

# NEWSLETTER

What an emotional day! The special assembly that the staff and children did for me was amazing! Miss Clarke said many touching things, which meant I could not hold back the tears. I loved the slide show, so many wonderful memories. The staff and children then sang a song written especially for me (to the tune of Hallelujah). Mrs Forsdick had put together a brilliant video for me full of lovely comments from the children. I will treasure this video. I loved my presents from the school, my beautiful picture, a copy of the song and some theatre vouchers. I felt very spoilt. Lyra loved her collar and bow too! I am so grateful to the staff for making this such a special last day.

I have loved my time at Portreath School. I became the head just over 8 years ago. The journey the school has been on in that time has been amazing. The school has helped me to grow and change. When I say the school, I don't mean the building I mean the people. The staff, children and parents are very special here at Portreath.

As you know I love trees and the image of trees. I have given each child a mini tree to remind them of me. Trees have strong roots and that's why they can grow. At Portreath our roots are our values. My aim has been for staff and children to be kind, empathetic, honest, inclusive and grateful because then they are the type of people who will make a difference to other people. Another image I love is the heart. This is because it represents love. I think love is what can make the difference and we hold people in our hearts. I understand memories are in your brain, but I also feel memories can be an emotion and you remember how people make you feel. I hope I've made the staff and children feel good about who they are and helped them to feel special. I hope things that I have said have mattered to you and your children. May things I have said be like whispers in your heart. This school and its people will continue to whisper in my heart.

I look around the school, and I feel proud; proud of what we've achieved. I'm proud of me too. I don't often say that, I find it easier to praise others than myself. I'm always telling the children to be proud of themselves, so today I want to lead by example and I'm telling myself that I'm proud of me and all I have achieved here. Like a tree I need to continue to grow and that's why I feel it's time to leave. I want to make a difference somewhere else. I want to help Penneweth to grow. Portreath will also continue to grow as a new head will bring new ideas to make this school even better.

Portreath's Got Talent was fabulous! Thanks to the fantastic judges: Mrs Jones, Mrs Seary, Mr McCarthy and Mrs Barnes. A huge well done to all the children who took part. They showed such courage and talent. Congratulations to Bethan and Mila who won 'Pamplin's Precious Award', to the runners up: Frankie, Beth and Isla, and Grover. A massive congratulations to Andie who won with her incredible singing!

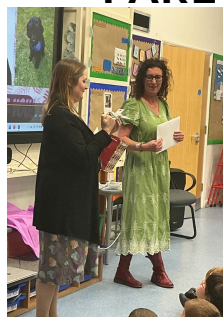
Thanks for all the donations during the Christmas performances. Thanks to Mrs Jose and her daughter who brought along their fabulously decorated car which they are using to raise money for 'Little Harbour Children's Hospice'. During the performances we raised £290 for them. We also raised £85 for the church and £85 for 'Street Kids'.

Merry Christmas

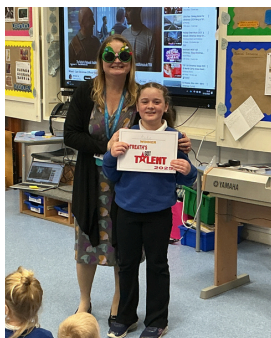
**Cassie Pamplin**



**WINNER**



## PORTREATH'S GOT TALENT







# Portreath Primary School

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

### **Safeguarding and Health and Safety**

Over the Christmas holidays staff will not be replying to emails or Dojo messages and they will only be checked periodically. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact MARU direct on 03001231116 and speak with a social worker. If you need to contact me in an emergency, please send a message on Dojo, as I will be checking it every few days. Family information services provide a whole host of useful local links such as childcare, financial advice and leisure facilities.:

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/family.page?familychannel=0> National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 2000 247 CHILDLINE 0800 1111

