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Unity
 You are practicing
Unity
 when you...

- Treat all people as members of one human family
- See the gifts in differences
- Refuse to join in when others express prejudice
- Solve conflict through listening and finding solutions
- Care for the earth and all living things
- Act like a peacemaker wherever you go

Affirmation
I practice unity with others. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honor of one is the honor of all.

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Virtues

Next week's virtue is 'unity', which is very apt considering the children uniting in performing their Christmas nativities in foundation and KS1 and the whole of Years 3 and 4 joining together as a choir for their Carol concert. We wish them well.

Foundation stage

This week we have had a visit from the Kindness Elves; they are keeping an eye on the children and helping them to show kindness to each other.

In phonics, we have been revising the sounds the children have already learnt and segmenting and blending words, for example f-r-o-g and m-a-p. Please continue to help your children at home with this skill.

In maths, we have been adding two single digit numbers and the children have recorded this in pictures or with numbers. They have also been busy with Christmas crafts.

Christmas play performances will take place on: Tuesday 11th December at 6:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday 12th December at 1:45 p.m. for Nursery and Reception children.

Reserved tickets will be sent out on Monday 10th December with children. Please check children's bags.

Grandparents performance is full now. Performance is on Monday 10th December from 9:00am. Please come to the school office.

Angelfish & Rainbowfish Christmas party. Reception children bring party to clothes to change into. Nursery children come dressed in party clothes at 1:00pm.

Key Stage 1

Thank you for getting all the costumes in for the Christmas Plays. The children are very excited about their performances next week. On Wednesday, the children will need to be back in school for 17:45 for the evening performance, which starts at 6.

The children will be having their Christmas party on Thursday 13th, once the performances are completed. A letter will be in their book bags today. A list of foodstuffs that you may wish to contribute are in the classes and the children can bring their party clothes for the afternoon.

Christmas play performances will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 1:45 p.m. and again on Wednesday 12th December at 6:00 p.m. for Turtles, Starfish and Lobsters.

All KS1 6:00pm tickets have gone. Reserved tickets will be sent out on Monday 10th December with children. Please check children's bags.

Grandparents performance is full now. Performance is on Monday 10th December from 9:00am. Please come to the school office.

Key Stage 2

In years 3 & 4 they have been busily rehearsing for their carol concert next week and finishing off their topics on the stone age and, animals and humans.

Swordfish & Emperor Fish Carol concert to parents at 2:00pm. Letters have previously been sent home.

Emperor Fish class Christmas party on Wednesday 19th December. Children to bring in party clothes to change into and look out for a food list in the classroom.

Swordfish class Christmas party on Thursday 20th December. Children to bring in party clothes to change into and look out for food list in classroom.

In Years 5 & 6 they have continued with their learning about WWII and the Battle of Britain. In literacy they have started a story narrative based on a short animated French film called 'Alma'.

Hérons, Cormorants & Pelicans Christmas party. Children to bring in party clothes to change into and look out for food lists in classrooms or on letters.

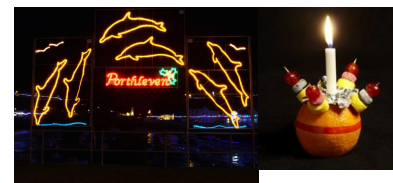


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Christingle Service

Today Friday 7th December, the school will be holding its annual Christingle Service at St. Bartholomew's. This is a wonderful opportunity to share in singing and feeling some Christmas spirit. The Foundation Stage will also be performing one of their Christmas songs. It would be lovely to see many of you there. Please aim to arrive at 5.50pm for a 6.00 start.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14th December we will be taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear their favourite Christmas knit for the day please encourage them to bring in £1 donation.

New notice board

Please take a look at our new notice board which is inside our big notice board outside of school as this will now have the upcoming events for Porthleven School monthly.

Tempest Photograph orders

Orders were collected in the morning on Tuesday 4th December. Photograph orders will be back at school before we break up.



Attendance Award

Lobsters won this week's attendance for KS1 with 99.5% attendance and for KS2 Cormorants won with 98% attendance.

Reminder Christmas Dinner payments

On Wednesday 5th December it was Christmas dinner for children. Please can we ask those parents who have not yet paid for their children's dinner to please make sure this is paid up by next Friday 14th December to ensure everything is settled by the end of the term..

Calendar - School term dates 2018/2019 - Important dates for your diaries are as follows:-

Friday 7th December 2018 - Christingle Service St Bartholomew's Church starting at 6:00 p.m.

Friday 7th December 2018 - Porthleven Christmas lights switch on - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 8th December 2018 - Signing Choir performing at Sainsbury's Helston 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Sunday 9th December 2018 - Signing Choir performing at Sainsbury's Helston 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 11th December 2018 - at 1:45 p.m. KS1 Christmas play

Tuesday 11th December 2018 - at 6:00 p.m. Foundation Stage Christmas play

Wednesday 12th December 2018 - at 1:45 p.m. Foundation Stage Christmas play

Wednesday 12th December 2018 - at 6:00 p.m. KS1 Christmas play

Wednesday 13th December 2018 - Starfish, Lobsters & Turtles Christmas party

Friday 14th December 2018 - Emperor fish & Swordfish Carol Service to parents at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 15th December 2018- Signing Choir performing at the Moor, Falmouth 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Monday 17th December 2018 - Signing Choir performing at Helston Tesco store 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday 18th December 2018- Herons, Cormorants & Pelicans Christmas party

Wednesday 19th December 2018 - Emperor Fish Christmas party

Wednesday 19th December 2018 - Angelfish & Rainbowfish Christmas party

Thursday 20th December 2018 - Swordfish Christmas party

Thursday 20th December 2018 - Last day of School

Friday 21st December 2018 - Friday 4th January 2019- School closed for Christmas holidays.

Monday 7th January 2019 - First day back to school

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February 2019 - Half term

Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April 2019 - School closed for Easter holidays

Monday 6th May 2019 -Bank holiday - School closed

Wednesday 8th May 2019 - School closed - Flora Day

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019 - Half term