



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we have already come to the end of our first half-term at school. It has been amazing to see the children engaging with their learning with such enthusiasm and excitement. It certainly has been a busy term with a number of trips, visits, sport activities, visitors to the school, and clubs taking place again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work this half-term and to the pupils for engaging so well with their learning. I would also like to thank parents and carers for your continued support.

I hope that you all manage to have an enjoyable and restful half-term.

Lucy

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 31st October. Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit.

Year 6: Transfer to Secondary School:

A reminder that the deadline for applications for Year 6 children's transfer to secondary school is **31st October 2022**.

Bag 2 School fundraising:

The PTA have organised a Bag 2 School collection. You can recycle men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. Please return your bags on Tuesday 8th November by 9am.

Important Diary Dates:

2022/23 Inset Days:

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

Half-Term: 24th – 28th October

Year 4,5 & 6 swimming lessons: Monday 31st October (running for 6 weeks)

Application to secondary school deadline: Monday 31st October

Bag 2 School collection: Tuesday 8th November 2022

Parent/teacher meetings: Week commencing 14th November (more details in newsletter). **There will be no netball or football clubs after school on Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th November.**

Children in Need: Walk & Talk (donations only) – save the date in your diary. More information to follow.

Y1 hearing screening: Tuesday 29th November 2022

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 7th December

KS2 Christmas Show: Tuesday 13th December (1.30pm & 6.00pm). More details to follow.

Chartwells Autumn/Winter Menu :

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

Packed lunches:

- Monday: cheese sandwich
- Tuesday: ham bap
- Thursday: tuna wrap

Jacket potatoes:

- Cheese & beans available every day
- Tuna only available on Monday & Wednesday (due to supply issues)

Tomato pasta available every day

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

Emerald Class Highlights:

We have had a fantastic first half term filled with highlights! Recently, the Reception children have enjoyed making different potions in the water tray. They have experimented with making a variety of coloured mixtures, adding materials such as chalk or tissue paper to change the texture of the potions. We have seen wonderful team work and creativity during this time. They have also really enjoyed their phonics sessions and 'bouncy blending time'. During this, they jump onto different sounds (e.g. s,a,t) to blend these new words. We are all very proud of how well they have settled into school.

At the very start of term, the KS1 children enjoyed using team work to create a marshmallow tower. It was very messy and sticky but they all concentrated so well and some managed to create one bigger than a baby! Sebastian remembered this challenge well and asked if we could do it again.

Yesterday, we were lucky to be able to have a go at 'Boogie Bounce'. The children did so well with listening and following instructions and they all had huge smiles on their faces. Dexter and Oscar said how much they loved it!

In DT this half term, the children have made sliders and pivots using pictures and characters from traditional tales. Isla, Millie and Jowan particularly liked making the moving pictures.

Both Billy and Lily commented that this half term, along with learning rugby skills in PE, they have enjoyed taking part in the Cross Country races after school. We were thrilled with how many Emeralds took part to represent Godolphin School.

Joe's highlight was our science investigations. Our first science investigation was 'Do people with bigger feet need bigger gloves?' and the second was an investigation using our sense of hearing.

Lastly, all the children in KS1 liked making a wheel that showed the days that God made the world in The Creation Story.

Diamond Class Highlights:

The Diamond class have completed their first Science Unit 'Living things and their Habitats'. Our planet is full of beautiful plants and remarkable animals, it is an incredible world of living things, but what is special about something that is alive? Their task was to create an amazing interactive book that explains all about our incredible world of living things. They discovered how living things are grouped according to their features. They created exciting pop-ups, spring-outs, lift-up flaps and turning wheels which show the wonderfully diverse groups of plants and animals on our planet.

"I really enjoyed learning something and then being creative with my new knowledge." Rhys

"My favourite part was learning about mammals because we got to choose how we built that page and choosing what information to share." Luca

"I think I've learned a lot about Living things!" Benjy. "I didn't realise that there were warm and cold-blooded creatures." Nellie

"I didn't know the names of the different categories of invertebrates like arachnids and molluscs." Elowen.



Football league:

The school football team have continued to impress in the Helston and Mullion Primary Football League with two more wins against Porthleven and Parc Eglos B Teams. Godolphin currently sit top of the league, although some teams still have games in hand. Keep up the good work!

