



Godolphin Primary School  
'living, learning and laughing together'  
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Emerald class

The Emerald class had a fantastic time at the Flicka Horse and Donkey Sanctuary last week. They enjoyed a tour around the sanctuary and a cuddle with Paddington, a beautiful 1 year old donkey who the class have now decided to adopt (thank you for your kind donations towards the cost of the adoption).



The weather was lovely and the children were able to have their packed lunches outside in the sunshine. Their behaviour was excellent and a good day was had by all!

We have now started our new topic – 'The Big Build'. Focussing on the story of The Three Little Pigs, they are learning about materials and their properties, story maps, sequencing and learning to tell the story from memory. They are really enjoying designing and building in our Little Pig's Construction site in the outdoor area.

Sapphire Class

On Thursday 18th October, the Sapphire class had a special visit from Mrs Ivey to talk to us about animal teeth and their digestive system. We found it very interesting when she showed us the animal skulls. It was fascinating when we saw the size difference between animal and human teeth. We loved the skulls that Mrs Ivey bought in, it felt strange when we got to touch them. It was interesting when she told us that rabbits eat their food twice! We liked looking at the difference between the animal and human digestive system. Thank you Mrs Ivey for coming into the Sapphire class and giving us more information about animal teeth and their digestive system.



Diamond Class

Diamond Class have been learning about mammals and are now moving onto finding out about reptiles and amphibians. Thank you to Mrs Ivey, who visited the class this week and spoke with the children about animal anatomy and how the groups differ. We have a bird spotting trip to the woods booked for the 29th November (weather permitting!). Information to follow nearer the time.



Children in Need Spotacular!

This year's Children in Need takes place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and the theme is spots! We would therefore like to ask our pupils to show support for this worthwhile cause by dressing up in dots and spots. In addition, if pupils or parents would like to make any donations to the charity, a collection will be made by the school.



### Christmas information

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner £2.30 Y3-Y6 Rec-Y2 Free

If any parents/carer would like to lend a hand on the day please pop in to the office to put your name down. Thank you.

### Christmas show dates:

Year 3 – Year 6 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Godolphin chapel 1.30pm & 6.00pm

Rec – Year 2 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Godolphin Chapel 11.00am & 6.00pm



### Lost Property

We have collected a large number of items once again!

Can you please check the box and take any items that belong to you before the 16<sup>th</sup> November. Any items remaining will be donated to the second hand uniform stock or the charity shop.

Many thanks!



### Flute For Sale

Emma, Olivia Wood's mum is selling Olivia's flute with junio and adult mouth piece. Brand new from Trevada Music with funky flute book. Excellent condition £140.00 or offers around. Tel: 07730343214

### School clean-up day - November 25th

The PTA has arranged a school clean-up day. It will be approximately 9.00 - 1.30, depending how many of us there are and what needs doing.

It would be great to see as many of you there as possible, no experience necessary.

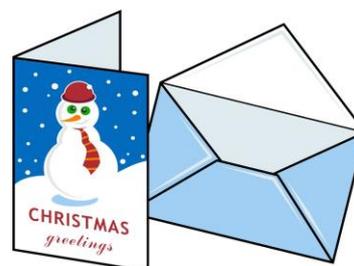
There will be age-appropriate films available for the children if they want to come along too. Bring a refillable mug for a constant supply of tea and please feel free to donate cakes for the workers.



### P.T.A

### **LATE ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS.**

Any late orders are welcome up until the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. Each sale makes money for the school and also makes great personal unique Christmas cards/gifts. Box outside office. Thank you for your support.



## Spanish lessons

Local language activity, La Jolie Ronde Languages for Children (Licensor for Super Spanish), has triumphed at the prestigious children's education awards "What's On 4 Kids Awards 2018" to win Best National Licensed Activity for 5-12 year olds for the fifth year in succession.

Michelle Titheradge who runs Spanish classes for 5-12 year olds in Helston said, "Winning this award for the 5th year in a row brings with it a great deal of pride. 2018 was an exceptional year with voting very fierce across all the categories, right up to the end, so thank you to everyone who voted. We have once again demonstrated how popular our language classes are with parents and carers and the children we teach".

Due to popular demand, places for the lunchtime lesson for Key Stage 2 students are fully booked, however we still have some spaces in the Reception & Key Stage 1 class. For more information or to book a free taster, contact Michelle Titheradge at [michelletitheradge@hotmail.com](mailto:michelletitheradge@hotmail.com).



## Diary dates

Sponsored Swim -Zircon Class Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November Sapphire Class start swimming for 9 weeks.

## Parent /Community Open Afternoon

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018

1.45pm- 2.45pm

2.45pm -3.15pm enjoy a cup of tea and catch up

Come, visit us, and see what wonderful things your children are enjoying each day.

### **Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due**

Kernow Health is delivering the flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's schools on behalf of NHS

England. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2018/19, all children in **Reception and school years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5** will be offered the vaccine.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please click on the following [link](#) to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

Please click on the following link to access the consent form: [www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/flu](http://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/flu) **PLEASE ENSURE YOU QUOTE THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your school is:**

**GODOLPHIN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**EE143977**

Please return your consent form as soon as possible. The form will not be available 2 days before we visit your child's school, but your child can still be immunised at one of our catch-up clinics. We are in the process of arranging dates with schools and once confirmed these will be on our website.

**If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact Kernow Health on one of the numbers above.**

If you decide, you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete and return the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and improve the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Dr Terese Tubman



Clinical Lead School Immunisation Service

**Date to visit school - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**We would like to bring your attention to the following letter sent to us by Rt Hon Nick Gibb to celebrate our success in Phonics.**



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

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Mrs Lucy Wandless  
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31 October 2018

Dear Mrs Wandless,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2018 phonics screening check.

Achieving early fluency in decoding is a necessary first step in acquiring the key skill of reading.

There is a significant body of evidence, which demonstrates that systematic phonics is the most effective method for teaching early reading. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 100 per cent of pupils at Godolphin Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 3 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 89 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in reading, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,