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## Virtues -

**This week's virtue is "Forgiveness".**

**Foundation stage -** This week the children have been busy practising their songs for the Nativity and rehearsing their lines.

We have been looking at all the different celebrations Bonfire night, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas and talking about the similarities and differences.

In maths the Reception children have been exploring shape looking for shapes all around and creating repeating patterns.

The Nursery children have been exploring the number 3, counting objects and using the numicon

tiles and Lego to show they know the value of 3.

## Key Stage 1

**Year 1** - Year 1 have been enjoying practicing for the Christmas play this week. They have been reading the story of The Mousehole Cat and exploring some of the vocabulary used in the story. If you have a copy of the story at home please share it together or look for a copy on youtube which the children can listen to. In maths we have been finishing our unit on addition, using the addition and subtraction symbols. Today we started to learn subtraction by crossing out when we take something away. Then we will learn other strategies to subtract next week. We are also writing Christmas lists next week. We will focus on adjectives to describe the things they want "a giant, fluffy teddy" so please talk about this with them. Next week is a busy week full of performances. Please can you make sure the children are at school at 5:30 on Monday and Wednesday, ready for the evening performances.

**Year 2** - More play practice this week! The children are very excited (and nervous) about their performances next week. The children have also enjoyed their Christmas crafts that will continue until the end of term. In literacy, we have started a new book, The Storm Whale. The children came up with some great ideas for helping a 'beached whale'. In maths, we continue to work on subtraction. Although this has been a difficult unit, I have been very impressed on how hard the children have worked. Year 2 have now completed their phonics screening test. A letter informing you of their results will be arriving soon. We have a very busy week of performances ahead. We would be grateful if you can make sure your child is back at school at 5.30 on Monday and Wednesday. Thank you.

## Key Stage 2

**Year 3/4** - Firstly, thank you to supporting Years 3 and 4 last Friday for our Christmas Songs. We hoped you enjoyed it and we look forward to organising something more to share in the Spring term. This week, the children have continued with their history topic and we are beginning to explore the start of the Iron Age and examine why hill forts were used and how they were made as safe as possible. The children have started their next math topic – multiplication and division. Year 3 are starting to build their knowledge and fluency of the 3x, 4x and 8x times tables between now and the end of the term. Year 4 are building their fluency across all their times tables.

As we enter the last two weeks, we will be completing our final assessments to measure how much the children have achieved this term.

**Year 5/6** - Year 5/6 are continuing to learn about volcanoes and have been comparing and contrasting their similarities and differences. In art lessons, children have enjoyed making clay pots and, once glazed, they will bring them home. The children are currently publishing their explanation texts on the lifecycle of the praying mantis - these are already looking fantastic. Some Year 6 children have begun their bikeability course. Any other Year 6's who would like to take part next week needs to bring a bike, helmet and consent form on Wednesday.



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**Christmas Dinner (Nursery and KS2)- Wednesday 8th December 2021 - If your child has not pre-ordered a Christmas dinner then they will need a packed lunch on this day please.**

**Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas Plays - When attending nativity performances we ask that you wear a face mask at all times along with a warm coat as we will be ensuring that the hall is well ventilated! Children will need to be in school for 5:30pm on evening performance dates please to give them time to change into costumes. If you have not yet collected tickets from the school office please do so by the end of the day as we will be going through our reserve list on Monday.**

### **Foundation Stage - 'Everyone Loves A Baby'**

Wednesday 8th December at 1:45pm  
Thursday 9th December at 6pm  
Friday 10th December at 1:45pm  
Monday 13th December at 6pm

### **KS1 - 'Magical Christmas Journey'**

Monday 6th December at 6pm  
Tuesday 7th December at 1:45pm  
Wednesday 8th December at 6pm  
Thursday 9th December at 1:45pm



**Foundation Stage Hall for Cornwall Cinderella - Tuesday 7th December - Children need to be at school ready to leave for 8am -** reception children don't need a bag just a water bottle and nursery will need a small backpack to carry their lunch in/any spare clothes needed. Payments can now be made via ParentPay. Please can we ask that payment is made no later than Friday 3rd December 2021. If you have any problems please contact us on 01326 565249.

