



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am really looking forward to being back in Godolphin from Monday and being able to catch up with all the children and staff. I have my Christmas jumper ready for the lunch on Wednesday!

However, it has been lovely to hear what the children have been up to this week. I particularly enjoyed listening to the children's recordings of their Christmas songs. I am sure parents will enjoy hearing them too when we share the recordings on the Google Classrooms.

As always, if you have anything you wish to discuss then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care,

Lucy Wandless

Important Diary Dates:

Wednesday 9th December: School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 10th December: Parent Forum Meeting (Online Google Meet)

Friday 18th December: Last day of term

Monday 4th January 2021: Inset Day

PE Days:

- **Emeralds:** Tuesday & Thursday
- **Diamonds:** Monday & Friday
- **Zircons:** Monday & Wednesday

Parents Forum – 10th December at 2pm:

We are planning on re-starting our Forum meetings next week, albeit in a virtual format. Although we all find this a little strange, hopefully it will in some ways, make it easier for people to join in. For those new to the school, the Forum is a means of sharing ideas and chatting through thoughts for development of the school with parents and other groups of the community. There will sometimes be a focus, for example when the school wishes to explain more about something that's happening or we may be seeking your views on certain aspects of school life.

This meeting will focus on the new PSHE Curriculum but will also be an opportunity to catch up and for new parents to "meet" other parents, something that has been made difficult this year. We are hoping that by doing this virtually, we can at least start to rebuild the community feel of our school.

PSHE is an umbrella term for a whole range of different education topics that are grouped under the headings Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education. These topics include themes such as: personal finances, drugs and alcohol awareness, mental health and wellbeing, careers, online safety, and relationships and sex education (RSE).

PSHE is an important and necessary part of all pupils' education. It is a non-statutory subject, however all schools should teach PSHE, drawing on good practice. This expectation is outlined in the introduction to the proposed new national curriculum. Relationships and sex education (RSE) is an important part of PSHE education. The government's decision to make RSE mandatory in schools is to support the development of your child's health and wellbeing. Helping children to stay happy, safe, healthy and able to navigate challenges and opportunities in life. Schools will have a flexible approach to delivering this programme and can ensure the content is developmentally appropriate and with an approach that is sensitive to the needs and religious backgrounds of its pupils. Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from sex education, but not relationships or health education.

As RSE is now statutory we would like to use the forum as an opportunity to talk to parents about how it will be taught at Godolphin and to provide you with the chance to ask any questions. We will be undertaking a more formal consultation approach in the new year by asking parents, staff and governors to consult on our draft policies. The Forum is open to anyone who has an interest in the school, members of the local community, grandparents, ex-pupils etc are all welcome!

Please email Mrs Thomas at secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk to request a link for this meeting.

Car Seat Legislation:

Concerns have been raised regarding the safe use of child seats to transport children to and from school. Journeys may be short but you never know when the unexpected may happen and we want to help you make sure your children are safe.

We have therefore taken the decision to assist those who are unsure with what the lawful requirements are.

Child seats range from Group 0 (new borns) through to Group 3 (max 36 kgs). Children must use a car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 cm tall, whichever comes first. Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt.

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

A Group 1 seat covers children in a rear or forward facing child seat using a harness or safety shield, up to 105 cm tall or 18 kgs.

Groups 2 and 3 then cover children up to 135 cm tall or 36 kgs.

A Group 2 seat required for children weighing between 15 and 25 kgs and up to 135 cm, is a rear or forward facing child car seat (high-backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt, harness or safety shield. You can still lawfully use an existing 'booster seat' as most will know them, for children over 15 kgs, although they are now only sold for children over 22 kgs.

A Group 3 seat is a forward facing child car seat (high-backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt, harness or safety shield required for children weighing between 22 and 36 kgs, and up to 135 cm.

There are very few circumstances when a child car seat is not required. The only circumstance that relates to a regular journey to school would be when there is no room for a third child car seat. Children under 3 must be in a child car seat. If there's no room for a third child car seat in the back of the vehicle, the third child must travel in the front seat with the correct child seat. If they are 3 or over the third child can sit in the back using an adult belt.

You can be fined up to £500 if a child under 14 isn't in the correct car seat or wearing a seat belt while you're driving, but most importantly, no one wants to see any child injured.

If you are in any doubt it would be advisable to visit <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>.

Interactive Resources:

Years 5 & 6:

- Area
- Area and Perimeter (1 or 2)
- Frontier Factors

Years 2, 3 & 4:

- Addition reveal grid
- In a Minute!
- Connect it! subtraction facts

Year 1:

- Addition Bingo +
- Sum Sense (Single Digit Addition)

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD

WE NEED OUR LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN TO CREATE A CHRISTMAS CARD TO BRIGHTEN UP OUR OFFICE !!