Zircon Class Highlights:

My highlight of the week was the Life Skills trip at Penzance Fire Station. We learnt about train safety, electrics, CPR, beach safety and police laws. It was really fun! I learnt a lot and really enjoyed it. (Summer)

I really enjoyed the last session of sailing. When the water was clear, it looked like grass. The speed boat was amazing. Me and Bren nearly capsized the sailing boat. (Willow)

In the last couple of weeks I've really enjoyed our mini '1 Minute Maths' competitions. I have also enjoyed taking part in the Cross Country League and the Football League too. Basically, I've really enjoyed the first term of the year! (Bradley H)

My highlight was the science where we investigated thermal insulators and conductors. First, we poured the water into our cups (65°C). Secondly, we put the thermometers in and measured the temperatures every 5 minutes. We found out that foil and fur were the best insulators. (Jenny B)

In the last few weeks, I have enjoyed Tuesday afternoons with Mr Tregenza. We did coding on Scratch and I love it! I started Scratch at home three years ago and it was a dream come true when Mr Tregenza said we were doing it! I love Scratch and I'm really good with it. (Bren)

My highlight was Boogie Bounce on the trampolines – I loved it! My favourite part was me winning a prize (which was a pair of Boogie Bounce socks). (Luella)

My favourite part of this fortnight is the football league because it was really sunny and I felt like a pro footballer and we won both matches. (Will)

My highlight was on Wednesday when we went on a trip to Penzance Fire Station and we had to learn CPR and how to do a lot of other things. My favourite part was putting the kit on and sticking parking tickets on cars. (Tyler)

My highlight was sailing where I went on a boat with Bradley. He kept getting me to pull the rope so that we went faster and slower as we tacked. I really enjoyed sailing and I'd definitely do it again. (Faith)

I really enjoyed computer coding using the programme 'Scratch'. It was so much fun! (Lacey)

My Highlight was Boogie Bounce. I really enjoyed it because I love jumping and it's a way of using up your energy. I will never forget this day! (Sorrel)

Boogie Bounce:

On Thursday each class took part in a taster Boogie Bounce session run by Mrs Hall (Olivia & Gracie's mum). The children loved the sessions and took part with enthusiasm and energy. Well done to them all, and thanks to Mrs Hall for running the sessions.

We hope to be able to offer more Boogie Bounce sessions later in the year.



Zircon Class Trip to GWR Life Skills workshop:

On Wednesday morning the Zircon class went on a trip to Penzance Fire station to participate in a GWR Life Skills workshop. This was run in conjunction with the RNLI, Cornwall Council and the NHS.

They had a brilliant time and learnt about train safety on the railways, first aid, road safety, electrical safety, and staying safe near the sea.



Year 1- Year 6 Parent/Teacher meetings:

Below are the times for the parent/teacher meetings. Sign-up sheets will be available from Tuesday 1st November in the school hall at drop-off and pick-up. There will be separate sessions arranged for the Reception meetings.

Monday 14th November:

- Miss Bradbury: 3.30 – 5.00pm
- Mrs Knight: 3.30 – 5.00pm

Tuesday 15th November:

- Mr Snook: 3.30 – 5.20pm

Wednesday 16th November:

- Miss Bradbury: 1.00 – 2.00pm

Thursday 17th November:

- Mr Snook: 3.30 – 5.20pm
- Mrs Knight: 3.30 – 5.00pm
- Mrs Bowden: 3.30 – 5.00pm

PTA Easyfundraising:

You can help your PTA by just doing your usual shop!

Godolphin Primary School is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment, and it doesn't affect your loyalty points.

- Sign Up to the Easyfundraising App on your phone or the website on your laptop
- Choose your cause – Friends of Godolphin School – Helston
- Set donation reminder, so will it prompt you when purchasing so you don't need to remember each time.
- Start shopping and watch the donations roll in.
- Refer a friend or family member through our personal link, and once they register and start receiving donations, we earn an extra £5 for our PTA
- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=93790&invite=pfq8r3&referral-campaign=s2s>

Please help us to help the school and enhance your children's school years. Thank you.

Visitor assembly:

The children today were treated to an inspirational assembly given by Mrs Ivey supported by Aaron and Elowen. They talked about their recent visit to Namibia where they volunteered for a charity called EHRA (Elephant – Human Relation Aid), which helps elephants and educates local communities to co-exist alongside the elephants. They all learnt a great deal from this amazing experience, but some highlights were:

- Learning lots about how amazing elephants are and why we need to keep protecting them.
- Importance of community and friendship and helping others.

Thanks to Mrs Ivey, Aaron and Elowen for sharing their adventure with us.