



Godolphin Primary School  
'living, learning and laughing together'

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### General Updates:

#### Christmas Lunch:

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid situation we have taken the decision not to have parent helpers at the Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Hopefully, we will be able to welcome you back next year.

Children can come to school next Wednesday wearing Christmas jumpers if they wish to do so.

#### Revised Covid Advice:

Given the updated Covid-19 guidance from Government this week, please can we strongly encourage parents/carers to wear masks on-site at drop-off and pick-up.

A mask must be worn if you come into the school building. Thank you.

#### Cross Country Race 4 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (Porthleven):

The cross country race due to take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December is now **postponed** and will be rescheduled to next term. We will advise as soon as we have a new date.

#### Music assembly – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:

Some of the children who are currently learning a musical instrument would like to perform to the rest of the children in the school. This is not compulsory.

However, if your child plays a musical instrument and would like to take part, please ensure they bring their musical instruments with them next Wednesday.

### Important Diary Dates:

#### 2020/21 Inset Days:

- 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### Additional Day:

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

**Zircon sponsored swim:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember to bring in completed sponsor forms. Please tie long hair up.

#### Cross Country Race 4 (KS2 only):

**POSTPONED:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. A new date will be rescheduled for next term.

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

#### KS1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2) Christmas

**Play:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December (more details overleaf)

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December (last day of term). Children are welcome to come to school in their Christmas jumpers.

#### KS2 (Y3,4,5&6) Christmas Show

**(provisional date):** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (more details to follow)

**Spring Term:** starts on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Wild World Heroes – Winter Reading Challenge:



We are inviting children to take part in the Mini Winter Challenge again this year. It runs throughout December until 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Children can visit the Winter Mini Challenge website at [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk) to start rating and reviewing their books and enjoying the online activities.

### **KS1 Christmas Show Update:**

We're delighted that we can go ahead with the KS1 Christmas Show.

However, given the ongoing situation with Covid-19, we are adhering to the current guidance.

We are having to reduce the number of people we can have in the audience to allow for appropriate social distancing between seats and the hall will be fully ventilated (so dress in warm clothes)!

The audience will be expected to wear a face-covering at all times, unless they are exempt.

People will be allocated a seat on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, please don't arrive early, as you will be informed of your seat number on arrival and guided by staff to your allocated seat.

Please do not attend any performance if you have any Covid-19 symptoms.

Cornwall Public Health team suggest a minimum recommendation of anyone attending a school event to test with a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) in advance.

To allow for social distancing we are limiting **each family to two tickets only.**

There are three performances:

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am

Your child will be expected to perform in all three shows.

Please can you email Mrs Thomas and specify which show(s) you would like to attend. You can either have one ticket for two different shows, or two tickets for only one of the shows.

Given these extra precautions there will be between 15 - 24 tickets per show (dependent on whether people book single tickets, or double tickets for a show). Tickets will be allocated on first come, first serve basis. Therefore, if you are able to be flexible, please let us know so we can accommodate as many people as possible. We will keep you updated on any changes to the guidance which may affect our plans.

### **Chartwells Menu Change – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December :**

The options will be:

- Chinese chicken noodles
- Veggie Bolognese
- Jacket potato (with a choice of fillings)
- Tomato pasta
- Packed lunch: ham bap

### **Christmas Cards:**



Please remember to ensure all cards are clearly labelled with first name and surname along with the child's class. All cards must be received in school no later than **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.** The cards can then be given out to the children in the final week of term.

### **Breage Christmas Tree Festival:**

The Year 2 children have been invited to attend the Breage Christmas Tree festival on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Our theme will be 'Back to nature'. All children in the school are invited to create a tree decoration using natural materials (such as decorated pine cones, stars, angels, trees made from twigs and wrapped with twine/grasses etc), that the Year 2 children can then take to dress the tree.

Please bring these to your class teacher by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Books for Christmas:**

It's that time again....

Can't decide what gifts to buy? Always choose books!

The *Books for Topics* website has loads of recommended children's booklists sorted by age or topic.

Visit their website for some great ideas:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

### **Emerald Highlights:**

"This week we have made lanterns. We had to cut all the way through to the top. We are going to take them home and hang them up somewhere nice." Jago

"I liked making the paper chain - it was really long and stretched all the way down the playground!" Jacob B

"We have a class Advent calendar - the pockets have pictures in them which we stick on the front of the calendar - there are also chocolate coins in the pockets!"  
"Bobbie-Mae

"I really liked going on the coach to Swallows Gym. We got to go on all the equipment and had a race to see who could get to the other side of the foam pit first. It was good fun!" Rollo

"We have been very busy practising our Christmas play, Countdown to Christmas."  
Olivia

### **Eco Warrior Club:**



The Eco Warrior's next Campaign is to take steps towards achieving Plastic Free School Status.

We aim to reduce the amount of single use plastic used in school.

The warriors will be inviting the children to place all their plastic waste from school dinners and packed lunches over the next two weeks into a container for us to monitor the amount of single use plastic we use as a school.

Please let us know if you do not wish your child's lunch to be included in this research. We shall then be looking at identifying ways as a school to reduce this.

### **Zircon Highlights:**

"My highlight of the week was the messy, but fun charcoal pictures. We used charcoal and graphite pencils to make portraits of Winston Churchill." (Mia)

"On Monday, we learnt about water safety in swimming and some of us wore our pyjamas. I am now looking forward to our sponsored swim next week." (Jesse)

"I loved the art we did on Wednesday. If you know me really well, you'd know that I love art, especially portraits and that's what our lesson was about." (Reece)

"In maths, we've been learning some really cool facts about Roman Numerals which has been fun. It makes your brain fizz and pop!" (Joe)

"I enjoyed writing our own poems about the Blitz. When I read it out to myself, I thought I'd created a good poem and atmosphere." (Will)

"My highlight was the play practices because it's a good way to gain courage for the real thing and help us to project our voices loudly." (Jack)

### **After School Club Assistant Vacancy:**

We are looking to appoint an Extended Activities Assistant to assist and supervise children / pupils attending After School Club, encouraging responsible and appropriate behaviour, activities and play ensuring the safety of children / pupils.

This is a fixed term post and term time only. The working pattern is Monday to Friday, from 3.15pm to 5.45pm- 12.5 hours per week.

Please contact Mrs Thomas for further details.