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Reliability

Reliability means that others can depend on you. You keep your commitments and give your best to every job. You are responsible. You don't forget, and you don't need to be reminded. Other people can relax knowing things are in your reliable hands.

You are practicing Reliability when you...

- Make promises you can keep
- Really care about doing what you promise
- Return things you borrow
- Plan ahead
- Do your best and finish on time
- Find another way if obstacles occur

Affirmation

*I am reliable. I keep my promises.
Others can depend on me.
Nothing can stop me from giving my best.*

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Virtues -
This week's virtue is
"Reliability".

Foundation stage

The Reception children will now be covering music in their sessions for a child's eye view. In maths, they are finding one more and addition using counters, cubes, number lines and Numicon.

In Forest schools, the children will be playing games making animal homes and the Reception children are going to help to build a fire. The Nursery are looking at counting to five and ordering the numbers, singing songs and number rhymes. We will be sequencing the Nativity story and all the children will be involved in practising for the Nativity.

Key Stage 1

This week the children have begun to practise their Christmas play. Many of the children have been fitted with their costume. If you received a note for extra costume parts, please bring them into school in a labelled bag or let the teachers know if you are struggling to find something. If you did not receive a note, your child's costume is already in school. If you have any queries about this please ask your class teacher.

This week the children also enjoyed talking, drawing and writing about their special book. Year 1's are doing really well in writing and recognising teen numbers - their confidence has really grown. In maths both year groups have been working hard at assessments and will now start new topics next week; adding numbers to 20 for year 1 and multiplication for year 2.

Also, KS1 will need pinecones for a project in the next few weeks, if anyone finds some could they please bring them into school or to the office please.

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 - This week, the children will begin to practise Christmas songs - a copy of these should have come home in homework packs last Friday. In maths we are starting a new topic - multiplication and division. There will be more information on any new strategies highlighted in their classrooms by the end of next week, should you want to pop in. Also, a huge well done to all of our Year 3/4 children who participated in this years Swimming Gala, Porthleven School placed 3rd overall - Fantastic effort!

Year 5/6 - This week, the children have very much enjoyed building marble runs in DT. We continued to rehearse our choral speaking piece for Friday's assembly and hope to see as many parents there as possible.

Year 5/6 Assembly - Friday 29th November - 2:30pm - All welcome

Attendance Award

Well done to Seahorses class who won the KS1 attendance award last week with 96.8% attendance and Jellyfish class who won the KS2 attendance award last week with 98.6% attendance!



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ParentPay is here! - Letters have been sent home for parents who have not yet activated their accounts - could we please encourage these to be set up, as **in the New Year (from Tuesday 7th January 2020) we will no longer be accepting cash or cheque.** If anyone is having problems, please pop in to see Lisa or Gemma.

Swimming Gala - Well done to all of the children who participated in this years Swimming Gala. The children performed brilliantly on the day, lots of medals were awarded and Porthleven School came an impressive **3rd place** overall! Well done everyone.

Year 3/4 BF Adventure Camp 2020 - 1st to 3rd June 2020 - This is a great taster camp for children, packed full of fun activities whilst being close to home. If you would like to secure your child a place then please pay a non-refundable deposit of £30 to the parent item named 'Year 3/4 BF Adventure Camp Deposits 2020 on Parent Pay by no later than Friday 13th December 2019.

'Understanding Your Child's Emotions' Workshop with Mrs Broome - Tuesday 26th November - 9:15am or 5pm - Mrs Broome will be running another workshop for parents and carers. A minimum of 5 attendees will be needed to make the workshop viable so please spread the word if you are interested. To book your place please contact Mrs Broome at abroome@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk or via eschools.

Year 6 Transition Date - Horizons Project at Helston Community College - Tuesday 3rd December - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - Subject is English - Please note that transport is not provided this year. Children will need to be dropped to North Site Reception and then picked up from North Site canteen.

Kernow Health Nasal Flu Immunisations - Wednesday 4th December - Reception to Year 6 - Kernow Health will be in school to administer the nasal flu immunisations on this date to children with a completed consent form. Emails were sent out just before half term with all of the information needed and the link to follow. This **must** be completed online by no later than **Wednesday 27th November** as they are no longer accepting paper copies. If for any reason you have not received the email, please go to the website below and enter our unique school reference when prompted.

Website: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

Unique Reference Code: **EE143996**

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 11th December - £2.30 - If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner please pay this via Parent Pay to 'Porthleven School Dinner Service'.



Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast

Stuffing Ball, Pork Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Peas, Brussel Sprouts & Carrots

Iced Shortbread Biscuit with Orange Slices

Christmas Pudding with Custard

Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 11th December - Children are welcome to wear their favourite Christmas jumper for the day to support 'Save the Children'. We will be asking for a £1 donation per child please.



A special thank you to Tracey Chapman, Vicky Browning and Chloe Jones for giving up their time to help all of the children make Christmas decorations. These are now displayed on the Christmas Tree situated in the entrance of Tesco, Helston. The children thoroughly enjoyed making the decorations!

Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Christmas Plays - We've reached that time of year again where the children are busy practising their nativity songs. Exact times are to be confirmed and tickets will be available from the school office from **Monday 2nd December** - These are a gift to you from the children and will be limited to 2 per child.

* Tuesday 10th December - Foundation Stage Afternoon 1:45pm, KS1 Evening 6pm

* Wednesday 11th December - KS1 Afternoon 1:45pm, Foundation Stage Evening 6pm

Special Request - Mrs. Figgins is always looking for books that are in good condition to pass on to children and to promote a love of reading. If you have any books that your child no longer reads at home and they are happy for them to be recycled within our school, could you please pass them on to her. Thanks for your continued support.

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

Tuesday 26th November - Understanding Your Child's Emotions Workshop - 9:15am or 5pm

Wednesday 4th December - Nasal Flu Immunisations - Reception to Year 6

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December - Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity Plays

Tuesday 3rd December - HCC Transition Year 6 - 3:30 to 4:30pm

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December - Deposit deadline for Year 3/4 BF Adventure Camp 2020

Thursday 19th December - School Disco

Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January - INSET day - School CLOSED to all children