



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the half-term I wanted to reflect on how amazing our pupils have been. The engagement levels on the Google meetings has been very high and the quality of the work the children have undertaken has been brilliant. I appreciate the resilience the children have had to draw on to be able to adapt to this new way of learning. They should be very proud of themselves. I know that this does not happen without the support of our families and I would like to thank you all for juggling work and home life alongside remote learning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to once again thank all the staff for their hard work during this half-term. The team continue to rise to the challenges we are faced with. They have been working so hard to keep in daily contact with their pupils and to continue the children's learning journey as close to our normal school curriculum as possible. This has been made much harder this week with issues with our internet. Unfortunately, this is a national issue which we have been told is currently being rectified. We appreciate your patience this week with the Google Meets having to be cancelled.

There will be no remote learning set for half-term. This is the opportunity for pupils, parents/carers and staff to relax and reenergise. School will reopen for critical worker/vulnerable pupils on Monday 22nd February. Home learning will also restart on this date.

I am sure, like me, you will be waiting to hear of the Government's plans for the wider opening of school. As I explained before, school leaders are not given any prior notice. Please be assured that we will be communicating with parents as soon as any further information is available.

Thank you again for your continued support. Take care and have a safe and restful half-term.

Lucy.

A message from Cornwall County Council:

The number of infections is reducing in Cornwall because we have seen our residents respecting the social restrictions in place during the third lockdown. Thanks to this, we have slowed the spread of the virus through our communities, and for that we are thankful.

However, as the surge in cases in late December and January showed, if Cornwall lets our guard down infection rates can spiral quickly, and we could soon find ourselves back where we started.

Therefore, we are asking all residents, especially parents and carers to continue to respect the lockdown rules, especially during half-term. We know this is a challenge, especially for those parents and carers who are home schooling and we understand the temptation to relax while the pressure of teaching is not there for a week.

However, we have done so well since January and we simply can't afford to throw all of that hard work away. We are asking those who are on a half term break to avoid travelling distances in the car and "explore from your door" instead.

February Fitness Challenge:

Given the internet issues we have experienced this week we have been unable to update the class scores!

Please encourage your children to keep active over the half-term and continue to record their activities on their record sheets in the Google Classrooms.

We will endeavour to share the scores when we are back after the half-term break.

In Praise of Darkness

Praise you Darkness, you transform the
nightscape into a stage full of aspiring stars.
You let the creatures of the night run free,
You envelope us in hugs and send us to sleep.
Oh Dark, you are the brother of Light - you
reassure us through the night.
As luminescent glows of algae make a path across
the sea, Dark fades in; Light fades out...
You wrap us to sleep with your strong, loving
squeeze.
You guard the Mariana Trench from the harmful
rays of the sun.
Dark, you enable the curious creatures of the
night to roam.
You are everywhere, Darkness...
You are everywhere.
Watching... protecting... listening... comforting...
You share our thoughts
You share our secrets,
Our loyal and reliable friend,
Dark...
Dark...
Dark.

By the Zircon children in school



Pegasus project:

Godolphin Youth Project has started its Pegasus project for the year 6's now online until we can meet in person. We had a great meeting last week and we are really looking forward to today's Chinese New Year themed session.

We are now going to be having fun hanging out, playing games and chatting about Chinese New Year. We have some great sessions coming up in the next few weeks with some guest speakers and a local band joining us too.

Remote Learning Highlights:

We thought it would be a good idea to ask our children what they have been enjoying this week with their learning.

Please see the comments below from a number of our pupils across the school:

"I enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year."
Coen

"I have learnt about the United Kingdom and that we don't have hurricanes in this country." Amelie

"I loved our board game which we made in Spanish. It helped us to learn the numbers to 50 and colours in Spanish." Olivia

"I LOVED the English because it was really fun recording the 'Dark' poem in the dark, listening to other people's poems and writing our own." Aulay

"I like being with my friends and seeing them on the computer." Nellie

"I've enjoyed the creative writing lessons. It's really made me think about how language is used in different ways in stories and poems." Harriet

"I've loved listening to Mrs Brand read Kensuka's Kingdom and all the English work we've done to do with it. We wrote a blurb and a blurb and made a wanted poster today." Jesse

"It was fun to go up to the field with my friends and play football games." Summer

"I really enjoyed the science - it was interesting learning about the different scientists and what they discovered." Mia