



Godolphin Primary School  
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start our sixth week of lockdown, I hope you are all still keeping safe and well in these challenging times.

We hope that by sending out this weekly newsletter with pictures of you all, it helps us to keep in touch as best we can. And each week we will be updating our 'Words of the Week' and also our 'Websites of the Week'. Each Friday, we will be uploading on our website some of the great examples of work which you are all doing at home and sending into your class teachers. Please see 'Pupils' Work' on our website. We are also updating our Wellbeing Support document (under 'Latest News') with new websites we come across offering good advice.

Please remember to share learning with your child's class teacher via email. We really enjoy finding out what the children have been doing and have been impressed with the work that has been shared with us.

In the meantime, stay safe. And good luck with growing your sunflowers!

Thinking of you all,

Lucy Wandless

#### **Birthday wishes:**



We wish the children who have had their birthday during the last week many happy returns and hope you all had a great day. We look forward to being able to celebrate together soon!

#### **Websites of the week!**

*Please press control & click on the website title for the website links.*

**Cornwall Music Service Trust** – this is an excellent website with lots of resources for all of you who love your music (either playing an instrument or singing in the choir)!

**BBC Ten Pieces** – this website allows you to explore the stories and secrets hidden in a number of classical pieces of music.

**Number Fun (Maths)** - Informative teaching videos, catchy songs and activities for all primary age groups. Sign up for FREE 30 day access to parent portal.

**Mrs Wordsmith's** - Handwashing poster and activity pack includes a free, printable handwashing guide that gives kids the information they need - what viruses are, how they spread, and what kids can do to keep themselves safe.

**The Book of Hopes** - Words and pictures to comfort, inspire and entertain children in lockdown (from The National Literacy Trust). This is a completely free book for all children and families and is an extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures with contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators.

**Phonics Play** – this great website is currently being offered for free. It is useful for Reception/Year 1 children and has lots of fun phonics games to consolidate phonics knowledge. In the resources section – Reception children can focus on Phases 2-4 and Year 1 children can focus on Phases 4-5.

## Keeping in touch!

Please continue to share what you've been up to and we will include in the newsletters.

Benjy has been keeping a record of his learning in a scrap book.



And here is Jake practicing his numbers by playing a game of dominoes.



Rollo has been helping with planting in the garden.



Noah has enjoyed learning about the water cycle and WW2.



Will has discovered BBC Bitesize and really enjoying the daily lessons.



Luella has been doing some beautiful art work showing appreciation for our surroundings and the NHS.



Samara creating some collaborative artwork to give to the residents of a care home.



Anna and Emily making pasties and sewing badges on their Brownie uniforms.



Teonne focusing on her painting.



Mcauley has been helping out around the garden.



## **In other news:**

### **Spellings:**

Spellings for the term (for each year group) are being emailed to you this week, and are also on the website (under Our Classes/Home Learning). So please practise these each week.

For reception children we recommend children practise their phonics (see the 'Phonics Play' link in Websites of the Week).

### **Message from the teachers:**

Please continue to update your class teachers regularly by emailing them with some pictures of your amazing work. The teachers have been extremely impressed with the sheer quality and variety of work being carried out across all curriculum areas and wanted to say a massive **WELL DONE** and **THANK YOU!**

You're doing an amazing job! We always look forward to seeing what you will send us next!

### **Words of the Week!**

Have fun increasing your vocabulary with our *Words of the Week*. Use them in your conversations, writing and search for them in your reading.

Further details are on the website under 'Our Classes'/'Home Learning'.

The words this week are:

- crave
- hurtle
- irresistible
- secluded
- siege

## **BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons:**

In last week's newsletter, we highly recommended the recently launched BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons, making it our website of the week. Since then, we have received lots of positive feedback from our pupils and parents who have enjoyed the fun and informative lessons in English, Maths and other curriculum subjects. These lessons, specifically designed for each year group, guide the children through a balance of teaching videos, activities and supporting materials with easy to understand instructions, examples and answers.

If you have access to these lessons online and have not already visited the site, we highly recommend you explore the possibility of utilizing these free and effective resources, particularly for Maths and English. However, we understand that the lessons will not be available to all of our pupils, and therefore encourage them to continue using the materials emailed out 2 weeks ago. These can also be found on the school website under 'Our Classes – Home Learning'.

## **Sunflower Competition**

Just a reminder we are inviting all of the Godolphin children to take part in a sunflower growing competition. It's very simple - whoever grows the tallest sunflower wins!

If you have any trouble obtaining sunflower seeds, please contact Mrs. Thomas ([secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk)). We have a few spare packs of seeds that we can post out.

