



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have already come to the end of the spring term and what a strange term it has been! We are absolutely delighted to have all of the children back in school and to be able to return to face to face teaching again. Although we all adapted to remote learning seeing the children engage with such enthusiasm and excitement towards their learning in the classroom has been amazing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work and resilience this term and to the pupils for engaging so well with remote learning and then settling back into school. I would also like to thank parents and carers for your continued support.

I hope that you all manage to have an enjoyable and restful Easter break. With some restrictions now relaxed I hope that you are able to spend some time with friends and family.

Take care and stay safe,

Lucy

Farewell to Mrs Williams and Thank you:

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs. Williams as she leaves to start her new job working with families in the community. Mrs. Williams has been an asset to Godolphin School and she has been an amazing member of the team.

She is always so full of enthusiasm and her hard work and dedication to the school have been outstanding. We will all miss her and wish her the best of luck in her new job. Although Mrs. Williams will no longer be working at the school we are delighted that she will still be continuing her role as a School Governor.

Contact tracing over the Easter holidays:

Parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive case of Covid where their child has developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in their education setting. Therefore parents and carers are asked to email head@godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk to report any confirmed cases during this time frame.

Where pupils test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in an education setting, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Easter Treats:

Today the children were given some yummy Easter treats from the PTA. We would like to thank them for this kind gesture.

Staff Update:

Interviews took place this week for a Teaching Assistant to join the Emerald class. We are delighted to share that we have made an appointment and once all final recruitment checks are completed we will be able to share further details. We are hoping that the new member of staff will be able to join us shortly after the Easter holiday.

An important word from the Chair of the PTA:

We hope you've all had a good few weeks back at school now and that your children are settling back into some sort of normality!

As we finish the end of this term, it feels like the right time to reach out to you and ask for more input from you for the PTA going forward. My daughter Pippa and Aulay, who is the son of our Treasurer, Sam, will both be leaving Godolphin at the end of next term to start senior school in September. Obviously for both Sam and myself, this is an incredibly emotional time and one that has come around far too quickly! Unfortunately, it also means that come the end of the summer term, Godolphin will no longer have a PTA, unless these roles can be filled, as legally we are not allowed to function without. It is now over to you to take the reins, but you won't have to do it alone as we are happy to work along side you for the next term to ensure a smooth transition.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to hold our normal events over the past year or so and have therefore not been able to get to know the parents, grandparents and care givers of the newer children, and as newer members of the school community you have probably no idea how important it is to a small school like Godolphin to have the support and extra funding that comes from a PTA.

As I look back on my time on the school PTA (which has now been 7 years!), I realise what a wonderful opportunity it has been for me personally, and I know that Sam feels the same. We have been involved in our children's journey's through Godolphin from start to finish and this has been so rewarding for both us and our children. Yes, at times it's a frustrating job, but overwhelmingly it's given me a sense of belonging to something that matters and I know, going forward, that once Pippa is at senior school, I won't ever have that level of involvement again. We've also created strong and lasting friendships with each other and this has been a great support network at times.

So, I guess what I'm saying is take this opportunity to be involved, it will enrich your child's experience and create so many amazing memories for both them and you of their primary years!

A study in 2008 found overwhelmingly that "the effect of parental engagement over a student's school career is equivalent to adding two to three years to that student's education". I think that's a pretty convincing reason to be involved! Other studies have also shown that children of parents that are involved have:

- More confidence and greater self-esteem
- More enthusiasm about learning
- Better behaviour
- A lower risk of exclusion
- Higher attendance rates and
- Better results!

After Easter we will be running a couple of zoom meetings to talk more about the role of the PTA and would love to see some new faces attend. Maybe take the Easter holidays to think about what you might be able to offer the school and talk to your friends about getting involved together. Before you know it, your child will be off to senior school too!

Lastly, I would just like to extend a huge thank you to the other members of the PTA past and present. Together we have raised phenomenal amounts of money for such a small school and it really makes a difference to the student's experience at Godolphin and is much appreciated by all.

Have a wonderful Easter break, fingers crossed the weather is kind!

