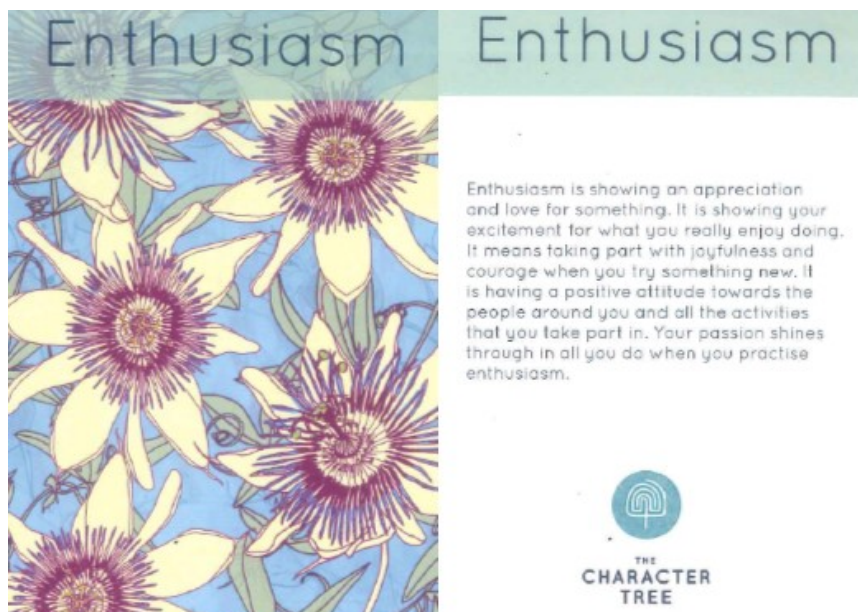




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This week's virtue is "Enthusiasm".

Foundation stage - We have had a busy week with Nativity performances, our trip to see Cinderella which the children thoroughly enjoyed and they behaved beautifully.

Next week on Tuesday afternoon is our Christmas party please could children wear party clothes for the day and sensible shoes.

Nursery children who do not normally attend are invited into Nursery for 1pm having had a small lunch at home collection will be at the normal time of 3.10pm for Nursery.

Please could children bring in a shop-bought snack to share with their friends at the party, for example, crisps, biscuits or fruit.

The last day for **Nursery children** will be on **Wednesday 15th** December, as staff will be completing home visits for the new children on Thursday.

Toddler group Christmas Party

A reminder for toddler parents our Christmas party will be on Tuesday morning please could you bring in a shop-bought snack to share, thank you .

Key Stage 1

Year 1 - This week the children have been superstars in their Christmas performances! We would like to say a massive thank you to the children for all the effort they have put in but also to the parents for being so supportive at this busy time of year. The children have enjoyed writing their letters to Father Christmas this week and have done a great job. They have also been practicing subtraction in maths and they are really understanding what that means. Next week we will be getting into the Christmas spirit with Christmas crafts, games and lots of Christmas fun. Monday 13th the children can come in with their party clothes on so they are ready for the party in the afternoon. Boys have been asked to bring in sweet choices for food and girls are bringing in savoury. On Thursday they are welcome to bring in any board games or puzzles that they would like to share with their friends. Please can you make sure everything they bring in is named.

Year 2- I just want to say well done to all the KS1 children for their performances in the Christmas play. They have worked so hard and enjoyed showing off their talents on stage. I am so proud of them. I am sure, however, you will have very tired children this weekend! Alongside all of this, the children have continued with their learning. In literacy, they have continued work on the 'Storm Whale' writing a description of a boat trip in a raging storm and in maths they have been working out how to subtract 2 two digit numbers crossing 10's boundaries. The children will be having their well-deserved Christmas party on Monday. Please bring the children in their party clothes but with sensible shoes to play outside in. Thank you again for all your support this term and I hope you have a fantastic Christmas.

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 - Firstly, Age Concern were an excellent audience for the children on Thursday, when the children thoroughly enjoyed performing their Christmas songs to them. They were rewarded with a Christmas chocolate and the staff some delicious mince pies.

As the term and indeed the year come to an end, the children will be completing their final lesson in The Iron Age and might be bringing home a small artefact that they will be making next week. If they have time through the holiday, they might want to make a fact book about any of the era's or all of them. They could also make a model or an artefact (Stonehenge, cave painting, shield or sword) to add to our display. These will need to be back in school on the first day so that they can be added.

There is an electronic letter linked to a trip to The Hall of Cornwall to see Gangsta Granny in February, which you will need to reply to and secure your place ASAP. If you are unable to access/find this letter, please let us know and we can send it through an alternative method. A swift reply will ensure that we obtain the slot and seats we could potentially require.

Thank you so much for all your support this year. The children have adapted to KS2 and become independent, inquisitive learners and embraced all the new routines so well. The Year 3/4 team wish you all a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2022!

A huge thank you to all the catering staff, lunchtime supervisors, Santa and his PTA helpers for making the Christmas Day lunch another memorable event for the children. The food was delicious and the children all had a gift from Santa, as he popped in to say a quick hello.



Year 5/6 - Year 5/6 have had another fantastically full week. The year 6 children are still enjoying their bikeability sessions and will be continuing with this next week - look out for information coming home about children's groups and days. We very much enjoyed our Christmas dinner on Wednesday and would like to say thank you very much to Santa and the PTA for the gifts that were given to the children that day, too! Well done to the pupils who have hit or exceeded their reading targets. Please continue to support your child with their reading at home - it really does make all the difference.



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**** This is our last newsletter until the New Year, so we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ****

Our last day of term is Thursday 16th December 2021 (Wednesday 15th December for Nursery children) and we return on Tuesday 4th January 2022

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. Unfortunately we have no spare tickets for the last performance of KS1.

Foundation Stage - 'Everyone Loves A Baby'
Monday 13th December at 6pm

Lunch Menu & School Lunch Payments - We will be on **WEEK 1** of the school dinner menu next week.

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

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.



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! **All children that make a donation will receive a Santa hat to run in and a medal for participating!**

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 for an application form:

Lunchtime Supervisors (two positions) - 5 hours per week
TA Apprentices (two positions)

Music Lessons - Mr Bilham has spaces available for drums, piano and ukulele and Mrs Thrussell has spaces available for flute, clarinet, trumpet or cornet lessons. For more information, including prices and to sign up please head to:
cornwallmusicsericetrust.org/signup

Staff News - We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Hulme at the end of this term. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for everything she's done here at Porthleven School over the last five years. We wish her lots of luck in her next chapter!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Monday 13th December 2021 - EYFS Christmas Play

Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Santa Sponsored Fun Run

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