



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break (despite the weather). It has been lovely to see the children back in school again and already enthusiastic towards their learning.

As you will all be aware, although we are in the second national lockdown, schools will continue to stay open during this time. The Government states that they *"will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our young people and will not be closing schools. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school. Schools have implemented a range of protective measures to make them safe"*.

We follow all guidance from the DFE and would like to reassure parents that we shall continue with our in-school measures ensuring that children are still able to access a full curriculum whilst maintaining all the extra procedures that we have in place.

If you have any further concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care,

Lucy Wandless

Face Coverings:

A number of parents have enquired about the wearing of face coverings in the playground at drop-off and pick-up. Due to the socially distancing measures we have in place at these times, in line with the current Government guidance, it is not necessary to wear them. We only ask for face coverings to be worn if entering one of the school buildings. However, it is personal choice if you would like to wear one at these times.

The latest Government guidance for education settings teaching pupils in year 6 and below, confirms there is no change to the existing position on the use of face coverings for primary school children following the announcement on the new national restrictions.

Remote Learning:

A separate document has been sent outlining our Remote Learning Plan. This will be uploaded on the website under the 'Remote Learning' tab.

It reiterates the importance of ensuring all children have accepted the invitation and joined their new 2021 Google classrooms.

If you have any queries or would like some assistance please contact Mrs. Thomas.

Year 2 Art Afternoon – Monday 9th November:



On Monday 9th November the Year 2 children will be working creatively as a year group, alongside artist Emma Griffiths.

We are excited to have this opportunity to bring the Year 2 children together again. However, they will maintain their distance, with each Bubble working at either end of the hall.

We look forward the sharing their artwork with you. Please send your child to school in old clothes as they may become covered in paint!

**Interactive Resources:
Years 5 & 6:**

- Fractions of Numbers (unit and non-unit fractions of amounts)
- Fraction Pods 1 (unit fractions of amounts)
- Fraction Pods 2 (non-unit fractions of amounts)

Years 2, 3 & 4:

- Speedy grid challenge (X)
- Spooky sequences (X)
- Multiplying monkeys

Year 1:

- Eggs to order
- Make a domino

Important Diary Dates:

Nasal flu vaccine: Weds 11th November

(You should have received an email about this with details on how to book your child's appointment).

Monday 9th November:

- **Year 2:** Art afternoon (please wear 'old' clothes to school)
- **Year 3 – 6:** Rugby Event (please wear PE kit)

Friday 4th December: School photos (new date)

PE Days:

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

Diamond Class:



We are delighted with the positive response to the creative homework set for the half term. The Tudor houses are outstanding, it will a sad moment as we watch them go up in flames later in the term!!!

PTA Update:

Big thanks to everyone for all the Christmas card & gifts orders. That's the biggest order we've had yet!

All your cards & gifts should be delivered to the school within the next fourteen days. We will also know how much we have raised from this towards the school mini bus appeal.

There will be another 'Bags to School' collection being organised soon. Another great opportunity to raise money for the school as well as having a clear out/de clutter at home.

Minibus HELP!

Just a reminder that we are still looking for someone to take over from Mrs Forbes and manage the fundraising page for our new minibus.

School Uniform:

Just a reminder that children are now expected to attend school in school uniform apart from the days when your child has PE.

However, given we are having to keep windows open as much as possible to allow for ventilation, children can bring in extra indoor clothing, clearly labelled, that can be worn in the classroom to ensure they are comfortable whilst learning.

School Photos:

We have sadly had to postpone the school photos planned for Monday 13th November. The latest guidance tells us that we should not allow non-essential visits to our school.

We have amended the date to **Friday 4th December.**

The photographs will be individual photos only taken one class bubble at a time. We hope you appreciate that it will not be possible to take sibling photographs this year unless your children are in the same class bubble. Please let us know if you would like your children to have a sibling photo (as well as their individual ones).

Sporty News:

Cornwall Winter School Games



Next week, the school will be taking part in the first ever **Cornwall Virtual Winter School Games**. The event will be running all week, from Monday 9th to Friday 13th November and involve all of our pupils completing physical challenges to earn points for the school team.

Due to the nature of the activities taking place, we would like to ask **all of our children to wear trainers every day, even on their non-PE days**.

We hope our involvement in this event will further demonstrate the school's commitment to PE and school sport, encourage healthy lifestyles and emphasize the importance of staying active.

Diamond and Zircon Inter-House Football

Earlier this week, the Diamond and Zircon pupils took part in an inter-house football competition on the school field, with Geevor, Levant and Crofty teams battling it out for the top spot.

Luckily the weather was perfect, and with the assistance of Miss Ayotte, the Helston Trust PE Coordinator, the event was a resounding success with all of our children getting stuck in and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

With two wins out of two, Crofty topped the Zircon table, with Levant in hot pursuit just two points adrift.

The Diamond competition was an even closer affair with Geevor and Crofty both drawing and winning one game each. However, due to their superior goal difference, Geevor house took the top spot.

With the Emerald Class still to play, the prestigious Inter-House Football trophy is still in teasing distance of all three teams. Watch this space to find out who lifts the trophy in 2020.

Helston Virtual Badminton Skills Festival

Unable to venture offsite to compete in any competitions, our talented young sportsmen and women have been busy notching up points in a number of virtual competitions instead.

First up, in mixed teams of 6, all of our Y3-6 pupils took part in a badminton skills event, completing 5 timed team challenges involving hitting, throwing, catching and running.

The scores were carefully calculated before being sent to Miss Ayotte at competition HQ, who then compared the results with the other Helston primary schools involved.

The complete results have yet to be received. However, on Wednesday afternoon, the Godolphin Y5/6 'A' team was presented with the gold medals for coming first place overall. A super achievement! Well done Joseph, Pippa, Josh, Isabella, Gabriel and Samara!

And a massive well done to everyone else who represented the school so brilliantly in this event!

Poppy Appeal:



Unfortunately our usual Poppy Appeal has not been able to happen this year.

However, we have received a number of poppies for children to buy for a donation for The British Legion.

Each class teacher has some in their classrooms.

Drop-off reminder:

Can we politely remind parents not to drop-off children before 8.40am as the teachers and teaching assistants may not be in their classrooms.

We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Emeralds Outdoor Learning Area:



The Emerald Class had a lovely surprise when they came to school on Monday.

Our outdoor learning area has been transformed with astro-turf flooring and new windows to give us a place to play and learn right through the winter.

It has inspired the children to keep the area clean and tidy and they have already enjoyed a window-cleaning activity!

Parent and Teacher Appointments:

Just a reminder to book your **telephone appointments** for your parent and teacher meetings taking place week commencing 16th & 23rd November.

Please can you book yourself into an hour-time slot, and confirm **who** the appointment will be with and the **contact number to use**. Each teacher will then call you within that hour time slot for your appointment.

Please either call Mrs. Thomas or email her (secretary@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk) to book your appointment(s). Below are the times:

Miss. Bradbury:

- Tuesday 17th November: 12.30-4.30pm (four one-hour slots available)
- Thursday 26th November: 3.30-5.30pm (two one-hour time slots available)

Mrs. Knight:

- Monday 16th November: 3.30-5.30pm (two one-hour time slots available)
- Friday 20th November: 12.30-4.30pm (four one-hour slots available)

Mr. Snook:

- Thursday 19th November: 12.30-4.30pm (four one-hour slots available)
- Wednesday 25th November: 3.30-5.30pm (two one-hour time slots available)