Julia xx

Chartwells Menu:

The summer term menu will be the same as the Spring term (starting with week 2 on our return on 19th April).

The updated menus are on the homepage of the website.

Diamond Class update:

This term we have been learning about the Rainforest. We have been using the texts *The Great Kapok Tree* and *the Shamon's Apprentice* written by Lynne Cherry to support our English work.

We have learned about the location of rainforests and their importance to our ecosystem. We will continue our theme for the beginning of the Summer Term, focussing on the threats to the rainforest and conservation.



Zircon Class update:

The Zircons have been enjoying the return of our weekly active maths lessons, improving procedural fluency and reasoning with addition and subtraction methods.

In English, we have been reading (and watching) thrillers, learning effective techniques to create suspense and build tense settings and atmospheres in our stories.

Our latest science work has investigated the effects of exercise on heart rate and included the use of heart rate monitors to collect data accurately. Subjects' data was then presented, compared and interpreted using a line graph on Excel.

In the Summer term, we shall be starting our new topic on coasts, looking at both human and physical aspects of geography such as coastal erosion and tourism.

Intra-School Cross-Country:

It was a pleasure to watch every single child in the school taking part in the latest round of fun cross-country races on Wednesday, particularly the eager Reception and Y1 children who competed for the very first time. Well done! You were all amazing!

Racing in bubbles, the children demonstrated superb determination and fitness whilst cruising around the course, mostly with smiles on their faces as they crossed the finish line.

The results have been recorded, and after four races so far since September, the individual medal competition is certainly heating up, with many pupils still in contention for a top three position in their year group.

And don't forget, any child who completes at least four races will earn themselves a highly sought-after Endurance Medal.

Look out for the next date which will be coming soon after the Easter holidays.

Top three runners in each year group so far (in order 1st, 2nd & 3rd):

Y6 Boys: Corin Piran Gabriel
Y6 Girls: Pippa Isabella India
Y5 Boys: Josh Noah & Joe =2nd
Y5 Girls: Carla Anna Olivia
Y4 Boys: Aaron Jessie Isaac
Y4 Girls: Sorrel Jenifer Mia
Y3 Boys: Bradley Bren
Y3 Girls: Oceana & Willow 1st= Mia
Y2 Boys: Jake Benjy Thomas B
Y2 Girls: Nellie Libby & Elowen 2nd=
Y1 Boys: Jago Rollo Samuel
Y1 Girls: Imogen Amelie Keeley
Rec Boys: Jowan William Max
Rec Girls: Isla Lily Millie



The competition is open to primary pupils in Years 3-6.

Competition Challenge:

Write a 500-word story, which starts with the sentence

"There is no doubt about it, I would have to go back."

The deadline for entry submission is midnight 30th April 2021

For more details, please visit:

<https://brightlighteducation.co.uk/creative-writing-competition-2021>

Read for Good – Sponsored Read:



Our current total is an amazing £831.00!

Thank you to all who have taken part and those who have returned their sponsor money so far!

If you have any further sponsor money to return please do so after the Easter holidays.

Dates for your diary:

PE Days:

Emerald Class: Tuesday & Thursday

Diamond Class: Monday & Friday

Zircon Class: Monday & Wednesday

Summer term starts: Monday 19th April

Monday 26th April: Year 1 Hearing Screening

May half-term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Inset Days: 22nd & 23rd July

General Reminders:

Please could we remind you to make sure all school clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

With the warm weather returning, please can we also remind parents to make sure children have sun-cream applied, and come to school with a sun-hat and a filled water bottle.

Finally, please can children return to school after Easter in full school uniform (apart from their designated PE days).

Thank you.

Golden Book:

Congratulations to the following children whose achievements have been recognised by the teachers this term. They each receive a special certificate and have had their names added to our famous 'Golden Book'. Well done!

Reception: Isla and Lily
Year 1: Amelie and Rollo
Year 2: Jake, Grace and Elowen
Year 3: Bradley
Year 4: Jenny and Sorrel
Year 5: Samara and Anna
Year 6: India and Corin