



Godolphin Primary School  
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### **Important Diary Dates:**

#### **2022/23 Inset Days:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Nasal Flu immunisations (Reception-Y6):** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**PTA Second-hand uniform sale:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October (after school)

**Half-Term:** 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Year 4,5 & 6 swimming lessons:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October (running for 6 weeks)

**Application to secondary school deadline:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Bag 2 School collection:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Parent/teacher meetings:** Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November (more details to follow).

**Y1 hearing screening:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**KS2 Christmas Show:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm & 6.00pm). More details to follow.

### **Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons:**

Just a reminder that swimming lessons will start after half-term for Year 4, 5 & 6.

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

Letters have been sent home today in book-bags. Please return consent form next week. The preferred payment method is ParentPay.

### **Chartwells Menu Change:**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October:** the vegetarian option will be vegetable bolognese (instead of Quorn sausages).

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** the main option will be roast chicken instead of roast gammon.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:** Let's Rocket Menu: sausage & mash. Jacket potatoes and tomato pasta also available. Dessert will be vanilla milkshake & shortbread biscuit.

There is a new Autumn/Winter menu starting after half-term. A copy of this was sent home in book-bags this week. There will also be a copy on the homepage of the school website.

### **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 week.

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

### **Bag 2 School fundraising:**

The PTA have organised a Bag 2 School collection. Children will come home today with a bag (and a leaflet). You can recycle men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. Please return your bags on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November by 9am.

### **PTA Halloween clothes sale:**

The school PTA are having a Halloween costume/fancy dress second hand sale.

Get your costumes ready for Halloween as they will go frightening quick!

If there are any items your little ones have outgrown, and you would like to donate, then we would love to have them to sell and raise money for the school. All donations welcome and why not come and grab yourself a bargain!

Items will be available to buy, next to the Halloween ticket table at drop off and pick up. All Items from 50p- £1.00.

### **Fortnite:**

More and more children in the school are talking about playing the game 'Fortnite'.

The game is rated for aged 12 which means it is not recommended for any child at primary school. However, children as young as 7 are saying that they are playing this game.

The game contains mild violence and is designed for online chat with other players and is highly addictive. Addictive games often lead to tiredness, extreme behaviour and a lack of interest in other things.

As a parent it can be difficult to make unpopular decisions for your children. Particularly when people in the media are promoting the game and other children are playing 'Fortnite'. That said, it is really important that your children are kept safe and their wellbeing is protected. Perhaps this is easier if you agree boundaries as a group of parents so all your child's friends are doing the same thing. This has worked for some parents.

Gaming is good fun but needs to be appropriate and carefully monitored.

For more information, please visit this website: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guide-keep-kids-safe-gaming/>

### **Zircon sailing:**

For the past four Thursday afternoons, the pupils in Years 5 & 6 have been enjoying sailing lessons on the Helford estuary, delivered by instructors from the Children's Sailing Trust.

Each week, the children were taught new skills linked to the Sailing Trust's 'Wave Curriculum', including rigging, steering, tacking and capsizing procedures, as well as demonstrating confidence in the water.

Without exception, the children made massive progress which they demonstrated in the final session when the whole class could be seen sailing competently at the same time in eleven different boats. As well as the sailing itself, it was great to see the pupils growing in confidence from week-to-week and fully enjoying the sessions.

Feedback from the pupils was incredibly positive with many of them saying that it was one of the highlights of their time at Godolphin.

The staff and children would like to thank all the skilled instructors from the Sailing Trust who worked with the group. We also need to thank the staff and volunteers who stepped in to help with transport and supervision during these activities: Mrs. Parker, Miss Peters, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Ivey and Mrs. Rogers. Without these amazing people, we would not be able to offer such rewarding activities. Thank you!



### **Cross Country League (KS1 & KS2):**

Well done to all the children who took part in the second cross country league fixture this year. We had a total of 27 KS2 finishers and this included two podium finishes (Aaron 1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 boy and Nellie 3<sup>rd</sup> Y4 girl). We also had 11 top ten positions.

We also had 11 KS1 runners (many of who were representing Godolphin for their very first time).

The next race is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm at Porthleven Primary School for KS2 children only.

