



Godolphin Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today is Mrs. Ford's last day as she is starting her new role next week with Headstart Kernow. Whilst this is a great opportunity for Mrs Ford, she will be sorely missed by staff, children and parents alike.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Ford the best of luck in her new role.

I would also like to pass on my huge thanks for all her hard work and support over the years.

We are in the process of recruiting a replacement teaching assistant and will confirm details as soon as we can. In the meantime, Miss Tora and Mrs Whitehead will be the classroom TA's.

Many thanks, Lucy.

Parent Volunteers:

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers back into school and on off-site trips. Our Trust now requires all parent volunteers to complete an application form and provide two references, as well as completing an enhanced DBS check.

If you would like to help out again with reading, driving or school trips, please contact Mrs Thomas who will provide you with the necessary forms.

Mrs Thomas will also be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Google Classrooms:

The new Google Classrooms have been set-up for this academic year. Please can we request that your children join their new classroom. If you have any issues please contact Mrs Thomas in the school office.

Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy:

We are currently recruiting for a lunchtime supervisor role (to start after half-term). If you (or someone you know) might be interested in the role, please contact Mrs Thomas

(secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk) in the office for more information or see the advert on the school website:

<https://www.godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk/vacancies/>

The working pattern is Monday to Friday, from 11.45am to 1.00pm (6.25 hours per week).

Important Diary Dates:

Cross Country League 2 (KS1 & KS2):

Tuesday 12th October at Helston Community College (4pm)

Zircon Class Flambards 'Britain in the Blitz' exhibition trip: Wednesday 13th October

2020/21 Inset Days:

- 1st November 2021
- 25th & 26th July 2022

Additional Day:

- Friday 17th December 2021 (day in lieu due to Jubilee)

Individual school photos: Friday 8th October

Half-Term: 25th – 29th October

Flu immunisations: Weds 10th November (Reception – Y6)

Y1 Hearing Screening: Monday 15th November

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 8th December

Diamond Class Update:

As part of National Poetry Day, a group of children created this poem in response to The Store of Magical Things by Rutendo Tavengerwei

I met an old woman once
In a store of magical things
Scowling while they watched me
Their golden, velvet hat
On their tangled, violet hair.

"What are you buying mister?"
They asked in their deep, husky voice.
"There is a unicorn that can fly you to the
rainbow's end.
A mouse to journey underground with,
A piggy bank that never empties,
A wardrobe that leads to another world,
A pencil that brings to life anything you draw
And a smile to lighten the darkest heart.

So much to choose from in a store of magical
things,
But once I looked at it,
I knew what I would take home with me,
What I take with me everywhere
What I am sending now to you,
A smile that can lighten the darkest heart,
A smile that can lighten the darkest heart.

Music Lessons:

Piano, woodwind and guitar lessons have started this term. If your child is signed up for lessons, please can they remember to bring in their instruments and/or music books.

If your child is interested in learning one of these or any instruments, they can sign up for lessons
at <https://www.cornwallmusicstrust.org/signup>
Details on fees can be found
at <https://www.cornwallmusicstrust.org/fee>

Year 6: Transfer to Secondary School:

The deadline for applications for Year 6 children's transfer to secondary school is **31st October 2021**.

A leaflet was sent home, but further information and guidance can be found on the Cornwall Council website:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Cross Country League (KS1 & KS2):



On Tuesday 12th October, there is a cross-country league match for all of the pupils in Years 3-6 (KS2).

In addition to these races, there will also be races for boys and girls in Reception-Year 2 (KS1).

The event will be taking place at Helston Community College (South Site) at 4.00pm start.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for your child to compete for the school. All pupils in Reception/Year1/Year2 are welcome to take part. However, parents will need to make their own transport and supervision arrangements.

In order to keep the children safe, each school will be allocated its own zone where all pupils and parents should remain during the races.

Only the children taking part in each race should be on the course.

Parking is limited. Parents may wish to park at the main school and walk down.

Emerald Class Update:

Emeralds have been working really hard this week! In Science our focus is Materials - thinking about their names, properties and what they are used for.
The Year 2's are really enjoying their Samba drumming with the Diamonds - they come back to the classroom full of enthusiasm about the rhythms they have learnt!

Cricket Club:

The after-school cricket club on Monday afternoons (3.30-4.30pm) delivered by a qualified and insured coach is now available to Year 2 – Year 6 children. The cost is £1 per session.

If your child would like to take part please ask them to speak to their class teacher.

Zircon Class Update:

We've had a super week in the Zircon Class and have been getting stuck into our topic of World War II, focusing on the war in Europe and The Battle of Britain. After creating a timeline to find its place in history, we used role play to imagine what it might have been like in an Anderson Shelter during an air raid in 1940. Sirens were blaring while spot lights searched the night sky for German Luftwaffe planes. Still cramped inside the dimly lit shelter, we listened to an extract of Winston Churchill's famous rousing speech 'The Finest Hour' before heading out onto the savaged London streets to assess the destruction left behind.

I was really impressed with the way the children slipped into character, trying to gain a brief insight into what people during The Blitz may have been feeling. Some of the children's responses can be seen below:

'I felt claustrophobic and honestly wanted to get out. All I was thinking about was my family when they were in the war.' (Jesse)

'I felt hot, worried, anxious and angry all at the same time. I didn't know what was going to happen next and I was hoping that everyone would be OK.' (Harriet)

'I was scared when I heard the sirens and bombs. I was terrified when the warden said my dad and brother may have to go off and fight and risk their lives.' (Aaron)

'It was cramped in the shelter and I was thinking about how people may have felt when it really happened.' (Luella)

On Wednesday next week, dressed as evacuees, the class will be visiting the Britain in the Blitz exhibition in Flambards to further improve their understanding of what life was like in Britain in 1940. Watch this space to find out how they got on!

Sports Update:

The Godolphin pupils have had an incredibly active start to the term taking part in a wide range of exciting PE lessons, after school clubs and inter-school competitions.

The Emerald and Diamond classes have been receiving high-quality PE lessons in gymnastics and street dance respectively, led by two fantastically skilled coaches from Swallows Gym Club in Helston.

After more than a year off, the Zircons are enjoying a return to swimming lessons and are making pleasing progress with their confidence, strokes and water skills. Keep it up!

Clubs have returned after school for many of our children with Y2-6 cricket on Mondays, taught by Piran, a coach from the Cornwall Cricket Board, helped by our talented TA - Mrs Jones. Football club for Y3-6 is on every Wednesday, coached by our highly-experienced parent - Mr Hosking - along with Mr Snook and ex-pupil - Lucas Ford who is volunteering as a part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Both clubs would welcome more members so please speak to Mr Snook if you're interested.

Competitions have been coming thick and fast this term with the return of the Cross-Country League. We had 29 runners in the first match in September and hope to beat this on Tuesday next week at Helston Community College (South Site), where runners from KS1 are also invited to run.

24 children from Years 3/4/5/6 have taken part in two well-attended Helston badminton competitions in the past two weeks. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the events and came back smiling and wanting more. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Hughes for helping with the Y3/4 event this week!



Last week our football team competed in the first round of league fixtures this season. The competition was tough, but the team showed amazing determination and improved enormously as the games progressed. The next round of matches is on Monday next week. Good luck!



Can we remind parents that if your child borrows any sports clothing for competitions, please wash and return the items as soon as possible or we may not have enough for future events. Thank you!