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Determination You are practicing **Determination**

You focus your energy and efforts on a task and stick with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn't easy. You are determined to meet your goals even when it is hard or you are being tested. With determination we make our dreams come true.

when you...

- Believe what you are doing is important
- Set goals for yourself
- Stay focused without being distracted
- Keep going if it gets difficult
- Ask for help when you need it
- Finish what you start

Affirmation
*I am determined.
 I set goals and keep going until I achieve them.
 I get things done. I stay focused on my purpose.*

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Virtues

We have focussed on children's organisational skills this week for our virtue of 'orderliness' and have shared with them some useful strategies such as developing routines and find places for things.
 Next week's virtue is 'determination' and we again ask parents to look for those opportunities to praise their child/ren for showing or working on this virtue.

Foundation stage

This week the children have been busy finding out about arctic animals. We have looked at polar bears, arctic foxes, hares, and seals.

The reception children have been looking at exception words and segmenting and blending with the sounds they have already learnt, writing captions and words.

The Nursery have been listening for rhyme in story books and thinking about rhythm, the children have copied a simple rhythm pattern using percussion instruments.

In maths, we have been learning about weigh and compared the weight of objects using a balance and the language heavier and lighter.

On Thursday 22nd November we will be delivering an inspire handwriting session please return the letter in your child's book bag with your preferred choice of session.

Christmas play performances will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 6:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday 12th December at 1:45 p.m. for Nursery and Reception children. **Tickets will be available from the school office after Monday 19th November.**

Key Stage 1

Starfish have earned their next class reward. A letter will be in book bags on Monday with what has been decided by the children. KS1 has been working on creating bogmonsters this week—ask them to describe their monster to you.

They have also been learning about the Great Fire of London and sequenced the events.

Some children are working hard on their lines for the play. Thank you for your help and continued support.

Christmas play performances will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 1:45 p.m. and again on Wednesday 12th December at 6:00 p.m. for Turtles, Starfish and Lobsters. **Tickets will be available from the school office after Monday 19th November.**

Key Stage 2

In years 3 and 4 children have been comparing the nutritional requirements of different animals. They have also enjoyed writing their non-chronological reports on their combined animal species. It was great to hear the benefits of being a centaur this week! In maths they have been learning strategies for tackling two step addition and subtraction word problems.

Also the Christmas song practices are going really well.

Year5 and 6 class are continuing their learning of the 'Battle of Britain' and have been studying what Hitler needed to do for his invasion. In literacy they have been planning their own letters from servicemen after reading many examples and identifying features. In science they have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes.

Year 5 children have compared data using pictograms in maths, whereas Year 6 have been calculating following the principles of BIDMAS.

Friday 'Class Pride' Assemblies

Next week Pelicans will lead their 'Pride Assembly'. All Pelican parents and extended family members are welcome to attend. It will start at 9.10 and last approximately 20 minutes.

Foundation Stage's assembly will be in the summer term.

Years 5/6	Friday Assembly	Years 3/4	Friday Assembly	Years 1/2	Friday Assembly
Cormorants	16th November	Swordfish	31st January	Starfish	1st March
Pelicans	23rd November	Emperor Fish	1st February	Turtles	8th March
Hérons	30th November			Lobsters	15th March



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Christmas Lunch menu - Wednesday 5th December 2018

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

School dinners cost £2.30 per day.



Attendance Award

Turtles & Lobsters jointly won this week with an attendance record of 100% and Herons won with 100% attendance.



School Disco - Update

This coming Thursday 22nd November there will be a school disco. The cost for tickets is £2.00 and includes a drink only (no food). They are on sale at the school office.

The timings are as follows:-

* Foundation Stage and KS1 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Nursery children must be accompanied by an adult)

* KS2 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Donations of squash would be greatly appreciated and also helpers are needed for the evening. Please let the school office know if you can help by calling 01326 562249 or by letting Mrs Richardson.



Tempest Individual and Family photographs.

Letters were sent home a couple of weeks ago now with children to ask parents if they would like family photographs.

The office have text parents with their allotted time slots that asked for a time slot. Please keep this text or make a note of your time slot.

Reminder about Parking

Please be aware that as of November the double yellow lines outside school are enforceable and penalties could include a £1000 fine. Again we just ask that you park with consideration to other road users, pedestrians and those who live near the school.

Calendar - School term dates 2018/2019 - Important dates for your diaries are as follows:-

Tuesday 20th November 2018 - Tempest Family and individual photographs

Thursday 22nd November 2018 - School Disco FS & KS1 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

KS2 Disco 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 28th November 2018 - Year 6 Transition to Helston Community College - Activity Drama

Tuesday 4th December 2018 - Year 6 Transition to Helston Community College - Activity Maths

Wednesday 5th December 2018 - Christmas dinner menu for children

Friday 7th December 2018 - Porthleven Christmas lights switch on - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday 11th December 2018 - at 1:45 p.m. KS1 Christmas play

Tuesday 11th December 2018 - at 6:00 p.m. Foundation Stage Christmas play

Wednesday 12th December 2018 - at 1:45 p.m. Foundation Stage Christmas play

Wednesday 12th December 2018 - at 6:00 p.m. KS1 Christmas play