



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

Newsletter Issue 5

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Newsletter available on our website

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully you will have received the parent survey sent on behalf of the Trust? It's hoping to gauge how you think the Covid-19 arrangements which we have put in place since the return to school in September have gone. It is also reviewing how you felt the home learning was for children prior to the summer holiday.

Many thanks to all of you who have already replied, and please could I encourage you to reply if you haven't yet done so.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or any other member of staff and we will be happy to help.

Take care,

Lucy Wandless

Important Diary Dates:

2020/21 Inset Days:

- 4th January 2021
- 22nd & 23rd July 2021

Half-Term: 26th – 30th October

Nasal flu vaccine: Weds 11th November

School photos: Friday 13th November

PE Days:

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

Please can children come dressed in appropriate clothing on these days.

School Lunches:

From next term (2nd November) school lunches are increasing to **£2.34** per lunch. This increase reflects the usual annual increase which normally comes into effect from September. However, due to COVID-19, this has been delayed until after October half-term.

There is also a new menu (which has been uploaded onto the school website) for after half-term. Lunches will continue to be eaten in classrooms, but there will now be a packed lunch option, and an additional pasta option each day, as well as the normal hot and vegetarian dishes each day, and jacket potatoes.

Finally, if your child needs a medical diet, please can you complete the relevant forms found [here](#).

Minibus HELP!

The school would once again like to thank the PTA, and in particular Mrs Forbes, for setting up the Godolphin minibus fundraising page on the Donate My School website last autumn.

However, due to Lockdown, our fundraising efforts have seen slow progress, with the total money raised standing at £501.25. In order to continue to push for a new bus, we will need to extend our fundraising deadline considerably so that we eventually have a chance of raising the £20,000 needed.

With Mrs Forbes' time coming to an end at Godolphin in 2021, we are seeking a willing volunteer who can take over the responsibility of liaising with the Donate My School website and manage our campaign page. The job requires very little time or effort, and all handover information will be clearly explained.

If you think you can help or would like more information, please contact the school office so we can discuss the next steps.

Thank you!

Visit our campaign page at <https://donatemyschool.com/godolphinprimary> to make a donation and watch our amusing video.

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

- Speed Grid Challenge (Addition 1, 2 or 3) Mental addition
- Sum Flash (Addition) 9 Objectives including 2 place decimals
- Balloon Burst - Negative (Automatic) Adding positive and negative numbers

Years 2, 3 & 4:

- Shopping Spree
- Change please
- Coin Breaker

Year 1:

- Spooky Sequences
- Give the Dog a Bone

Emeralds:

The children in Emerald class are now part way through a 10-week block of music lessons through the First Access scheme run by Cornwall Music Service Trust. Mrs. Crow, one of the CMST team is coming in to work with the children using tuned percussion instruments including xylophones, glockenspiels and chime bars.

They are focussing on rhythm and note recognition. The children are having a great time learning about how to play these instruments and playing to accompany recorded songs.

Zircon Class:

Our first mini-topic - 'Here We Are' - came to a conclusion last week with some incredible sky-inspired poems entitled Day Walker. We also delved deep into our minds, reflecting on our often weird, wonderful and sometimes confusing thoughts before sharing empowering words of wisdom and advice.

This week, we began our new topic on the Ancient Greeks, exploring timeless favourite Greek myths such as Perseus and Medusa, The Wooden Horse, and Theseus and the Minotaur. In science, we have been learning about materials, discussing some of the properties that make them useful.

Welcome from the PTA:

A belated Hello and welcome back to all the parents, carers and children from the PTA. We'd also like to welcome all the new children and their families to Godolphin School. We look forward to getting to know you through some of our fun events in the near future.

The children will be doing their Christmas card designs in class over the next week. Once they return from being printed, you'll receive your child's unique Christmas card. If you wish you can purchase a pack of cards, also bags for life, gift tags, tea towels or mugs in their own design. They're great for Christmas presents as well as raising funds for our school.

The orders will be taken before half term.

We are discussing some outdoor Halloween fun, possibly during half term. Information to follow.

Obviously with the current restrictions we have missed our usual welcome coffee morning for new and existing parents. However, with the run up to Halloween & Christmas, we will be meeting up online to discuss new ideas, events and activities. Maybe even a virtual coffee morning!

Please follow us on Facebook 'Godolphin School PTA' and keep an eye out for updates on our notice board outside the school office.

Everyone is welcome to join the PTA, without any expectation or pressure to commit large chunks of your time, just ideas can help. Being part of the PTA can be fun, giving a sense of satisfaction and a fantastic opportunity to socialise and make new friends.

Please contact Mrs Thomas or us directly through Facebook if you'd like to be involved in the PTA in anyway at all.

Important safety alert:

You may have read in the news that children in London have been treated in hospital after eating 'Cannabis-laced sweets' <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-54420635>

The Police have information that the products that the children took are being circulated in the Devon and Cornwall area. As you can see from the attached photographs they have provided, they are easily mistaken for sweets that children may take or be offered without them realising what it is they have in front of them.

We'd like to reassure everyone that we are not aware that any student at Godolphin Primary School has come across these products at this time.

Thanks for your continued support.



Missing text books:

Just a reminder to return any text books given out at the beginning of lockdown. There are still many missing! Thanks.

Bikeability (Group 1):

Just a reminder for all the Year 6 children in Group 1 that Bikeability is Monday & Tuesday next week.

School Council:

The School Council held their first meeting this week, and discussed some great ideas. They have suggested a Halloween themed dressing up day on the last day of half term with a £1 voluntary donation towards school funds & minibus appeal.

They also agreed to sharing regular book reviews written by the children. If you wish to submit a review please email your class teacher and each week a new one will be chosen to share in the newsletter.

Book Review:

Here is our first one from our Head-Boy, Piran.

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief By Rick Riordan



Overview: Percy Jackson is a half-blood, half boy and half god. In this book Zeus, god of the sky, thinks that Percy has stolen his lightning bolt. Percy must go on a mission to find the lightning bolt to prove him wrong and prevent war erupting. Along the way Percy encounters many dangers including furies, Medusa and Ares, god of war.

Review:

I found this book exhilarating, action-packed and amazing to read. My favourite part in the book was when Percy Jackson was fighting Ares because it was so fast paced and fun to read.

This book would be perfect to read at the moment, because it is all about the Greek myths and legends which links with our topic. I rate this book:



I would recommend this book to confident Year 5 & 6 boy readers.