
05/09/22	INSET Day
06/09/22	INSET Day
07/09/22	Autumn Term Begins
06/10/22	Individual/Sibling School Photos
w/b 10/10/22	Book Fair
w/b 17/10/22	Parent/Teacher meetings W/B 17th October
w/b 24/10/22	Autumn Half Term
31/10/22	INSET Day
16/12/22	Break up for Christmas Holidays 3:15pm
03/01/23	Spring Term begins
w/b 13/02/23	Spring Half Term
31/03/23	Break up for Easter Holidays 3:15pm
17/04/23	Summer Term begins
01/05/23	Bank Holiday — School closed
w/b 29/05/23	Summer Half Term
21/07/23	Break up for Summer Holidays—2:00pm
24/07/22	INSET Day
25/07/22	INSET Day