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## Height and weight checks

Next week on Wednesday 22nd November the school nurse will be coming in to do the height and weight of pupils in Reception class (Rainbowfish & Angelfish) and Year 6 (Cormorants & Herons). Forms for this were sent home several weeks ago. If you did not receive one please see the school office for another copy and if we do not receive or hear back from you we will take it that you agree to this.

## Book swap for grown ups

I am really excited to announce the start of our book swap for grown ups.

A book exchange is a great way for avid readers to save money and is also a great way to save a tree. Please bring along a book you have enjoyed, leave a comment or review and take away a new book. Over the next few weeks I hope that the choice will be extended as people leave more than one book.

The book exchange is in the entrance hall just ask at the office. Happy reading.

## Pudding & Wine evening - Saturday 26th November 7:00 - 11:00pm

Porthleven Community Group invite everyone to a Pudding and Wine evening on Saturday 25th November, 6-8pm at Porthleven Public Hall. This is a lovely social event where you can bring a dessert for the sharing table and enjoy tucking in to some delicious puddings. Bring your own drinks, but tea, coffee and squash will be provided. There will be craft activities for children and entertainment by the Signing Choir. Why not come along for a fun and relaxed Saturday evening - all free and all welcome.

## Transition to Helston Community College

Year 5 and 6 received letters the other week outlining the transition project with Helston Community College. The first date for transition is Thursday 7th December 2017. This is for year 6 and will be art.

Year 5 will have their first transition on Thursday 18th January 2018 and it will be science.

Please make sure that all transition paperwork is handed back in to school as soon as possible.

## Understanding your child's emotions - Parents workshop

Mrs Alison Broome who is the schools' SENDCo will be offering this workshop to parents on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 9:15 a.m. and again at 5:00 p.m.. For more information you can contact Mrs Broome via email [abroome@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:abroome@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk) or via the VLE. You can also let the school office know if you are wishing to take this up and the time you are going to be coming.

## Reminder Tempest individual and family photographs

The individual and family photographs will be taking place next week on Thursday 23rd November.

Letters were sent home with children about the appointments and we ask that if you wish to have an allotted time please make sure letters are filled out and it is handed back to the school office as soon as possible.

## Apprenticeship - School office

**The school is looking for an apprentice administrative assistant . Further information can be found at**

Find An Apprenticeship: <https://goo.gl/EmN5B8>. Alternatively drop into the office to have a chat about how you might join our team and begin a career in administration and business. The successful candidate will work in the school office and receive training to NVQ level 2 or 3.

## Children in Need 2017

This year we supported Children in Need by asking children to wear spots to School today. What an impressive array of spotty clothing we have seen today from pupils and staff. Thanks to all of you for your support with this the total raised is £288.00.

## Carn to Cove - A Christmas Carol Performance at Porthleven school

Don't forget tickets will soon be on sale for the fantastic one man show 'A Christmas Carol' performed by David Mynne at school on Wednesday December 20th.

## Playgroup

The children and parents had a lovely time making pom-pom ball print pictures. They also had fun playing with instruments, in the role play area, soft play area and using the outside toys. Next week they will be making tiger masks. All welcome to join us, Tuesday's 9—11 a.m. in the infant hall.





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### **The Mousehole Cat - Workshop for years 3 & 4**

Mowzer's workshop is a fun and physical puppet workshop for children led by cast members from the sell out Cornish production of 'The Mousehole Cat'.

Bec Applebee (Kneehigh, WildWorks), our Mowzer puppeteer, and Bryher Flanders (National Youth Theatre, Story Republic), Mousehole's very own fisherwoman and narrator, will lead primary school children through a journey of Cornish traditions, Celtic song and imaginative puppetry. During this two and a half hour workshop children will get the chance to create their own puppet and perform alongside the theatre company's actors and Mowzer puppet in their own unique scene based around the story of Tom Bawcock and the classic Cornish children's book, 'The Mousehole Cat'.

We have a wonderful opportunity to take part in this with Years 3 & 4 on Thursday 30th November. Please can parents make sure that slips are returned to school so the teachers will know how many children will be participating in this and the cost is £4.00 per child.

### **School dinner Christmas menu**

On Wednesday 13th December it will be the Christmas dinner at school. The choice is as follows:-

Farm assured roast turkey

Or

Vegetarian yule log

Traditional sage and onion stuffing

Chipolata sausage

Roast gravy

Roast potatoes

Honey roast parsnips

Button sprouts

Carrot batons & garden peas

Festive shortbread biscuit with a clementine

Or Christmas sponge and creamy custard



Please could parents contact the school office to let them know if their child/ren will be having a Christmas dinner and their choices. If children have any allergies or dietary requirements please see the school office who can put you in touch with the canteens manager to make a meeting to discuss this further with them. School dinners cost £2.20.

### **Christmas Plays**

Tickets will be available from Monday 20th November. Families can have three tickets each and if they want anymore they will need to go down on the waiting list. The classes will perform to the whole school and so any older siblings will already have seen the performance. Grandparents are encouraged to come and see the plays on Monday 11th December from 1:30pm. The timings for other performances are as follows:-

Starfish, Turtles and Lobsters will be performing Tuesday 12th December at 1:45pm and again on Wednesday 13th December at 6:00pm.

Rainbowfish and Angelfish will be performing Tuesday 12th December at 6:00pm and again on Wednesday 13th December at 1:45pm.

### **Christingle & Harbour Christmas Lights**

The school Christingle service will be on Friday 8th December at 5.30pm in St Bartholomew Church followed by a procession to the harbour for the switch-on of the town's Christmas lights at 6.30pm. So that we can make arrangements please let your child's teacher know how many of your family will be coming to the church service including the number of pupils from school. We need numbers of pupils attending so that we can safely organise the lighting of the Christingles in church. Please be aware that Porthleven businesses will be open till late on this day and it looks to be a great family outing to take in the festive spirit.

### **Calendar - School term dates 2017/2018**

Important school dates for your diaries are as follows:-

Wednesday 22nd November 2017 - Height and Weight for Reception class and year 6

Thursday 23rd November 2017 - Tempest family and individual photos

Monday 4th December 2017 Nursery, Reception class, Years 1 & 2 perform Christmas plays to whole school

Monday 11th December 2017 - Christmas play performances to whole school & grandparents

Tuesday 12th December - Wednesday 13th December 2017 Nursery, Reception class, Years 1 & 2 perform Christmas plays to parents and family members. Tickets available nearer the time

Wednesday 13th December 2017 Christmas dinner for pupils