



Godolphin Primary School  
'living, learning and laughing together'  
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We had a very successful open afternoon last week where we were joined by both members of the school community and prospective parents. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore classrooms, talk to staff and pupils and to find out about the learning opportunities at our school. We have received some lovely feedback from those that attended and we appreciate you taking the time to come and talk to us. Thank you for your continued support.

### Remembrance

On Nov.9<sup>th</sup> the school choir, the Year 4,5 and 6 children and children of service families went down to Godolphin memorial to take part in the Remembrance event. This was followed by singing and poetry in the Old Chapel. The children were fantastic representatives of the school and their behaviour was impeccable. The school staff were extremely proud of the children who showed enormous understanding and respect for the memories of those lost in World War One and World War Two.

After the event, many members of the community wrote emails and letters to say how much they had enjoyed the children's poems and songs. Here are some of the comments –

'The children really did seem to understand the sense of occasion'

'It was especially notable that the turnout was exceptionally good, from 6 year olds to 96 year olds, and I think the highlight for several people was the choir; I was stood next to a local family who were in tears during that performance'

'Then there was the exhibition of children's work, alongside the medals and historical documents from previous conflicts; family trees and personal stories – something for everyone'

Finally a letter from Lieutenant Commander Alan Rogers,

*Dear Lucy,*

*Now that the dust has had the chance to settle following an extremely busy, yet poignant weekend of Remembrance Service across the country. I thought I'd take the opportunity, on behalf of 700X Naval Air Squadron, to thank the pupils and staff of Godolphin School, for helping us to make the Godolphin Cross Service of Remembrance an occasion which will stay with us for many years to come.*

*The poems, readings and songs, so thoughtfully chosen, and excellently presented, were a clear indication that our younger generation still value the individual sacrifices made by our forebears, to ensure the world we live in today remains free.*

*Credit must also go to the members of staff who led the pupils through the various presentations. I defy even the most battle-hardy of servicemen, not to have had a tear in their eye during their rendition of the White Cliffs of Dover!*

*All were a credit to the school, so please pass on our sincere 'thanks' to everyone involved in making the day such a huge success.*

*Regards and best wishes.*

*Alan Rogers*

*Lieutenant Commander QVRM Navy Reserves*

*Executive Office 7000x naval Air Squadron*

## Children in Need Spotacular!

Well to everyone who dressed up spotty for this worthy cause. We raised £171.03 thank you.

## Emerald Class

Over the past few weeks the children in Emerald class have been very busy learning about the story of The Three Little Pigs. We have compared different versions of the story including 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' as told by the big bad wolf himself!

We have been enjoying making mud pies and doing some outdoor maths in our new mud kitchen. The second-hand stall funded the money raised for the new mud kitchen. Thank you.

We are now beginning to think about Christmas and especially our Christmas play - 'Prickly Hay'.

This week we say goodbye to Miss Harvey who has now finished her autumn term teaching practise with us. Miss Harvey has done a wonderful job, creating lots of amazing activities for the children and providing some excellent resources for the children to learn from. She will be back with us for a few days just before Christmas but then in the spring term she will be working at another school. We look forward to welcoming her back to work with Emerald class in the Summer Term.



## Dog Trust visit

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November the school had a visit from the Dog's Trust. Stacey explained how the Dog's Trust works. All the classes took part in a workshop, which involved them learning how to behave around dogs. They were shown how to respect dogs and be safe when near them.

The younger children were introduced to Midnight (the toy dog). To help them understand how to behave round dogs they do not know.

All the children enjoyed the visit.

## **SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY - This weekend!**

**Sunday 25th November 9am until 1:30pm**

Tea/Coffee/Squash provided, Films to keep the children amused!

Please bring mugs for tea/coffee refills. Donations of cakes/biscuits/things to keep the troops going gratefully received!

Lots of jobs to be done to improve the school environment including painting, sweeping, jet washing, clearing gutters, gardening and general tidying.

Please bring brooms, shovels, forks, black sacks, gardening equipment (loppers, shears, secateurs etc), paint brushes, any spare external paint you might have lying around (white for walls/ Gloss for railings, benches etc white or coloured!), pressure washers, spare bedding plants and anything else you think might come in handy!

Hopefully we will see lots of you there for all or some of the time! Many hands make light work! 😊



## Sapphire and Zircons

The Sapphires and Zircons visited Britain in the Blitz at Flambards on Tuesday. This visit supported their World War 2 topic. The children dressed up as evacuees to make the trip more realistic. The children were amazed when walking through different scenes of the Blitz and hearing all the different sound effects. The children really enjoyed this trip as it helped them imagine what it would be like as an evacuee during World War 2. Thank you for your support in dressing up the children for this visit.



