



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. The children certainly seem to have come back into school with many stories to tell about the fun activities they did during the holiday.

I am delighted to announce two new staff appointments. Firstly, Mrs Symons will be joining us from Monday 15th November as the Teaching Assistant in the Emerald Class.

Secondly, Mrs Goodfield will be starting with us next Monday (8th November) as our new Lunchtime Supervisor.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing them both well in their roles.

Many thanks,

Lucy

Emerald uniform checking:

Please can all Emerald parents check uniform they have at home - we have some named clothes gone home with other children that has not been returned.

Important Diary Dates:

2020/21 Inset Days:

- 25th & 26th July 2022

Additional Day:

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

Cross Country Race 3 (KS2 only):

Tuesday 9th November (at 4pm) at Porthleven School

Nasal flu immunisations: Weds 10th November (Reception – Y6). **Please ensure you have opted in by Monday 8th November.**

Y1 Hearing Screening: Monday 15th November

Parent/Teacher Appointments: Week commencing 15th November. See details on newsletter about booking times.

Children in Need Day: Friday 19th November. Pyjama and onesie day. Please come to school in your PJ's and bring a voluntary contribution if you wish.

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 8th December

KS1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2) Christmas Play: Thursday 9th December (more details to follow)

KS2 (Y3,4,5&6) Christmas Show (provisional date): Tuesday 14th December (more details to follow)

Nasal Flu immunisations:

Just a reminder that you will need to have opted your child(ren) in for the nasal flu immunisation (taking place in school next week) by Monday 8th November. Please refer to the letter emailed on Monday 1st November.

If you have not opted your child 'in' they will not receive the immunisation.

Parent/Teacher appointments:

We're delighted that we will be able to hold our parent/teacher appointments face to face again this term. Please see the available times below for each teacher.

Please can you book yourself into one of the slots, and confirm **who** the appointment will be with. We will then allocate you a 10 minute appointment within that slot and confirm the exact time with you by email.

Please either call Mrs. Thomas or email her (secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk) to book your appointment(s). Below are the times:

Miss. Bradbury:

- Tuesday 16th November: 3.20-5.20pm (time slots 3.20-4.20 or 4.20-5.20pm))
- Thursday 18th November: 8.50-11.50am (time slots 8.50-9.50, 9.50-10.50 or 10.50-11.50am)

Mrs. Knight:

- Monday 15th November: 3.30-5.00pm (time slots 3.30-4.30 or 4.30-5.00pm)
- Tuesday 16th November: 3.30-5.30pm (time slots 3.30-4.30 or 4.30-5.00pm)

Mr. Snook:

- Tuesday 16th November: 1.10-5.00pm (time slots: 1.10-2.10, 2.10-3.10, 3.10-4.10 & 4.10-5.00pm)
- Thursday 18th November: 3.30-5.00pm (time slots 3.30-4.30 and 4.30-5.00pm)

General reminders:

Morning drop-off:

Please can we remind you that children should be dropped off between 8.45am – 8.55am. The gate is locked at 8.55am.

Mobile phones:

Please can we politely remind parents/carers that mobile phones should not be used in the playground.

Diamond Class Update:

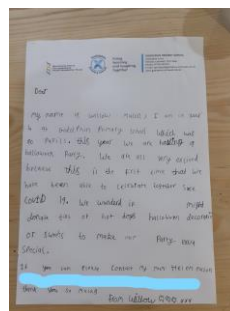
The Diamond Class have been learning about how sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks are formed. We used chocolate as it has the ability to be ground into small particles (weathered), heated, cooled, and compressed just like rocks.

Willow has been showing examples of our current virtue **Kindness**.

To link with our learning this term, Willow and her Grandma baked a cake to share with the class. It was covered with icing dinosaurs and volcanic activity. The cake was delicious and the impact of 25 hungry mouths was not dissimilar to the impact that occurred 65mya!



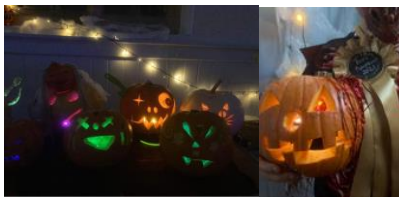
Willow has been busy using her powers of persuasive writing. She wrote to Tesco to ask for a donation of treats for the Halloween party held at the Chapel. Her letter was successful, and Tesco kindly donated many goodies which were enjoyed by the children. She has followed this up with a thank you letter which we hope to see in the store very soon. Well done Willow!



PTA and Godolphin Youth Group Halloween Party:

We all had a fabulously spooky time at the chapel last Sunday. There was wand making, slimy potions and scary stories all topped off with hotdogs, delicious pumpkin soup and cupcakes all homemade and kindly donated. This was another enjoyable joint venture, which was very well supported and received, raising a brilliant £155.60.

A massive thank you to all who helped and came along and also for the kind words of thanks from the wonderful parents. We are now looking forward to planning another celebration for Christmas. We are always looking for ideas, new members or the offer of help for an event. Please do contact any members of the PTA or youth group if you'd like to get involved.



Chartwell's Vacancy at Godolphin Primary School:

Are you interested in School Catering that fits around your family life?

If so, why not join our friendly professional Catering team.

Appropriate training will be given and smart uniforms provided.

Please contact Karen 07760 172002

Or E-Mail karen.wallens@compass-group.co.uk

Zircon Class Highlights:

- My favourite part of the week was discovering what our Christmas play is: no spoilers! Our characters haven't been revealed to us yet, so we don't know what to wear. (Josh)
- The highlight of the week for me was fishing for punctuation and putting the punctuation marks in order of learning them, first to last. (Jenifer)
- I liked the science because we got to draw diagrams showing how we see and how light travels in straight lines. (Isaac)
- My highlight of the week would be learning about the poem 'In Flanders Fields' because I liked how heart-touching it was. (Faith)
- My favourite thing this week is that I saw my friends and my teacher. (George)
- My best part about this week was going to the judo taster session. I found it so much fun and have decided to start going to the club. (Tristan)
- The highlight of my week was designing our Christmas cards as I have been waiting all year to make it. (Mia)
- My highlight of the week is me answering and asking so many questions. I'm improving in maths and I'm really proud of myself. (Noah)
- The best thing this week was on Wednesday when the Year 6s went to the Pegasus session and the Year 5s played table tennis. We all had a go against Mr Snook and Bradley won. (Tyler)

Maths Week England Celebration:



For Maths Week England we want to make maths exciting and high profile in our school. We will be taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from England from Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7:30AM GMT and 7:30PM GMT on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on a given day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Thanks for your support.



Poppy Appeal:



Unfortunately our usual Poppy Appeal has not been able to happen again this year.

However, we have received a number of poppies for children to buy for a donation for The British Legion.

Each class teacher has some in their classrooms.