



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy term so far. As well as working hard in the classrooms, the children have enjoyed and taken part in a number of sporting and musical activities including sports festivals and Songfest rehearsals.

The Year 5's and 6's enjoyed their residential camp to Nine Ashes. Despite the wet weather they took part in lots of exciting and new activities including caving and using quad-bikes.

Whilst they were on camp, the other children enjoyed an exciting and interesting day with Daya

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rogers for her work with us as a Lunchtime Time Supervisor. Whilst Mrs Rogers is stepping down from this role she is still continuing to assist us with visits, trips and after-school clubs.

As always, if you have any concerns please come and talk to the class teachers, or myself.

Many thanks,
Lucy Wandless

Parking Reminder

Please can we remind parents to show consideration to our neighbours when parking to drop-off and collect children from school, particularly around junctions and entrances/driveways. Thank you for continued support and consideration with this matter.

Emeralds Class Update:

In Science, the children are continuing to learn about materials and their properties – this week it was the turn of ice – observing what happens to ice over time, what it feels like and how it makes us feel.

In English we are developing our learning about writing letters – how they are set out, the punctuation and the language we use. Maths – we are finishing off our unit learning about adding money and using different combinations of coins to pay and are moving into finding out about shapes and simple fractions.

Zircon Class Update:

The Zircons have been enjoying their geography topic 'Along the Corridor and Up the Stairs' learning about maps and map symbols, as well as writing instructions for using 6-figure grid references. We are now hoping to apply our new map skills to plan a route around the local environment.

In science, we have been learning about forces, creating experiments to investigate air and water resistance, using paper parachutes and wooden boats.

Library area – reading before school

Now that we have revamped our library area in the hall, we would like to invite you to use it with your children when you arrive at school in the morning. This will be a quiet zone to sit and share books respectfully. Parents/carers must closely supervise all children at all times. We hope this will further develop a love of reading throughout the school.

Our day with Daya!

Last Wednesday we were very excited to welcome Daya into school. In the morning Daya taught the Emeralds children about Hinduism and the Diamonds about Sikhism. The children dressed up in traditional Indian clothes and were taught some Indian dancing. In the afternoon, the children tasted a sweet traditional dish called Parshad and helped Daya to make lots of

chapattis which they then enjoyed with some mild potato curry. The children had a wonderful day and learnt lots about the cultures and religions.



Here is part of Daya's email to the school afterwards - *Just wanted to thank you and all the staff and the wonderful children for making me feel so welcome at your lovely school! I had a brilliant day and the children were a pleasure to work with - well behaved, respectful and eager to learn!*

A child from Year 3 wrote a letter of thanks and said: *'I really appreciate you coming in and helping us learn more about Sikhism. The yummiest part of the all was the curry and the chapattis - they were delicious!'*

World Book Day – Vocabulary Parade

All the children looked amazing in their costumes and outfits during our Vocabulary Parade.

There were some very imaginative 'words' including 'galaxy', 'swagger', 'inferno', 'ostentatious', 'love', 'fiendish', 'oviparous' and 'amnesia'.

Thank you to everyone for taking part. And, don't forget our 'Extreme Reading Challenge'. Please email your photos to: godolphinprimaryschool@gmail.com

Songfest Choir

On Wednesday the Songfest 20 Choir travelled to St. John's Hall in Penzance for a mass rehearsal with all the schools which are taking part in the concert next Monday evening. The children sounded fantastic!

They are very excited to be taking part in this special event – we wish them well for their concert – 7pm Monday 16th March.

Y5/6 Nine Ashes Residential

The Year 5/6 pupils returned from Nine Ashes Activity Centre last week looking exhausted and in desperate need of a good night's sleep.

From start to finish, the action-packed programme left little time for rest, with the children all taking part in a diverse range of adventure activities including quad biking, whittling, caving, shooting, catapult making, night orienteering, low ropes and a pedal karting grand prix.

A clash with a secondary school transition meant that the visit, which usually takes place in the summer, had to be brought forward to March. This certainly didn't dampen the spirits of our hardy children, who soldiered on through the wind, rain and mud without any complaints whatsoever. Throughout the trip, our pupils consistently demonstrated excellent listening skills and incredibly high standards of behaviour, remembering their manners and working cooperatively in teams. Well done and thank you!

The school would also like to thank Mrs Forrester, Miss Gardner and Mrs Rogers for supporting Mr Snook and the pupils, and for generously giving up their time to enable the visit to take place.

Parent's Evening

A reminder that Parent's Evening will take place next week (**w/c 16th March**).

Miss. Bradbury

- Wednesday 18th March: 3.30-5.30pm
- Friday 20th March: 1.00 – 3.00pm

Mrs. Knight

- Monday 16th March: 1.00-3.00pm
- Wednesday 18th March: 3.30-5.30pm

Mr. Snook

- Wednesday 18th March: 3.30-6.00pm
- Thursday 19th March: 1.10-3.00pm

Please check availability with teachers if you have not booked a time.