## KS2 Show

The children have been practising hard for their KS2 performance of Archibald's War, which is due to take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please can we thank parents in advance for assisting with the pupils' costumes. Hopefully, all parents should have received information containing costume ideas for all of the different characters. Please let us know if you are having any difficulties.

Tickets will be on sale soon!

## Sports News

### **XC League**

With four cross country league matches now complete, Godolphin remain firmly at the top of the weighted league table and second position in the league overall. This is an incredible achievement considering the size of our school. Well done to all of the children who have taken part so far this year, and thank you to all of the committed parents, friends and family for supporting at these races.

League results, along with future race information can be found in the PE notice board.

### Cornwall XC

Seven hardy pupils recently represented the school at the Cornwall Cross Country Championships held at Newquay Sports Centre. Up against the top runners from Cornwall and Devon, our U11 girls, consisting of Edie, Jolie and Pippa, raced first, achieving a highly respectable 5<sup>th</sup> position in the team event altogether. A superb effort!

The boys were up next, once again taking on clubs and other schools from Cornwall and beyond. Harry, Elijah, Lucas and Archie paced themselves perfectly and maintained great form all the way to the finish line. With four good individual positions, the boys were hoping for a podium spot, but all expectations were exceeded when the Godolphin boys were announced as Cornwall champions, winning the gold medals. This is a fantastic achievement which they should feel very proud of!

Thank you to the parents for supporting the school at this event!

### Y5/6 badminton

Godolphin recently entered three teams of Y5/6 badminton players in the Helston Primary Badminton Festival, held at Helston Community College. All of the Godolphin players performed extremely well, demonstrating impressive skills, tactics and teamwork, with Godolphin 'A' team winning the tournament overall. Well done to all of the children and thank you to Mrs Forrester and Mrs Jones for managing our teams so expertly.

### Bikeability

The school has once again booked Bikeability cycle training for all of our Year 6 pupils, which is due to take place on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please can all parents of Year 6 children check that all bikes are in good working order and that the pupils have suitable helmets. Thank you!

### Zircon Sponsored Swim

Earlier this week, the Zircon class completed a sponsored swim to raise money for school funds. The energetic pupils demonstrated excellent stamina and determination, swimming non-stop for 40 minutes, achieving a combined total distance of **8 miles!!!** Incredible!

Please can we ask the children to return all outstanding sponsor forms and money by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for supporting this event.

### Christmas information

Post box will be out Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to post your Christmas cards.

Please include full name and class on envelope.



### Christmas show dates:

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

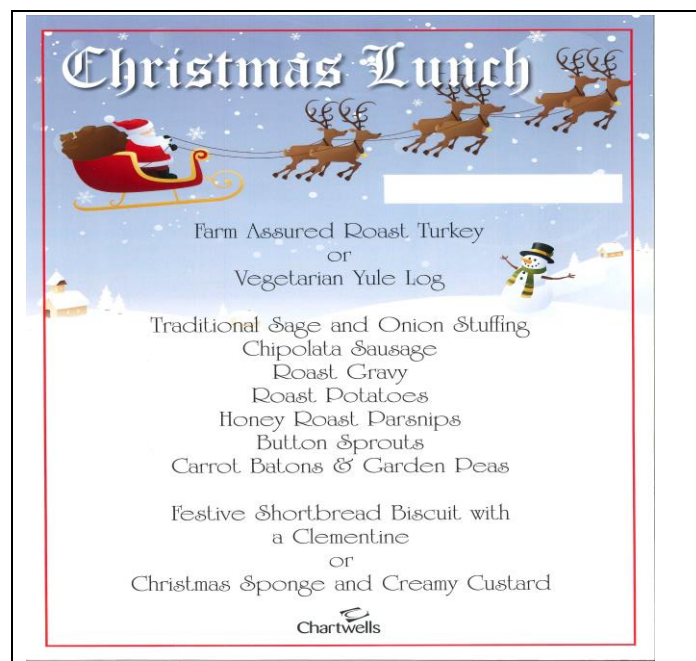
Godolphin chapel 1:30pm & 6:00pm

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

Godolphin Chapel 11:00am & 6:00pm

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

*Children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day. No charge.*



PTA



### Festive Celebration Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

As part of our festive celebrations, we are excited to invite you to a short Christmas Celebration on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm – 4.00pm. Mince pies and drinks will be available to buy whilst you relax and listen to the school choir and some of our talented musicians as they sing and play us into the Christmas spirit. The PTA will be drawing the children's raffle prize at the end of the celebration, with the children's raffle tickets being sold at their Christmas play. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!



## Diamond Class



Continuing with our Carnival of the Animals theme, this week we have been learning about reptiles. We learned that some reptiles use camouflage to hide from danger. We made salt dough reptiles and camouflaged them with a painted background.

### Diary dates

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

Godolphin lights switch on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Godolphin School choir to sing at 6:30pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term  
**Non uniform day. No charge.**

First day of spring term Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### **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**

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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**