



Godolphin Primary School  
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It certainly seems to have been a busy two and a half weeks with the children being back in school. It has been great to see them doing some of the extra-curricular activities again, which we haven't been able to do since March last year. This includes the return of lunchtimes in the school hall and the Cross-Country League, swimming lessons resuming, after school clubs (football) beginning and sports coaches returning to teach gymnastics and street-dance during the school day.

We realise many parents are keen to know when other events will start taking place too? We can assure you we are keen to resume these as much as you are, and will re-introduce them as soon as we can. These will include face-to-face parents appointments, Christmas celebrations and school camps.

In the meantime. I'm sure you'll agree that we have already returned to a more 'normal' school environment, which is lovely to see.

If you have any issues or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks, Lucy.

#### **Head lice:**

We have had a number of parents informing us that their children have had head lice in the last week. Please could you check your child(rens) hair regularly and use the appropriate treatment if necessary.

Please can we ask that all long hair is tied up for school.

#### **General reminders:**

##### **School Uniform:**

Please can we remind all parents/carers that children should be attending school every day in school uniform.

##### **PE Kit:**

Please can we remind you that **children should have their PE kits in school every day**. Please can all items be clearly named.

##### **Coat reminder:**

Please can all children bring a waterproof coat to school every day.

##### **Book-bags:**

A reminder that all children should have a book-bag with them every day (that they can keep with them in the classroom).

##### **Pick-up reminder:**

Please can we ask that when you collect your child(ren) you keep the 'exit' gateway clear so there is space for other parents and children to depart. This includes those who may be waiting outside the playground with dogs. Thank you.

#### **Important Diary Dates:**

##### **2020/21 Inset Days:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021
- 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

##### **Additional Day:**

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (day in lieu due to Jubilee)

**Individual school photos:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Half-Term:** 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October

**Flu immunisations:** Weds 10<sup>th</sup> November (Reception – Y6)

**Y1 Hearing Screening:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### **Diamond Class Update:**

The Diamond class have had a busy week . On Monday the children arrived in the classroom to find blocks of white 'rock'. As they excitedly chiselled away at the blocks they discovered slate, coal, sand and eventually our new topic was revealed as we discovered dinosaur skeletons. The children realised they had been working as Palaeontologists ( to be added to their spelling lists in the future!) Dinosaurs Rock will be our topic for this term.



On Tuesday we continued our Samba drumming lessons and successfully played our different rhythms as a whole drum kit. Amazing listening skills and cooperative working. We continued to listen well with Mrs Brand joining us remotely to begin our new story JK Rowling's The Ickabog.



Edy, a coach from Swallows, joined us on Thursday to teach us Street Dance. "We learned small steps then put them together as a short dance which was really fun. We had to listen to the beat and move with it. As we had worked so hard and listened well Edy treated us to a trick - he performed a windmill for us. It was amazing!" Bradley Y4.

### **Emerald Class Update:**

We are looking to re-vamp our mud kitchen area which is now looking a little 'tired'! If you have any unwanted and safe kitchen items such as saucepans, ladles etc they would be much appreciated by the children - thank you!

Year 1 and 2 children will be bringing home phonics homework most days to follow up on their learning in school. Please encourage your child to complete these as independently as possible and send the sheets back into school when they are completed.

Reception phonics sheets are for you to keep at home to consolidate and embed learning in school.

### **Y6 Sports Leader training:**

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 6s enjoyed some training with Mrs Ayotte (Helston Trust PE Co-ordinator) learning how to be effective sports leaders. The pupils discussed the attributes of a good sports leader before working in groups to create and deliver some fun sporting activities.



Mrs Ayotte was incredibly impressed by the children's attitude, ideas and feedback. We now hope that these children will share their new skills with the other pupils in the school during lessons, clubs and competitions. Well done!



### Zircon swimming lessons:

Zircon swimming lessons started (at Helston Sports Centre) on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The lessons have been set-up on ParentPay, so please make payment on this system. You can pay by lesson, or in full.

### Year 6: Transfer to Secondary School:

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

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

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

### Data collection sheets & consent forms:

A data collection sheet, an image consent form and a general visit consent form were sent home this week.

If you haven't already done so, please can you return the signed and completed forms on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Many thanks to all those who have already returned the forms.

### School Council:

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their classmates to become our new School Council!

- Zircon Class, Year 6: Joe R & Emily
- Zircon Class, Year 5: Tyler and Luella
- Diamond Class: Alice and Bren
- Emerald Class: Olivia H and Rollo

The pupils have already been busy listening to other children's ideas which they are keen to discuss at our first School Council meeting.

A reminder also of our Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy appointments made last week:

- Head Girl is Anna
- Head Boy is Josh .
- Deputy Head Girl is Carla
- Deputy Head Boy is Tristan



Congratulations again to them all.

**HAYLE TENNIS CLUB**

# OPEN DAY

Everyone welcome - all ages and abilities.

- Free taster coaching sessions:
  - Juniors: 9am-10am 8 years old and under
  - 10am-11am 9-12 years old
  - 11am-12pm 12+ years old
- Adults: 12pm-1pm
- Social play/mix-in 1pm-4pm
- Cakes and refreshments

**COME AND GIVE IT A GO!**

**SATURDAY  
25TH  
SEPTEMBER  
9am - 4pm**

Hayle Tennis Club,  
Tremeadow Terrace, Hayle, TR27 4AF  
For more info contact us on 07511009090