



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Masks in the Playground:

Following the governors' recent Health and Safety visit we would like to stress the importance of wearing masks in the playground at drop-off and pick-up as there has been a recent drop in the number of parents doing so.

It is a time of conflicting messages regarding the need for COVID protection measures as we work our way out of lockdown and so requirements in different places can be confusing. Face coverings may feel unnecessary whilst the children are mixing in their classes and parents are able to remain distant from each other, however, we are aware that the delta variant of COVID is more easily spread outside and more so by adults than by children. Areas where people are congregating around schools are thought to be hotspots for transmission, the risk may be low but it's still there and for this reason we are still urging people to wear their masks in these spaces. Just one positive case could result in a whole class missing the end of term and for some the end of their time at Godolphin so I'm sure you'll all agree we need to be doing everything possible to avoid this situation.

Thank-you for your support,
Emma and Antony – School Governors.

Covid symptoms reminder:

The Public Health England (PHE) advice is the core symptoms are as they have always been, despite media coverage of possible new ones, so PHE will only act on these:

Change to taste/smell; high temperature;
new, persistent cough.

Click this NHS [link](#) for more information.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 7th July: Emerald Class
Godolphin Wood trip (details sent home)

Thursday 8th July: Sports Day (pupils only)

Wednesday 14th July: Year 5 & 6 ukulele performance – in playground. (Yr 5 at 9.45am & Yr 6 at 10.00am). Only two spectators per child and masks must be worn.

Friday 16th July: Y6 Leavers' water sports day (Stithians Lake)

Monday 19th July: Global Borders surf day (Zircon)

Tuesday 20th July (PM): Y6 Leavers' assembly (details to follow)

Inset Days: 22nd & 23rd July

Inset Days for 2021/22:

- Monday 6th September 2021
- Tuesday 7th September 2021
- Monday 1st November 2021
- Monday 25th July 2022
- Tuesday 26th July 2022
- Friday 17th December 2021 (additional day in lieu for the Platinum Jubilee)

Please note these dates are all on the school calendar on the website:

<https://www.godolphin.cornwall.sch.uk/events/>

Staff News:

We wish to inform you that Mrs Forrester will sadly be retiring at the end of this summer term.

Mrs Forrester has been here for over 25 years and has worked with so many pupils in this time. She has worked across the whole school, as well as supporting with many PE activities, school trips and attending (and taking part in) numerous school camps. She will be sorely missed by staff, children and parents alike.

We're sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in her retirement. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Forrester for her hard work and commitment to the Godolphin team over the years.

Diamond Class Rosuick Organic Farm Trip:

The Diamond class took the opportunity to get outside and experience meadow environments at Rosuick Organic Farm this week. The Oates family planned and led a range of activities to support the children's learning.

We went on a plant safari through the grounds identifying wildflowers and grasses and creating a journey stick.

The children were then led to a patch of soil where they scattered wildflowers seeds. They stomped the seeds into the soil while chanting one of their songs "Deep deep down in the warm dark earth".

After a packed lunch, the children had time to explore the huge meadow discovering toads, frogs, crickets, a number of four leaf clover and many examples of the flowers that we have been learning about.

The day ended with a tractor trailer ride around the farm, learning about the links between the environment and its ability to support modern day living in a sustainable way. The camels even ventured over to say hello and have a look at the 'wildlife' in the trailer - a highlight of the day for many of the children - and adults!



Chartwells Menu Change:

Wednesday 7th July:

The vegetarian option will be a Quorn roast instead of the country vegetable pie.

Chartwells Menu (Autumn term):

The menu for the Autumn term is now available on the website.

An electronic copy has also been emailed with the newsletter.

Zircon Class Portreath Geography Trip:

The Zircon pupils have been enjoying their 'Coasts' topic this term. Last Friday, the class tested their knowledge on coastal landscape features with a geography field trip to Portreath.

We had a wonderful day exploring the beach and the village, looking for evidence of human activity and tourism, as well as physical processes such as erosion, transportation and deposition. We identified bays, headlands, caves, arches, stacks and stumps, and even spotted some lazy-looking seals relaxing on Gull Rock.