**Lunch Menu & School Lunch Payments -** We will be on **WEEK 3** of the school dinner menu next week.

**Understanding Your Child's Emotions Workshop with Mrs Broome - Tuesday 7th December 2021 - 1:30pm to 3pm - Porthleven Children's Centre -** please contact the school office to book your place.

**POSTPONED - NEW DATE TO FOLLOW - Cross Country Race 4 KS2 - Tuesday 7th December - 4pm**

**Year 6 Bikeability -** Year 6 children have the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability programme on Wednesday (8th Dec) this week. Children must be able to ride and have a roadworthy bike to use during the sessions. Consent forms came home at the beginning of the week and must be completed in order for children to take part.

Some Year 6 children have started already this week and will finish the sessions on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December. If this is your child then please ensure they have their bikes in school on these dates.

**Dogs on School Grounds -** please note that dogs are not allowed on school grounds at any time. They must be kept outside of the blue gates please.

**Earrings -** Children should not be wearing jewellery into school, the uniform allows one pair of plain studs but that is all.



**Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10th December 2021 - £1 donation -** Children can come into school wearing their favourite Christmas jumper on this day for a £1 donation, all proceeds going to Save the Children.



**Cornwall Hospice Care Santa Run - Wednesday 15th December 2021 -** Our Santa Fun Run event was such a huge success last year that we are delighted to be able to do it again, this time in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care. We have once again set up a JustGiving page for any donations and children also came home with a sponsorship form if you'd prefer to donate this way. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/porthlevenschoolsantas>

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or festive outfit on this day and will be running 9 laps around our school field!

**School Vacancies -** If the position below is of interest to you please contact the school office on 01326 562249 or email [secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk) for an application form:

**Lunchtime Supervisors (two positions) - 5 hours per week**





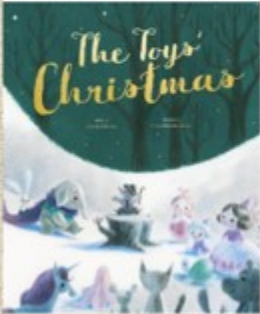
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**Book of the Week - If you have any book recommendations for book of the week please let Mrs Figgins know!**

# Book of the Week

This week  
5+ readers



Look inside...

**Book Information**

ISBN: 9780711266377

Publication date: 2nd November 2021

Author: Claire Clement

Illustrator: Genevieve Godbout

Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Books an imprint of Frances Lincoln Publishers Ltd

Format: Hardback

Pagination: 32 pages

## The Toys' Christmas

Written by Claire Clement  
Illustrated by Genevieve Godbout

**Tell me more...**

This cosy, cuddly Christmas story tells how Santa makes sure he leaves the perfect gift for each child - with a little help from their favourite toys!

It is Christmas Eve and Noah's toy elephant, Fanfan, has gone missing! Little does he know that Fanfan has crept out of the house to join other soft toys on their annual Christmas journey: to see Santa Claus! Just in case letters don't reach Santa, toys all around the world make this trip so they can tell Santa what their child wants most of all. (After all, who knows a child better than their best-loved toy?) Will Fanfan return in time for Christmas morning? And will Noah get the present that he so longs for?

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Monday 6th December to Monday 13th December - EYFS & KS1 Christmas Plays**  
**Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th December - Year 6 Bikeability sessions for children who have completed sessions already - roadworthy bikes and helmets into school on these days please**  
**Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Foundation Stage Hall for Cornwall Trip**  
**Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Understanding Your Child's Emotions Workshop with Ali Broome at Porthleven Children's Centre**  
**Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Chartwells Christmas Dinner**  
**Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Year 6 Bikeability sessions for children who have not yet taken part—roadworthy bike and helmets into school**  
**Friday 17th December 2021 - INSET Day - School closed to all children**  
**Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022 - Christmas Holidays**  
**Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022 - February Half Term**