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Honesty

Honesty is being true to yourself and doing what you know is right. When we are honest, we take responsibility for any mistakes we might have made and we tell the truth about whatever has happened. Everyone makes mistakes but honesty helps us to learn and grow from them. When you are honest people feel that they can trust you and that you can be relied upon.

Truthfulness is saying what has really happened in a tactful way. When you practise truthfulness, you don't listen to gossip about other people, you take the time to decide for yourself if you think something is true or not. You believe in yourself and you don't exaggerate things to impress others.


 THE CHARACTER TREE

Virtues -

This week's virtue is "Honesty".

Foundation stage

This week the children will be looking at simple addition adding two sets of objects and finding the total. We will be using the part part whole method.

In phonics we will continue to practise sound talk with Fred frog, please support your child at home with this. Please look at the booklet we sent in the Reception phonic and maths pack at half term for ideas .

Nursery children will be playing rhyming games and looking at the initial sound in objects e.g. snake, sock, and sail.

We will continue to practise for our Nativity, you will be notified when we have recorded all the scenes and you will receive a video through your tapestry ac-

count. Please could we remind you that your child will need a winter hat, scarf or Christmas jumper to wear in a named bag to stay in school for our rehearsals.

Key Stage 1

Seahorses - Seahorses have been working hard in maths using the part whole method to subtract and will continue with subtraction this week. The children are really enjoying learning about hedgehogs as part of our science topic and linking to the changes in seasons. This week they will be making shelters for hedgehogs on Thursday in the sensory garden (please send children in with their wellies and waterproofs). If anyone has a chance to make one at home we would love to see some photos on Tapestry. We will also start getting festive this week. The children will bring home lyrics for two Christmas songs they need to learn so please practice these at home.

Turtles - This week we finished off our work on Remembrance. The children drew a poster inviting people to a Remembrance Service and enjoyed making their paper poppy. The children also got a chance to paint their clay poppy. Nearly ready to take home! In Science, we continued to look at less familiar habitats such as deserts and arctic climates and the types of animals and plants you might find there. The children have worked hard on their maths assessments this week so I apologise for the maths homework arriving late. They have also independently written some great winter poetry. We have started rehearsing our first Christmas song. Please help your child learn Jingle Bells; the words are in their book bags.

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 - This week, Year 3/4 are starting to look at multiplication. They are encouraged to use their TT Rockstar's to practice their times tables at home and we may even hold a few class battles during the last few weeks of term. The KIRF highlight that Year 4's should aim to be secure up to their 7 times tables by the end of this term. In science, we are learning about the digestive system: its organs and their functions. See if you can help them think of a question to bring in for the lesson so that we can find out the answers. In Art, we have been looking at how we communicate using pictures. We looked at building maps to help describe our street. If you have an opportunity, look at where the streetlights, trees, road signs and less obvious things are around you.

Year 5/6 - Year 5/6 have had another busy week. The children have enjoyed researching influential figures from World War 2 - ask them to tell you some facts about their chosen person. In Science, we are moving on to our Space topic, which we are all looking forward to. Every child drew their self-portrait for the tea towel; it's looking great and there is still time to order if you haven't already. Excitement for Christmas is beginning to build and we have been asked a few questions about rules around cards. Please see the next page of the newsletter for more details.



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Self Portrait Tea Towels - Our PTA have organised a self portrait tea towel which will be available soon - a lovely Christmas gift idea. These will be £4 per towel and there is no limit on how many you can order. The order form was sent via email last Monday or alternatively you can order tea towels via the school office. **Last date to order is Wednesday 2nd December.** Payment can be dropped to the school office by Wednesday 2nd December (correct change if possible please).

KS2 & Nursery Christmas Dinner Pre-Order - Wednesday 9th December - Today is the last date to pre-order - The cost of this is £2.34 and can be paid for via ParentPay. If your child would like a Christmas dinner then you **must** pre-order it with the school office as it will not be available to order on the day. Please give the office a call on 01326 562249 to put your child's name down and chose their options. (Reception & Key stage 1 will order in the classroom as normal).



Roast Turkey with all the trimmings

Or

Quorn Roast with all the trimmings

Festive Shortbread Biscuit



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December - £1 donation - On this date children can wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school instead of their school jumper. £1 donation per child in aid of 'Save The Children'.



Children's Hospice Southwest School 'Santas On The Run' Freestyle - Friday 11th December - This year the children will take part in a sponsored lap of the field/PE session (in their class bubbles) all in aid of Children's Hospice Southwest. As it's also Christmas Jumper Day they will already be feeling festive! Coin collector cards came home last week - every little helps and pennies can be added to these too -Our top fundraisers will receive a medal! We ask that the coin collector cards be handed back in on **Thursday 10th December** to give us time to tally up the totals. We have also set up a justgiving page to enable people to donate online and avoid handling cash should they wish. If you do decide to donate this way please leave your child's initials so we know who to count the donation towards. Please follow this link to donate online:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/porthlevenschool59>

Christmas Cards - Handing out of Christmas cards will be slightly different this year! Please can children make sure cards are handed into their class teacher by no later than **Friday 11th December**. Make sure that the full name and class of the child are written clearly on the envelope - without this we will be unable to deliver them.

PTA News - Our first Zoom meet was great fun and so many ideas were discussed. The new PTA would like to share with you the key points of every meeting so that you all know how your donations support the children in school. Also, it would be a good time for you to know who's who, just in case you want to help in any way. It was agreed that the PTA would spend a large majority of the existing funds on Christmas gifts for every child within school and will also provide £50 per class for them to spend on something they would like.

The PTA Facebook page will also be starting a Christmas Jumper swap shop. If you have Christmas jumpers that are of no use to you, but you would like to see someone else get some use from it, then this could be the thing for you. Simply contact the admin and they will provide an avenue for you to share your old jumpers for others to request.



Would you like to join our PTA? Our PTA is looking for new members. If you would like to get involved you please get in touch with the school office where we can give you the contact details. We will have added the minutes from the last meeting to our parent/PTA tab on our website if you would like to have a look.

Coronavirus Test Results - If your child has been off of school waiting for coronavirus test results it is imperative that you inform the school office of the negative test result before your child returns to school. You can call the office on 01326 562249.

Calendar - School term dates 2019/20 - Important dates for your diaries are as follows:

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 9th December 2020 -pre-order with the office TODAY

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December 2020

Sponsored Santas On The Run Freestyle - Friday 11th December 2020 - Sponsors in by Thursday 10th December 2020

Christmas Holidays - Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

INSET Day - School closed to all children - Monday 4th January 2021