Taking full advantage of the low spring tides, the group also participated in some rock pooling where they found an interesting selection of animals. There was even time at the end of the day for a short beach clean.

Thank you very much to Miss Gardner, Mrs Jackson and Mr Ivey for helping with the visit, and to all of the parents who very kindly assisted with transport to and from Portreath.



Back in the classroom, the pupils have started a design project on lighthouses and will soon be ready to make their own lighthouse models, complete with lamps and fog horns (buzzers).

On Wednesday mornings, the whole class has been working with Mr Watkiss, our guitar teacher, to learn how to play the ukulele. Mr Watkiss has been very impressed with the pupils' attitude which has enabled them to learn a diverse range of catchy songs, including a George Ezra favourite. The children are looking forward to sharing some of their best songs in a short performance later in the term.

Friday 2nd June 2021

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Portreath Beach Visit

On Friday the 25th of June, the Zircon class of Godolphin Primary School visited the enchanting village of Portreath to reinforce their learning on the topic of coasts. I was very excited and I hoped the weather wouldn't play up! :-)

First, we walked excitedly down to a nice sheltered spot on the beach, put our bags down and got our clip boards ready. Then, set off into the village. Almost instantly, there was a dog poo accident!

After we explored the village, we raced back down to the beach, had a quick snack, changed into our wet shoes, and set off into the wet caves and arches. While we were exploring, some of us joined a large echang case, and had a dance party in it! Even Miss Gartner joined in!

Then, we traveled back to our base, had another quick snack, and sprinted to the other side of the beach to do some super cool rockpooling! We found a lot of cool creatures, but the rocks were so slippery that some of us fell in!

Finally, we sped back to our camp and had a much needed lunch! After we had our lunch we had a very fun time playing with an old dog frisbee, we had a very lovely day! It was definitely a highlight of my school year.

-Anna

Zircon Class Portreath Trip:

Here are two recounts of the Zircon trip to Portreath written by Anna and Piran.

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A Visit to Portreath

On Friday 25th June, the zircon class visited Portreath for educational trip to reinforce our learning on coasts. Portreath is a little fishing village on the north coast of Cornwall. Even though I had been looking forward to this trip for weeks, I was a bit worried that the weather would ruin it by making us soaked through or Mr Snook would even have to cancel the trip. I just had to hope that it would be okay...

After a nice bacon buttie with my dad, who was one of the 'parent helpers' on our trip, we met up with everyone else and strolled down onto the beach. We all walked over excitedly to a place where we could put our bags and have lunch later on. Because of the tide times, we decided that we would start in the village, so we left our bags, which were kept an eye on by a kind, friendly lifeguard, and doubled back on our selves towards the village with our worksheets that Mr Snook had given us.

Our first question to tick off was one about signs, which I did with Corin and Joseph. We looked a map of Portreath and learned how it transported copper from the mines. Then we travelled by foot to the harbour, around and up to dead mans hut, which earned its name because that's where they kept the bodies of men and women who died at sea and were waiting to be buried, a bit gruesome, but awesome at the same time.

By the time we were back at our bags, the tide had gone out enough to explore the caves and the arches. We ran over to the first arch and for about ten minutes we were running in and out of caves and through arches like headless chickens! We had a look at the undercutting and the

obvious parts of erosion. What I loved best though, was seeing the sleepy seals slumping around on gull rock!

Because we wanted to make the most of the spring tide, we raced over to the otherside of the beach to do some rock pooling. I found hundreds of sea slugs, a sea slator and a mini crab that was smaller than the end of my little finger. Ollie even fell in a rockpool and had to wear Mr Snook's coat for a bit!

After a relaxed lunch and a sometime to play with a dog frisbee that Izzy found, we headed back and did some litter picking on the way.

My favourite part of the trip was exploring the caves and the arches. There was even a little cave that you had to bend down to go through. Did you know that Gull rock is a stack that used to be connected to main land Cornwall.

At the end of the day, I was so exhausted that I fell asleep on the way back home. If anyone asked me if I would go again, I would say: in a heartbeat.

Piran