



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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General Updates:

PTA thank you!:

A huge thank you to the PTA who kindly gave all the children a chocolate to enjoy on our Christmas lunch day. The children really appreciated the kind gesture.

Lost property:

There are a number of items in the lost property box in the hall. If your child is missing anything, please ask them to check the lost property box next week.

Christmas cards:

We will be distributing the Christmas cards next week, so please ensure children bring them into school on Monday morning if they have not already done so.

Music assembly – (DATE CHANGE): Tuesday 14th December:

The music assembly has been moved to Tuesday. If your child is currently learning a musical instrument and would like to perform to the rest of the school, please make sure they have their instrument with them on Tuesday. This is not compulsory.

Staff Updates:

Ms Tora will be leaving us at the end of this term. Ms Tora will be missed by children and staff alike. We would all like to wish her well for the future and thank her for all her hard work and dedication during her time here.

Mrs Dye, who has been covering one day a week in the Zircon class, will have her last day with us on Tuesday. We would like to pass on our thanks to her for her hard work this term. The children will miss her.

We're delighted that Miss Gardner will be returning in January working with both the Emerald and Zircon classes.

Important Diary Dates:

2020/21 Inset Days:

- 25th & 26th July 2022

Additional Day:

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

Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 16th 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 27th January 2022 (more details to follow)

Spring Term: starts on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Chartwells Menu Change – W/C 13th December :

Tuesday 14th December: The vegetarian option will be veggie calls in tomato sauce & pasta (not Allegra's BBQ beans). *This will be a permanent change on Week 1 going forward.*

Wednesday 15th December: Roast turkey instead of roast chicken.

Thursday 16th December: The options will be:

- Fish finger & chips or
- Quorn dippers & chips

Tuesday 4th January 2022:

The options will be:

- Sausage & mash potato
- Tomato pasta
- Jacket potatoes (with cheese, beans or tuna)

KS1 Christmas Show:



All the children in KS1 put on three stunning performances this week of their Christmas Show. Everyone who watched the show enjoyed it, and the children should all be proud of themselves. It certainly helped to get us all in the festive spirit.

Godolphin School Choir:



On Friday evening the choir, consisting of children from Reception to Year 6, sang at the Godolphin WI Carol Service in The Old Chapel - they sang beautifully and were great ambassadors for the school. The choir has received a lovely card from the president of the WI, which reads:

'Thank you all so very much for you wonderful singing - you were fantastic! Also, a big thankyou to the two young ladies who gave the reading. It takes a lot of doing to stand up in front of so many people. You were wonderful.'

'Have a lovely Christmas everyone and enjoy all the fun things I'm certain your teachers have got prepared for you in the next few weeks.'

'Thank you all so much.'

Rowenna. W.I.President

On Wednesday of this week, the choir again made their way down to The Old Chapel to entertain the villagers after their community Christmas lunch. They certainly did themselves and the school proud - they sang wonderfully and with such enthusiasm. The people in the hall were very impressed and some were moved to tears by the amazing singing - some saying it made their Christmas!

Sponsored swim:

Congratulations to the Zircon Class for completing their sponsored swim on Monday. The children were challenged to swim as far as they could in 45 minutes, using floats if required.

Altogether, the children swam an incredible 18,625m (11.57 miles) and have so far raised an eye-watering £405 for school funds!!!

A huge 'well done' to all the children and a massive 'thank you' to all the parents, families and friends for supporting the children with their sponsorship.

Please can we ask that remaining sponsor money is collected and handed into school before the end of term. Thank you!



Teddy bear Christmas art:

While some pupils were out making lanterns in the chapel, others were being creative in the school hall drawing Christmas teddy bears. The children were shown how to use crisscross lines to create a furry texture. They also had to consider where the light was coming from and use tone to give their teddies shape.

As you will see, many of the children were very successful in achieving the objectives, producing some rather cute and fluffy-looking, festive teddy bears. Pictured below are the delightful drawings from Jenny, Jesse, Benjy and Bren. All of the other teddy drawings can be seen in the children's Google Classrooms.



Diamond Class: Body Casting with Maia and Luca's Mum!

To link with our fossil work, we were treated to an expert demonstration of mould casting by Laura. Willow summed up the morning, "Today we had the most incredible woman come in to teach us how to do mould casting. Next week we are going to try something similar ourselves. I'm excited to find out what it turns out like!"

Laura placed Maia's hands into the "pink porridge" which began to turn white and solidify. Luca was in charge of the fossils and held them steadily until the porridge had set. This replicated the fossilisation process, but in minutes rather than thousands of years! Once the plaster of Paris (layers of rock) has dried Laura will bring back the 'fossil' casts. Watch this space!



After School Club Assistant Vacancy:

We are still 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.

We would be willing to consider part-time working. If you, or someone you know would be interested in this role for two to three evenings per week, please let us know.

Please contact Mrs Thomas for further details.

Thank you!:

We would like to pass on our thanks to a number of people who have supported with school activities this term.

