



Godolphin Primary School
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Important Diary Dates:

2022/23 Inset Days:

- 20th February 2023
- 24th & 25th July 2023

Cross-country race 2: Tuesday 11th October: KS1 & KS2: Helston Community College at 4pm

Nasal Flu immunisations (Reception-Y6): Thursday 20th October 2022

PTA Second-hand uniform sale: Friday 21st October (after school)

Half-Term: 24th – 28th October

Application to secondary school deadline: Monday 31st October

Y1 hearing screening: Tuesday 29th November 2022

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 7th December

Zircon Swimming Lessons:

Just a reminder that Zircon swimming lessons will start after half-term.

The first swimming lesson will be on Monday 31st October. The lessons will for six weeks on consecutive Mondays. The last lesson will be Monday 5th December.

Nasal Flu immunisation:

A reminder that all parents/carers need to give online consent to enable their child to have the nasal flu immunisation next month.

If you haven't given consent by midday on 18th October, your child will not be given the immunisation.

Chartwells Menu Change:

Tuesday 11th October: the vegetarian option will be veggie balls and pasta (instead of fruity cous cous).

Cancellation of clubs – Wednesday 12th October:

A reminder that the football & ball skills and the After School Club will not run on 12th October due to a staff meeting.

Attendance reminder:

We have had a number of requests for leave of absence since starting back this term.

Last week alone, attendance overall was only 93.3% across the school, with 4.9% of pupils having unauthorised absences.

As a school we work very hard to promote good attendance and we are aiming for 96% for overall attendance, which is the same as the national average. We ask for your support so that we can ensure your child receives the very best start in life.

Cornwall Music Service Trust Taster Days:



Curriculum plans:

The medium-term curriculum plans for each class are on the website (under 'our classes'). Please look at these to understand what your children will be covering for the remainder of this half-term.

The overall curriculum topic plan for the academic year is also on the curriculum website page.

Emerald Class Update:

The children in the Emerald class have all had a super start this term to their Read, Write Inc daily phonics lessons. For our reception children, these sessions are completely new but they have shown amazing motivation and enthusiasm and we are all so impressed.

For the others, we are recapping sounds from before the summer holidays as well as adding guided reading sessions three times a week.

There is a clip for parents about how we teach Read, Write Inc as well as lots of useful information about how to support your child at home on the Ruth Miskin website. The link is <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

Diamond class highlights:

"We did loads of different badminton skill activities with other schools and had to count up our scores. My favourite game was the shuttlecock launcher it was a fun competitive activity." Samuel Y3

"I'm enjoying the science as we're making a booklet with different pages, this week we were learning about vertebrates and invertebrates and made a spin the wheel page." Elowen

"I enjoy that in maths we get to do a new step each day and learn more skills." Erica

" I've just started playing 1 minute maths and have been getting better scores." Olivia

"I really enjoyed the bug hunting, I found a centipede, a wasp, a ladybird and a spider." Rhys

"I liked the handwriting practise that we have be doing each morning as I'm improving." Nellie

Individual school photos:

Children will come home today with a coupon to enable you to order your school photos. It is valid until 23rd October.



Piano or woodwind lessons:

The music teacher, Mrs Smith, has availability for one pupil to start either piano, flute, clarinet or saxophone lessons. If your child is interested please contact the Cornwall Service Music Trust for more information.

Phonics:

If you see any staff wearing an apron they are doing so to support pupils with the learning of phonics.

In the pockets of the aprons the staff keep the speed sound cards used in Read, Write Inc, to help the children learn their phonic sounds.

Your children may also come home with a sticker showing the sound they have been learning that day. Please encourage your child to tell you the sound and see if they can write it in the air.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Symons for kindly making the aprons for us.

Zircon Class Highlights:

My highlight was when we went sailing this week. We were having a competition. We sailed in partners, one of us steering the boat and the other would just sit still and make sure it was safe to turn. Afterwards, we floated in star shapes and finished the lesson. (Summer)

My highlight of the week was the badminton festival. The Zircons were the first class to go. We had 3 teams of Year 6: A, B and C. Team A came 11th, B came 6th and C came 4th. We played against lots of other schools and it was great fun! (Mia)

My weekly school highlight was our sailing lesson on Thursday. I enjoyed it because I felt like a proper soldier sailing out to sea. The windy conditions just made it even more exhilarating! (Will)

I have really enjoyed football club. It's been really fun. The best bit was all the kicking. (Lacey)

On Friday, we had a Roman soldier, named Claudius Maximus, coming in to visit us. In the morning, we learned a timeline about the Romans in Britain, and also what Roman soldiers wore in Latin. I got in trouble for tying my shoelace up. In the afternoon, we marched up the school field and separated into our contuberniums. I was in the 5th Contubernium. Then we had several battles where I was a barbarian against the Romans. We had to die every time, but it was fun. (Jesse)

I loved the badminton tournament – it was exhilarating! We travelled via minibus to Helston School and my team came sixth! I'd love to do it again! (Jenifer)

Last week, we saw Claudius Maximus, A Roman soldier. At first, I was very scared to see him so I went to the back of the line because I did not want to face him. (Luci)

Sailing this week was so much fun! We had a mini-competition of going out to a buoy, turning round and coming back in. Then we had to change over partners and go out again. Changing over was as quick as a pit stop in Formula 1! (Bradley H)

My highlight is the football league because it's my absolute favourite sport and when you're up there, it feels like you're a professional. (Reece)

As a Zircon, we've done lots of fun activities, but one of my favourites was going sailing because it is fun spending time with my friends as well as the accidental falling in. I've loved learning how to sail. I've learnt so much about controlling the boat and steering. It was amazing going on the speed boat as well! (Willow)

In the past few weeks, I have really enjoyed the science because Mr. Snook set up challenges that really gets my brain working. I've had similar science topics before, but I've learnt the most so far. Whenever Mr. Snook says we have science, my face lights up because it's really exciting. (Aaron)

Sports Update:

Badminton:

In the past two weeks, we've had 25 children from Year 3-6 participating in two different badminton festivals, both held at Helston Community College.

First up were the 3 teams of Y5/6 children who played proper matches against other local schools. All three teams played incredibly well, winning lots of their game, improving as the tournament progresses.

Out of the 15 teams entered, Godolphin finished 4th, 6th and 13th. Well done to all of these children for taking part with such enthusiasm!

Next up were the two teams of Year 3/4s who competed in badminton skills festival this week. The pupils demonstrated great team work and fundamental skills whilst completing a series of activities including running, throwing, catching and hitting. Out of the 9 teams entered, the Godolphin teams finished in 4th and 8th positions. Well done to all of our talented players. Thanks to Mrs Knight and Mrs Mason for taking the children.

Football league:

The school football team have so far competed in the first four games of the league, winning two, drawing one and losing one. They are currently sitting top of the league, although some schools have only played two matches.

We'll keep you updated with their progress. Well done to everyone involved.