



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can scarcely believe that this is the last newsletter of the year.

I have really enjoyed my term at Godolphin; it has flown by. Godolphin School is truly a special place which is due to the whole community - staff, pupils and parents alike.

I will be sad to leave but know that the school is in safe hands with Mrs May and Mr Snook at the helm supported by its exceptional team. Mrs Ellis, Mrs Birkett and Mrs Gee are lucky to be joining such a great school.

I would like to wish Mrs Jones a happy and relaxing retirement; I know she will be hugely missed. I would like to thank the community of Godolphin School for the warm welcome you have shown me this term and wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Sarah French

Revised School Day:

A reminder that from September the school gate will be opened at 8.35am and children may come into the playground as long as they are supervised.

The classrooms will open at 8.40am with **registration taking place at 8.45am**. The school day will finish 3.15pm as it does currently.

Breakfast Club:

The school will be taking over the running of Breakfast Club from September. The club will run from 8.00am – 8.40am (to reflect the new school start time). The cost will remain at £4.50 per child per session. Payment will be made through ParentPay.

Parents will need to book at least 48 hours in advance if they require a session. This is because we will only be running the club if there are bookings. Staff will not be on site otherwise. If you book a session but then don't attend, you will still be charged as staff cover will have been arranged.

Please book by contacting the school office either by telephone or email. Thanks.

Important Diary Dates:

Autumn Term starts: Wednesday 6th September

Half-term: Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

2023/24 Inset Days:

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Friday 6th October 2023
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Friday 24th July 2024

Additional agreed INSET days:

- Friday 22nd September 2023
- Monday 17th June 2024

Chartwells Update for September 2023:

A reminder that from 1st September, the cost of a meal will increase to £2.66.

We will be using the same menu and returning on Week 3.

Parent Pay:



A polite reminder to all our parents that there are a number of outstanding payments for school lunches and other items (including school trips).

Could we ask that you sign into your account and check your balances and make any necessary payments as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.

Cool Milk:

Just a reminder that once your child turns 5 years old they are no longer entitled to milk at school. If you wish to register your child for milk please visit www.coolmilk.com and select 'register my child for school milk'.

Fond Farewell:

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs. Jones today. Mrs Jones has worked at the school for over 20 years across all year groups. She has been on numerous trips, helped run many sports clubs, and endured many school camps! The list goes on.

Mrs. Jones has touched the lives of many of our pupils and their families, both past and present. This was very evident yesterday during the Year 6 Leavers' assembly when many of the children mentioned Mrs. Jones in their speeches. Everyone has truly valued, not only her support with learning, but also the pastoral support she has provided.

We would like to thank Mrs. Jones for all her hard work and dedication to the school and its pupils over the years. She (and her singing) will be sorely missed by everyone. Please join us in wishing her a happy retirement.



Summer Reading Challenge:



Ready, Set, Read!

The Summer Reading Challenge has begun...

[Click here](#) for more information. Make this the year that you take up the challenge!

Golden Book – Summer Term 2023:

Congratulations to the children who have been selected for the Golden Book this term!



PTA Ice-cream Treat:

A huge thank you to the PTA who kindly arranged for an ice-cream or ice-lolly for all the children to enjoy on Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you also for everything they have done for the school over the year. It's really made a huge difference.



Thank-you:

The staff would like to thank all our amazing families for their wonderful and thoughtful gifts which they have been given at the end term.

Your generosity is much appreciated, and we are very grateful.

Summer Medal Making Competition:

As part of the Godolphin Cross Festival of Archaeology, the school has been invited to collaborate in a unique competition which is exclusive to the children of Godolphin Primary School. Children are asked to design a new medal for Godolphin Cross, making use of the local area. Further information has been uploaded to the School Google Classrooms, where more details about the specifications can be found.

Entries will need to be submitted by Friday 8th September, either by uploading a picture to your child's Google Classroom, or bringing a hard copy of the design into school in the first week back.

Prizes will be awarded for the winning design for each year group (including the current reception up to year 6). An overall winner will then be selected and their design carved into lead, pressed into casting sand, and cast using smelted tin to create an actual tin medal.

This is an exciting and unique opportunity, and we hope to see as many entries as possible. Good luck!



Godolphin Cross Medal Competition

Have a go at creating a design for a new medal for Godolphin Cross. Using the local area, its history, the landscape, buildings, plants and animals as inspiration.

Zircon Class Archaeological Dig:

As part of the Godolphin Cross Festival of Archaeology the Zircon Class was invited to Wheal Breage to take part in an excavational dig.

The children were involved in unveiling what is thought to have been a miner's dwelling from over 200 years ago.

During the morning, the class spent time trowelling and brushing away the soil, using their senses to identify clues that something may be hidden in the ground. They also used tooth brushes to clean some of artefacts that had already been found on the site, including pottery, a variety of rocks and even an old miner's pick axe head. For some of the children there was even an opportunity to try out using a metal detector.



Note from Governors:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another year done, yet again it feels like we've flown through to the end of the school year in the blink of an eye!

On behalf of the governors, and I'm sure the parents too, I would like to say a huge thank-you to all the staff. This year hasn't been without its challenges with the move over to Crofty MAT and the changes to our staff team, but everyone has gone the extra mile and worked together to ensure the children continue to thrive and enjoy everything school has to offer.

As governors, we have been adapting to working within a different Multi-Academy Trust and have been pleased to see the positive changes that Crofty are bringing to our school. We have continued our monitoring work and have investigated many areas of school life including curriculum development, maths, staff well-being, communication, behaviour, reading in key stage 2 and the introduction of RWInc – our new phonics scheme. This monitoring has highlighted many areas of progress and success. RWInc is proving very popular with children, staff, and families as a fun, engaging and effective approach to phonics. We have also had lots of positive feedback about the increased use of Google Classrooms to share pictures and videos of what the children get up to in their days at school. I know many parents have appreciated being able to see the children enjoying themselves on trips and sports events as well as all the exciting activities they get up to in the classroom!

We're delighted with the school's results this year which are testament to the hard work of all the children and staff. There is a huge amount of unseen work in a school that helps each individual child reach their potential, not just academically, but also in their personal development in helping them to become confident, well-rounded young people ready for their next steps. This is a real strength of small school such as ours.

Being a school governor is a great way to help support the school and contribute to the education of the children. We will be looking for new governors to join us next year and if you would like to find out more about what's involved, please get in touch. As ever, please feel free to contact any of the school governors if you have anything you'd like to chat about. Our mugshots are on the website if you need to work out who we are, or email me at Emma.Ivey@croftymat.org

We would like to wish all our leavers well and are sure that they will embrace all the new opportunities that come their way.

Have a lovely summer!

Thanks, Emma Ivey (Chair of Governors)

Year 6 Leavers' Day at Stithians Lake:

The Year 6s had a brilliant leavers' day at Stithians Lake taking part in windsurfing, stand-up paddleboarding and raft building. More photos on the Google Classroom.