Firstly, we would like to thank Mr Hosking for running our football club, and Lucas, a former pupil, for volunteering to help with this, on a Wednesday evening.

We would also like to thank Mrs Jones for helping with our cricket and multi-skills club on a Monday evening, as well as Archie, a former pupil, for volunteering.

The Diamond Class would like to thank Mrs Brand for promoting the love of reading and finally being able to come and read to the class in person. They would also like to thank Mrs Ivey for reading with the pupils again. It's been lovely to welcome some volunteers back into the classroom.

Lantern Making Workshops:

All the Year 2 -6 children should have now made lanterns, either with the school or the village youth club. They worked with artist Chris Nixon. We hope many of the children will enjoy using the lanterns in the Godolphin lantern parade on 17th December. See poster below.

If any other children would like to make their own lantern there is a free workshop on Sunday in the Chapel (further details below).

GODOLPHIN CROSS CHRISTMAS LANTERN WALK & FESTIVAL



Friday 17th December
5.00pm



At

Godolphin House
(National Trust)
(Meet at Godolphin House)

What is it?

A lantern procession from the Tudor splendour of Godolphin House to The Old Chapel, Godolphin Cross.

What then?

Carols, mulled wine, hot dogs, Christmas raffle, Monthly Draw and a bar in The Old Chapel, Godolphin Cross from 6.45pm - 9.30pm.

How do I take part?

Come along to the **FREE** lantern Making Workshop on Sunday 12th December, 10.30am - 2.30pm in The Old Chapel, Godolphin Cross.

Your children will get the chance to make their own lanterns at the Youth Clubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays before Christmas or in a session at Godolphin Primary School.

For more details ring Richard on 07479 969 334 or email chair@godolphincross.community or ask at the Youth Club.

Poetry Workshop:

We were delighted to welcome poet Matt Brydon to school on Tuesday. Matt launched **The Somerset Literacy Network** and **Taunton's Fire River Poets** poetry competition for 2022. Entrants are asked to write a poem on the theme of **LIGHT**. The theme has been deliberately chosen to allow children to express feelings of hope for the future. Matt ran workshops for each class, KS1 and lower KS2 were creating spells inspired by Macbeth's witches. The children in the Diamond class were instantly hooked and created a range of thoughtful, caring poems some of which were shared in the closing assembly.

Below are a number of examples of the poems written:

Elowen's spell to protect endangered animals

Tim tay whirl away
Double now the thing I say!
A jackal's tail for courage
One clump of hind leg fur for speed
The beat of a newborn jackals heart to
continue the species
A flick of an ear for protection
The twitch of a sticky wet nose for survival
Tim tay whirl away
Double now the thing I say!

Willow wrote her spell to stop deforestation

Leopard leopard hear me say
Deforestation go away!
A leopard's ear to hear the cries of animals
That have lost their home.
A leopard's eye to see into the future
A leopard's tail to scare the people away.
Leopard leopard hear me say
Deforestation go away!

Isla's spell was also written to stop deforestation

Bubble bubble toil and trouble
Deforestation stops on the double!
The teeth of a hippo so people will know
What will happen if the trees don't grow.
Bubble bubble toil and trouble
Deforestation stops on the double!
The throat of a hippo you will need
To let you know when there is no seed.
A hippo's skin smooth and strong
Protect the forest before it's gone!
Bubble bubble toil and trouble
Deforestation stops on the double!

Oceana wanted to help people in hospital with her spell.

Lion lion hear me tonight
Lion lion help tonight!
One beat from a lion's heart
To give them strength
Three strokes of a lion's mane
To make them feel safe
One pointed fang
To take their pain away.
Lion lion hear me tonight
Lion lion help tonight!

The focus of Matt's poetry work was the personification of light. Below is an amalgamation of some of the Zircon children's work.

Light

Light is like an idea
Shining and twinkling when people are
asleep.
She is a key to see and unlock.

Bouncing
Reflecting like a golden retriever
Shivering... swizzling... shriveling...
Power... destruction...
Searching... perching...
Hiding... waiting...

A shepherd guiding his sheep.
A gardener caring for his planet,
Extinguishing the darkness...
Standing tall and small
He illuminates the world.

She blinds the guilty
And guides the innocent.
She soothes the cold
And makes the hot sweat.

His blinding gaze staring into your soul,
Seeing all your now lit up secrets.

Grinning out the garden beyond,
Fellow headlights just as fond.

She is like a spirit bouncing from soul to
soul,
Devouring them in her gaze.

She is a guardian
Jumping from field to field
Protecting precious children
From the lurking shadows

She stabs the eyes
Burning the face
Like a red hot flame.

Fire! Fire! Fire!
He skims across the forest floor,
Devouring everything in his vision,
Craving for every last fragment,

Pleading for every concept.

He opens it
He shuts it
The flashing
The blinking

She
In the dark
Searching for herself
Brighter than most
Ever

He feels happy to see the child
The child feels happy to see him.
Friends... companions... teammates...

By the Zircon Class