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On behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. School will recommence on Monday 7th January.

Thankfulness

Thankfulness is being grateful for what we have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving and being. Appreciate the little things that happen around you and within you every day. Think positively. Thankfulness brings contentment.

You are practicing **Thankfulness** when you...

- Are thankful for the gifts of life
- Appreciate your own abilities instead of envying others
- See the difficulties of life as opportunities to learn
- Enjoy your sense of wonder about the beauty in the world
- Are willing to receive what others want to give
- Count your blessings every day

Affirmation

I am thankful for the many gifts within me and around me today. I appreciate my life. I look for the lessons. I expect the best.

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Virtues

This week's virtue is 'thankfulness', which is very apt considering Christmas is just around the corner. The assembly will focus on the many things that children should be grateful for such as shelter, food, warmth and peace, which sadly is not the experience for many children around the world.

Foundation stage

This week the children have been busy finishing off Christmas crafts. In maths we have focused on festive number and shape activities.

In Phonics the children have been busy practicing their cursive handwriting c a d g and q. Please continue to practise at home on white boards.

The Nursery have been singing nursery rhymes, listening to stories, discussing the characters and predicting what might happen next.

Angelfish & Rainbowfish

Christmas party next week on Wednesday 19th December. Food list in classes.

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

Key Stage 1

The teachers of KS1 would all like to say a big 'Thank you' for attending the children's performance last week. The children also thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party.

The children have also been involved in the planning of next term's topic, 'Staying Healthy' - details of which can be found on the class' home pages in the near future.

Key Stage 2

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

Hérons, Cormorants & Pelicans Christmas party next week on Tuesday 18th December. Children to bring in party clothes to change into and look out for food lists in classrooms or on letters.

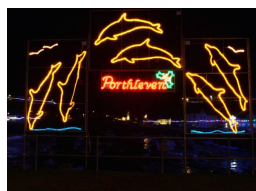


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Ocarina First Access lessons

The children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 have had a great time this term learning to play ocarinas with Mrs Pilley. They had their last lesson with her this Thursday and all have said how much fun it was to learn.



Christingle Service

Thank to all of you who were able to come to the Christingle Service at St. Bartholomew's last Friday. It was a wonderful opportunity to share in singing and feeling some Christmas spirit. The Foundation Stage did a great job performing one of their Christmas songs.



If there are any Christingle collections at home please bring them to the school office.



Christmas Jumper Day

Today 14th December we took part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.

Children and staff wore their favourite Christmas knit for the day and donated a £1. The total raised was £169.

Attendance Award

Joint winners for this week's attendance for KS1 both with 100% attendance is Starfish and Lobsters. For KS2 Emperor Fish won with 97.1% attendance.

Polite Reminder about Dinner payments

Please can we ask those parents who have not yet paid for their children's dinners to please make sure this is paid up by next Thursday 20th 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:-

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