Sports News

Rugby League

The Godolphin rugby team completed their final two matches in the Helston & Mullion Touch Rugby League with narrow wins over Wendron and Halwin. This means that they have now completed all of their fixtures unbeaten, winning 5 and drawing 2 matches. Well done! A superb achievement!

The final league positions will be available after the other schools complete their final round of games.

Y5/6 Netball

The school recently entered 'A' and 'B' teams in the Helston Netball Tournament, held in the new sports hall at Helston Community College. Both teams played extremely well, demonstrating great team work and sportsmanship with mixed results.

Godolphin 'B' ended the competition in 4th place only losing one game, with Godolphin 'A' finishing in 5th position.

Y5/6 Badminton

Godolphin entered three teams of four children in the Helston Y5/6 Badminton Festival held at Helston Community College in February.

After playing their 8 matches, the Godolphin Legends won 7 and drew 1 of their games, ending the competition in joint 1st place overall out of nine teams. Godolphin Rangers ended in Joint 3rd place, with Godolphin Tribe in joint 5th. Excellent results all round! Well done! Thank you to Miss Bradbury for taking the children to this event!

Y5/6 Football

After two postponements due to the weather, the Helston Y5/6 Football Tournament finally took place at Porthleven School. In near freezing temperatures, the team played 8 matches against some very strong opposition with mixed results. Well done to our dedicated team who ended the competition in joint 6th position. Thank you to Mrs Rogers (Coach), Mrs Mackintosh and Mrs Ivey for helping with supervision and transport.

Dates for your diary

Songfest performance (Songfest 20 Choir only) – **Monday 16th March** at 7pm

Peninsula Cross-Country Finals (qualifying children only) – **Tuesday 17th March**

Coose Trannack – Saturday 21st March. Information given to interested pupils already. Please pop in the office if you would like an entry form.

Cross-Country (race 4) including KS1 & KS2 – **Tuesday 24th Mar** (at Helston Community College) at 4pm

Y5/6 Guitar Performance – parents/guardians of Y5/5 children only invited. School Hall at 1.30pm

Last day of term: Friday 27th April (back to school on Tuesday 14th April)

Y3/4 Camp: Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June. Estimated cost £55 per child.

After-school Clubs:

KS1 Multi-Sports Club

(Reception-Year 2):
- Tues 17th March

Rugby & Ball Skills Club

(Year 2 – 6)
- Mon 16th March
- Mon 23rd March

Dance Club

(Year 2-6)
- Weds 18th March
- Weds 25th March

Other News:

After School Club:

Please could we remind parents that the preferred method for payment for After School Club attendance is to pay the full amount (shown on the invoice).via Parent Pay (please reference the invoice number). Many thanks.

Percy Pengelly & the Wibble-Wobble:

If anyone is planning to see this play showing at the Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens, Penzance from 28 April – 12 April quote "Percy Pound" for £1 off every ticket.

Sports Relief:

Many thanks for all your donations for Sports Relief. We raised **£43.95** for this great cause, so thank you all.

Plant a Meadow:

The Diamonds children spent some time this week starting the work on planting some trees on the school field and measuring out the area for a meadow. We would like to thank Ms. Garrard for her help and support with this project.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy:

As previously communicated, we have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. Please visit the website or speak to Mrs Thomas for more information.

PTA Update:

PTA Quiz

A big thank you to those who supported it. We had some great support from people in the village & some parents. A fun night was had by all.



The reigning champions (led by Team Captain, Mr Jones) beat eight other teams to retain the cup & title! Congratulations. We raised £142.00 towards the mini bus

News from the Governors:

Richard McKie was welcomed to the Local Governing Body at the recent Spring term meeting. Many of you will know Richard already through the GCCA, Youth groups and his hard work with the Old Chapel.

Richard will be a huge asset in strengthening our links with the wider community and we're very pleased to have him on board!

The governors were really pleased to hear about the developments made with the school's reading focus. Lots of ideas are being implemented including the Extreme reading challenge, the Sponsored Readathon and the improvements made with the new library area and the range of books on offer.

This term has seen a review of the Virtues Project as well as monitoring of Health and Safety and Curriculum. There are so many great things happening in all areas of our curriculum which has led to this being the focus of the next forum meeting, the Curriculum Celebration.



Parental engagement is important to both the school and the governors, please feel free to chat to any of us, look on the website if you're not sure who we are.

Please join us at our **Curriculum Celebration on 24th March at 9am**. See the other attachment for further details. We look forward to seeing you there.

The PTA are kindly funding a First Aid Day for the children in May. They all did this invaluable training last year and loved it. If there are any parents, grandparents or anyone else who would be interested in attending a Paediatric First Aid course please inform Mrs Thomas. The course would run for approximately 2hrs at a cost of around £30. If there is sufficient interest we will organise one for the summer term.