



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

Newsletter Issue 11
27/11/2020
Newsletter available on our website

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware I have been based at Garras this week, but have enjoyed catching up regularly with the class teachers at Godolphin to hear about all the wonderful things the children have been doing. This week has demonstrated to me how effective Google Meet can be in allowing ongoing contact when working remotely.

I also want to say a huge well done to all the children who took part in the various virtual fitness events that have been taking place in school. A special well done too to those children who won first places in specific events – a great achievement.

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 2nd December: Christmas jumper day!

Friday 4th December: School photos (new date).

Wednesday 9th December: School Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December: Last day of term

Monday 4th January 2021: Inset Day

PE Days:

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

Interactive Resources:

Years 5 & 6:

- Connect It! – Fractions to Percentages
- Wipeout Wall – Division Facts (1 and 2)
- Fraction/Decimal of a Metre (Table)

Years 2, 3 & 4:

- Arithmagons (multiplication)
- Sum Flash (multiplication)
- Snap (multiplication)

Year 1:

- Digit Dilemma (addition)
- Tortoise versus Hare

Sports Update:

Great news! The Year 5/6 Children have been taking part in a virtual fitness challenge with a number of other local schools. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

The children participated in a range of different activities, and there were a number of Godolphin children who were awarded 1st place. A huge well done to you all!

- Chest Push - Isabella (1st Girl)
- Press ups - Anna (1st Girl) and Josh (1st Boy)
- Sit ups - Piran (1st Boy)
- Step ups - Isabella (1st Girl)
- Skipping - Isabella (1st Girl) and Corin (1st Boy)
- 20m Sprint - Pippa (1st Girl) and Oliver (1st Boy)
- 400m - Corin (1st Boy)

Youth Sport Trust:

The Youth Sport Trust are delivering a free virtual after school club as part of a national response to the second lockdown and will run until 18th December. The 30-minute club will take place at 5pm each weekday and be led by a different member of the YST's athlete mentor network. Children and young people can take part live by visiting their [YouTube channel](#).

There is a different theme for each day of the club - Adventure Monday, Tuesday Play, Wild Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Fun Friday.

Diamond Class Update:

The Diamonds recently took part in the *Surfers Against Sewage* Pupil Power assembly. In recognition of this we received a gift pack this week with items that we hope will be useful for positive continued environmental campaigning here at school.



We hope to continue our journey towards achieving Plastic Free Schools Status.

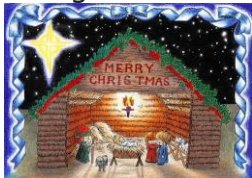
Book Review Reminder:

The School Council made the suggestion for children to regularly write book reviews which we can then share in the newsletter.

We haven't had one submitted for a few weeks, but if anyone would like to complete one at home and share with your class teacher, it may be chosen to be included in the next newsletter.

Emerald Class Update:

Please could we ask Emerald children to practise the songs *Little Donkey* and *Away in a Manger* at home as these are our Christmas songs. Thanks!



Advent-ure Calendar:

Cornwall Outdoors is inviting schools to join in with their **Advent-ure Calendar** series, starting 1st December 2020. It's free, it's fun and it gets everyone outdoors doing simple but adventurous activities throughout the month. There are 31 activities to do in 31 days, in any order that you wish.

Click [here](#) to download.

The Winter (Reading) Mini Challenge:



The Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep reading through the winter holidays by rewarding them for reading and reviewing books.

To take part in the Winter Mini Challenge online, children simply read any books (including eBooks and audiobooks) of their choice (we recommend reading at least three), then rate and review them on their website. Click [here](#).

Books added to the website during the six-week Mini Challenge period will count towards **unlocking special rewards including a certificate and a virtual badge**. The website will also feature activities, recommendations for great winter reads, and competitions. And, just like the Summer Reading Challenge, the website will also feature the Book Sorter - a unique database which has over 1.3 million peer-to-peer recommendations.

Challenge dates: **Tues 1 December - Friday 15 January.**

Parent Governor Vacancies:

The Godolphin School Local Governing Body has **two** vacancies for Parent Governors. Someone with knowledge of the education sector would be desirable but by no means essential.

If you would like to become a parent governor you need to be nominated by two other people.

If you are interested please contact Mrs Thomas to request a nomination form by Friday 4th December.

Christmas Cards:



A reminder that we will 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. Here is the menu:



Christmas Jumper Day!

On Wednesday 2nd December we are asking children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or wearing something Christmas themed to help get them into the Christmas spirit as we will be recording our Christmas songs (within our class bubbles) on that day. We will also be taking photos to go into the *West Briton* as part of their *School Nativities Picture Special*.

A recording of these songs will be made available as an MP3 file and shared in the Google Classrooms.

South West Carols:

The biggest festive carols & nativity event in the South West will be taking place live online at www.southwestcarols.com on 5th & 6th December at 7pm.



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!

Reading for pleasure:



Last week we mentioned that we would share a range of 'must reads' that your child might enjoy reading. Please see the attached document with a tube map (as below) highlighting a range of books with different lines dependent on what type of stories your child enjoys reading.