30 DESIGNS WILL BE SELECTED & WILL RECEIVE A CHOCOLATE SELECTION BOX FOR HELPING US!

ENTRIES TO BE E-MAILED OR DELIVERED TO US AT:

THE MATHER PARTNERSHIP, 25, MENEAGE STREET, HELSTON, TR13 8AA
OR sales@thematherpartnership.co.uk

ENTRIES NO LATER THAN 14TH DECEMBER

PLEASE ADD THE NAME, AGE & SCHOOL NAME ON THE BACK OF EACH CARD, OR DETAILS ON THE E-MAILED CARD

GOOD LUCK, HAVE FUN & BE CREATIVE!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR DESIGNS



Christmas Cards:



A reminder that we have a post-box in each classroom for Christmas cards. Please ensure all cards are clearly labelled with first name and surname along with the child's class. All cards must be received in school no later than **Wednesday 9th December**. The cards can then be quarantined before giving out to the children in the final week of term.

Christmas Lunch:

The Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 9th December. There will be no other meal options this day. There is no requirement to pre-book, children can just order on the day. Here is the menu:



Universal Free School Meals:

As you are probably aware, the Government introduced Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), which entitles every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to a free school meal regardless of any benefits claimed by their parents/carers.

Free School Meals entitlement is also the Government's way of allocating additional funding to schools to support pupils' education. Please find attached a letter explaining that the school can check eligibility for our children in bulk. Therefore, if you think you may be eligible we can check on your behalf.



Reminder: Need a clear out before Christmas?

Please help the PTA raise some funds for school by donating unwanted bits and pieces. Please fill your own clean bin liners/bags and bring them to Sam (Aulay's Mum) at Godolphin Chapel in the village (TR13 9RA) on **Wednesday 9th December** between **8.30-9.20am**.

They will accept any of the following good quality items:

Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels, household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases).

Funds are given based on weight, so please bring as many bags as you can! Please remember not to bring the bags into the school playground, but take them to the Chapel.

Thank you!

Godolphin does Christmas!



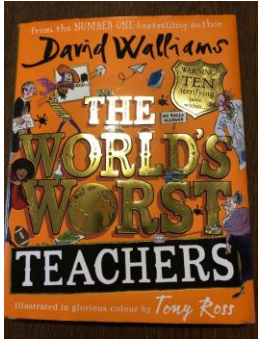
The children have all been practising their Christmas songs and we will be sharing an audio recording of these by the end of next week on Google Classrooms. They have done an amazing job and they sound fantastic!

In the spirit of Christmas we would like to take this opportunity to raise funds for Little Harbour Children's Hospice. Please send any donations into school (in a clearly marked envelope).

If we receive over £200 in donations by Wednesday 15th December at 3.30pm, the staff will add a **'bonus track'** which will be uploaded before the end of term for you all to enjoy!

Book Review: By Aulay (Year 6)

- Title- The World's Worst Teachers
- Author- David Walliams
- Illustrator- Tony Ross
- Age Rating- Year Three to Year Six
- Points out of Ten- 10



Review- I absolutely LOVED this book! It is so funny and I mean it. David Walliams is one of my favourite authors and you haven't lived till you read at least 3 of his books. The World's Worst teachers is packed with humour from start to finish.

It has 10 amazing short stories about HORRIBLE teachers (luckily unlike the ones at our school) including a maths teacher named Mr Pent who is obsessed with getting rid of all the ball shaped things in St Orb's School. A science teacher with a rank, old chair SO smelly that a girl was sent to hospital after she had sniffed it!

This is a disgusting, brilliant, disgustingly brilliant book that you can't take your eyes off it even if you think it is the worst book in the entire universe (which is very unlikely). As I said I LOVE THIS BOOOOOOOOOK!!!!!! I can't recommend it enough.

School photographs:

Your child has come home today with an order form for the individual photos taken today in school.

Orders need to be placed by 13th December and the photographer is hoping all photos will be back in school by the end of term.

Fisherman's Mission – Online event to meet Santa!

The Fisherman's Mission are inviting families to share their family friendly charity Zoom event on the 5th December. Here's the [link](#).



During this event, taking place from 12-1pm, children will be able to meet Santa, as well as real reindeer and watch a Christmas craft by blogger Georgia Coote.

Tickets cost £2 per household so a family can all sit at one laptop for that cost. This small donation will go towards helping the charity to provide vital pastoral, financial and emotional care to fishermen all around the UK who may be struggling with bereavement among other difficulties.

Blackbird Pie:

Here is the [link](#) to the Christmas /Winter online edition of BlackbirdPie:

