



Godolphin Primary School  
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome some of our children back to school and to bring life back into the building. The children and staff have been amazing in adapting to the 'new normal'. I would like to thank the Godolphin team for all of their hard work in preparing the school and making it possible for us to open last week.

It has taken a great deal of planning to make sure that the school is as safe as possible for the children and staff to return. We have followed all of the DFE guidance for reopening and will continue to do so. We all have a responsibility in making sure we keep ourselves and others safe and we ask parents to make sure they are also following the Government guidance outside of school hours. It is also critical that children do not attend if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus. It is essential that you inform the school immediately by calling the school or emailing [head@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk) or [secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk).

I have continued to be impressed by the home learning that has been shared with class teachers. Well done for continuing with your studies at home and producing a wide range of creative work. Please keep sharing your learning and remember to email if we can support the home learning in anyway.

We ask parents to keep in regular contact with the school. As a school we have a duty of care to our pupils and we have a responsibility to inform the Education Welfare Service (EWO) if we have not had any contact with a family for 10 days.

Therefore, we kindly ask parents to make sure they remain in contact with us through email, such as submitting pupils' work or responding to school emails. If we have not had any contact with a family we will endeavour to phone, email and text before having to refer to the EWO. In addition, if any family feels that we can support them in anyway during this challenging time please email or call the school.

I would also like to politely remind parents that Key Worker provision needs to be booked by the Thursday morning the week before the provision is needed. This is to ensure that we have a room and staffing available.

As I have said in many previous communications, and I will keep saying it: 'Thank You'. Your support to the school during this most challenging time is appreciated and valued more than I can ever say.

Thinking of you all, Lucy Wandless

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

#### **Interactive Resources:**

##### **Zircons:**

- Speedy Sequences (Levels 1-10)
- In A Minute! (Time practice)
- Multiplication Grids (times tables)

##### **Diamonds:**

- Division: Ghostbusters
- Data: Carrol diagrams
- Money machine

##### **Emeralds:**

- Airport Arithmetic
- Spy Shapes
- How much altogether? (10p-13p)

[Seterra](#) – A great interactive website to help improve your geography knowledge with a range of online quizzes, ranging from continents of the world, to rivers and flags from across the globe. Good luck!

## In other news:

### Spellings:

Don't forget to check your spellings for the term (under *Home Learning* on the website). Please try and practise these each week.

### Words of the Week!

- blurt
- skulk
- nasal
- blaring
- apprehensive

### Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday to all our children who have had a birthday this week. We hope you had a great day and look forward to celebrating with you soon!

**Wellbeing Support** - don't forget we have collated a range of websites offering wellbeing advice and support (click this link or see the document on school website under '*Latest News*').

### Sunflower Competition

Don't forget to take part in our sunflower growing competition. It's very simple - whoever grows the tallest sunflower wins! Let us know if you need some seeds.

### Pupils' Work:

We will now continue to share pupils' work (both from those children back in school and those still learning at home) in our weekly round-up on a Friday. This will be uploaded each week on our website - [click here](#) to see what everyone has been up to.

## Maths Challenge of the Week!

We thought it would be fun to set everyone a maths challenge this week. Below are two examples (a slightly easier one first and a more challenging one below). Just use each of the digits, only once, to complete the equations.

Email your correct answers to Mrs Thomas ([secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk)) and we will share the names of those who solved an equation next week. Good luck!

### Challenge 1:

$$\square + \square = \square$$

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$$2 \quad 4 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 8 \quad 2 \quad 6 \quad 6$$

### Challenge 2:

$$\square \times \square = \square \square$$

$$\square \square \div \square = \square$$

$$\square + \square = \square \square$$

$$9 \quad 2 \quad 6 \quad 8 \quad 1 \quad 5$$

$$1 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 3 \quad 7 \quad 3$$

### **Message from Chair of Governors:**

The start of the last half-term of the year has seen the return of some of our children to school and the continuation of home-school for others. It has been a particularly challenging and demanding time for many people; for parents and for children but also for our teachers and support staff. On behalf of the Governors and parents, I would like to send a huge thank-you to all our staff at Godolphin who have worked extremely hard through this period. I would also like to extend our thanks to Donna Bryant and the Trust Board for the work done to support our school throughout this period.

As with many professions, the work we see the teachers doing is only the tip of the iceberg and there has been a huge amount of work being done behind the scenes by teachers and support staff following the closure of the schools and even more so in the lead-up to the re-opening. Alongside the monitoring, supporting and providing feedback for home-learning, several of our staff have been working in the hub school looking after the children of key workers. Policies have needed to be updated, training completed, and online meetings attended.

There was work to be done to ensure the safety of the site for re-opening following the prolonged closure as well as working out the logistics of how to comply with the government guidelines whilst providing a safe but welcoming environment for the returning children. After much worry about how school would feel for those children, parents have been delighted to see their children settling into their new normal with ease and thriving back in the company of their peers and their teachers.

This enforced period of school closure has made many of us realise and appreciate how much school gives our children. As well as the academic learning, school provides a great range of extra-curricular activities, socialisation with other children and adults, role-models and opportunities for developing independence as well as teamwork. School helps children build confidence, provide inspiration and build a sense of community and belonging.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to a time when the children can all be back in the playground and enjoying each other's company again!

Stay safe,

Emma,

Chair of Governors

### **Oak National Academy online lessons:**

Further to the updated information on home learning for the summer term, we hope you are all enjoying the lessons online.

We are aware that some families have limited or no access to the internet. For these families, the school has made other arrangements. **Please let your teacher know** if you require these alternative resources.

Please click [here](#) to access The Oak National Academy online lessons.