



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted and relieved to be writing this letter as it means we have successfully made it to the end of the term. A term filled with challenges on many different levels. Challenges for our school, our local community, our country. I am so grateful to all parents for their ongoing support, patience and understanding.

The end of the autumn term is usually such a special time in schools with a plethora of Christmas events. Despite this, we have kept lessons going throughout the pandemic and have managed to keep some of our Christmas traditions. I am extremely proud of all our pupils for coping so well. I would like to thank them for following all of our safety protocols and the new routines in school.

I am also proud and grateful to all my staff, who have gone 'above and beyond' to provide quality learning and appropriate pastoral support, and to keep the school running, day after day. I am so fortunate to work alongside such talented, hardworking and committed colleagues. Behind the scenes, the Trust and the Governing Body have also been very supportive. I personally am most grateful for their support when there have been difficult decisions to make.

On returning in January we will continue to follow the Government guidance. Whatever the New Year brings, our priorities remain the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community, whilst still providing the best possible educational experience for all of our pupils.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and hope that we can look forward to a brighter 2021.

Thank you for your continued support,
Take care, Lucy Wandless

Monday 4th January 2021: Inset Day

PE Days:

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

Morning drop-off times reminder:

A reminder that the time of drop-off in the morning in the New Year will be from 8.45-8.55am. Thank you.

Reminder: Reporting positive COVID cases over the holiday period:

The government have issued clear guidance to schools, and based on this we ask you to adhere to the bullet points below:

- If your child tests positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school for the first 6 days after the end of term (i.e. up to 24th December) please contact Lucy Wandless via head@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk Emails will be monitored regularly.
- If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, DO NOT CONTACT SCHOOL but follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- If your child has to self-isolate for 14 days due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, this may mean they will still be isolating once school returns. Schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

Emerald Update:



The children in Emerald Class have been really busy this term and would like to tell you about some of the things they have done in class.

- I loved making the robins. I like making things. Jake
- I help the teachers. Nellie
- I like playing with my friends. We have been learning about materials. We thought about how we shouldn't throw rubbish into the sea. Erica
- I loved ringing the bells in our music lessons. William
- I enjoyed the music with Mrs.Crow. Jago
- I like tidying up. Oscar
- I love to learn my phonics. We have now learned all of Phase 3 sounds. Millie
- I like writing my name. Dexter

Diamond Class Update:

Our Science unit this term has been Materials. During our learning about States of Matter, we asked the question What happens when we open the lid of a fizzy drink? We decided to show the gas escaping using a balloon. This led to a number of different investigations involving different liquids and solids to create chemical changes and produce gases. The most popular activity was the physical and chemical change resulting in a loaf of bread!

We have enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London this term and produced a range of work that the children should be extremely proud of.

We are looking forward to a new term and a new topic!



Emerald Christmas Craft:

Clay 'pinch pot' snowmen decorations made by Year 2 children following their work on how materials change.



A flock of robins landed in the Emerald class!



Some very sparkly tree decorations made by Reception and Year 1 children.



Interactive Resources:

Years 5 & 6:

- Fraction Stack
- Estimating Angles
- Division Divers (times tables and division facts up to 10 times table)

Years 2, 3 & 4:

- Arithmagons (difference)
- Function cards
- Addition grids

Year 1:

- Lady Birds
- Chill or Challenge

Godolphin Christmas Grooves!

A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone for helping us to reach our £200 charity target which we shall be donating to Little Harbour Children's Hospice in time for Christmas. As promised, the Godolphin staff have recorded a bonus Christmas track for your entertainment (available on the Google Classroom). Listen if you dare! Wishing you all a fantastic Christmas and a happy New Year!

Virtual Assembly:

On Tuesday the whole school welcomed local Methodist Minister, Rev. Paul Benney (wearing his Christmas jumper!) to a virtual assembly. After a few technical difficulties, Paul led us all in a lovely Christmas worship. It was great to 'see' him again and we hope he will be back with us in the New Year.

Open the Book:

We have missed our 'Open the Book' assemblies since March. However, the team have very kindly sent in a lovely Christmas book for every child in the school - 'It Begins in Bethlehem'. These are being sent home today in your child's bookbag. A big thank you to the Open the Book team.

Primary Schools Music Council:

This term, for the first time ever, the school was invited to take part in a series of meetings hosted by the Cornwall Music Service to discuss all things musical. Anna in Year 5 was nominated by her classmates to act as the Godolphin representative and has so far attended three virtual meetings.

Ideas suggested at the meetings have included the creation of an online musical art gallery where pupils can upload their own imaginative work for others to enjoy.

The council have also devised a list of questions to audit the music provision in their own schools, assessing what they already do well and what improvements could be made.

Anna feels that these meetings have been really helpful and informative, and said that she has enjoyed working with children from different schools.

It is hoped that these meetings will further improve the music opportunities in Godolphin Primary School and help us to plan future opportunities in collaboration with other local schools.

Thank you, Anna, for representing our school so brilliantly!

Minibus Donation:

Further to the kind donation towards our minibus appeal, the children wrote a letter of thanks which has been sent to Councillor Keeling:

Dear Councillor Keeling,

We would like to thank you on behalf of all the children and staff at Godolphin Primary School for donating £500 to our school minibus appeal. It was an incredibly generous donation for which we are truly grateful.

We would like you to know that your donation will not only benefit the school, but also the local community, especially the GCCA (Godolphin Cross Community Association) massively.

We would normally be using our school minibus for a range of things: school trips, sporting events and other festivities. Unfortunately, we cannot take part in these events at the moment due to COVID19, although we hope that this will change before the end of this academic year.

In order to take part in offsite activities, we usually have to borrow a second minibus from another local school so that everyone can attend. With your contribution we hope to invest in a new minibus - which will make the organisation of trips much easier in the future.

Yours gratefully

Pippa and Piran (Head Boy and Head Girl),
and everyone at Godolphin Primary School.

Thank you to the PTA:

A huge thank you to the PTA for treating all the children to watching an online Panto this week. Everyone enjoyed watching the show: Aladdin.

Music lessons:

Just a reminder that music lessons will be starting again in the first week of term. Piano lessons on 5th Jan and guitar on 6th Jan.