



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe we have come to the end of our first half-term! It has been such a pleasure to see all the children back in school, engaging with their learning with such enthusiasm.

I'm delighted that we have been able to take part in cross-country within school and that music lessons have been able to resume wherever possible. The Year 6 children have also been able to take part in Bikeability. Although we are still not in the position to run all of the school events that we would normally at this time of year, I'm pleased that we have been able to offer some additions to our curriculum.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents and carers for adapting so well to the new processes and protocols we have put in place in these strange times.

I would also like to thank all the staff too for their ongoing support and hard work.

May I wish you all a lovely holiday, take some time to relax, have fun and re-charge. And we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 2nd November.

Take care,

Lucy Wandless

Non-uniform day donations:

We raised **£70.97** today towards school funds! A huge thank you to you all!

Primary Times & New Menu:

Children will be coming home today with a copy of *Primary Times* (which shows what is on where in Cornwall).

We are also sending home a hard copy of the new Autumn/Winter menu. This is also on the homepage of the website.

A reminder too that a lunch is increasing to £2.34.

For those children who pay for their lunch, the preferred payment method is via ParentPay.

Please be reassured, we have kept both these documents quarantined for the required time before sending these home with the children.

Google Classrooms:

As mentioned previously, the online Google Classrooms have been set up for each class. Please ensure all children have accepted the invitation and joined their new 2021 classrooms. This is important in case your child has to self-isolate for a period, as we will be using Google Classroom to set any remote learning.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs. Thomas.

BlackbirdPie magazine goes virtual!:

The virtual magazine is filled with great things to do, videos, links and interactive stuff. There are lovely places to visit, wonderful walks and museums and galleries to visit (with safety measures in place). Click [here](#) to view the magazine.

Happy reading, keep safe and well and have a great Autumn!

Safeguarding Policy:

The MAT have updated the Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy and the new version is available to view on the website (under Policies).

Interactive Resources: Years 5 & 6:

- Dartboard Dilemma (Doubles)
- 501 Darts (2 Players)
- Mean, Median, Mode and Range (1 and 2)

Years 2, 3 & 4:

- Arithmagons
- Eggs on legs
- Snap!

Year 1:

- Stop it!
- O'clock

Parent and Teacher Appointments:

Just a reminder to book your **telephone appointments** for your parent and teacher meetings.

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)

PTA Christmas Cards:

The fantastic Christmas cards have arrived with some amazing results. They were sent home in book bags with order forms yesterday.

Please return order forms by **3/11/2020** with full payment (preferably by cheque made payable to 'Friends of Godolphin Primary School').

Please note that there will be a printed Christmas message inside the completed cards. Many thanks.

As this is Mrs Mackintosh's last Christmas at Godolphin we need someone else to take on the job of organising the cards for 2021. It is a straight-forward and un process and Mrs Mackintosh can happily pass on the details. Please let Mrs Thomas (in the school office know if you're interested).

A big thank you to Mrs Mackintosh for organising this for us over the years.

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 after half-term children will be expected to attend school in school uniform apart from the days when your child has PE.

PE Kit is a white t-shirt and a pair of blue or black shorts. However, due to the cold weather we are happy for children to also wear a tracksuit/leggings over the top of their kit.

School Photos:

A reminder that the school photos are booked for **Friday 13th November**. 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).

Bikeability:

Congratulations to our group of eleven Year 6 pupils who passed their Bikeability Level 2 cycle training over the last two weeks. The instructor was highly complimentary about their behaviour and listening, particularly when cycling on the road.

They have all been presented with a certificate and a badge in today's whole school virtual celebration assembly.

Well done to all!



Diamonds Book Review:



The Boy Who Lived with Dragons -Andy Shepherd

"It's about a boy who in the previous book (The Boy Who Grew Dragons) noticed a weird looking plant in his grandad's back garden, that grew a type of fruit and inside the fruit a dragon would hatch out. In this book, he finds out that the bully at school has stolen a fruit from the dragon plant and grown his own dragon.....

I would recommend this to boys and girls Y3 and above to read independently or have it read to them."
Jesse (Year 4).

Emerald Class:

A big 'well done' to all of the Reception children who have been busy learning their letter sounds in our daily phonics sessions. They have now completed all of the Phase 2 sounds and 'tricky words' - see photograph. Keep practising over the holiday!

All Reception children are bringing home a 'Phase 2 Sound Mat' today - please keep at home to practice letter sounds and to use to encourage your child to use if writing to help sound out words.



We are sending home any wellies and water proofs children may have in school for you to check sizing, washing etc. Please return them to school after the holiday. Thank you.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the PTA for giving each class a box of chocolates to share with all the children. The teachers have given each child some chocolates to eat and enjoy when they get home. Thanks again!

Important Diary Dates:

Half-Term: 26th – 30th October

Year 6 –Secondary School application deadline: 31st October 2020

Football event (Diamonds & Zircons):
Wednesday 4th November on school field.
Emeralds date TBC.

Nasal flu vaccine: Weds 11th November

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

School photos: Friday 13th November

PE Days:

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