



Godolphin Primary School  
'living, learning and laughing together'

Newsletter Issue 1  
08/09/2023

Newsletter available on our website

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have returned with great enthusiasm and seem excited to be back in school.

We extend a warm welcome all our new pupils and their families.

We also welcome a number of new staff; Mrs Ellis, Mrs Birkett and Mrs Gee.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year. If you have any concerns please feel free to speak to either myself or the other class teachers.

Best wishes,

Colin Snook  
(Head of School)

### **Important Diary Dates:**

**Half-term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

### **2023/24 Inset Days:**

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

### **Additional agreed INSET days:**

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Individual school photos:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

**Nasal Flu immunisations (Reception-Y6):** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### **General reminders:**

#### **Drop-off & collection times:**

A reminder that school officially starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm.

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.**

#### **Milk:**

Milk is provided for all children under 5 years old. If you wish your child to have milk once they turn 5, you will need to complete (and pay for) a registration form on the Cool Milk website. Details can be found here: [Cool Milk](#)

#### **Morning snacks:**

A morning snack (normally fruit) will be available for all KS1 children. KS2 children (Year 3 and above) will need to provide a snack (ideally a piece of fruit) from home if they choose.

#### **Lunch reminder:**

Just a reminder for Year 3 parents – your child no longer qualifies for a Universal Free School Meal. School lunches have increased to **£2.65** (not £2.66 as previously communicated) and are paid through ParentPay. Please see Mrs Thomas if you have any questions.

#### **Asthma inhalers:**

If your child has asthma please bring an inhaler into school for them (if you've not already done so). Thanks.

#### **General update:**

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a coat, filled water bottle and their book-bag. PE kits are to remain in school at all times. If it is essential for your child to bring in a rucksack, please could we ask that it is not too large as we have very limited space in the cloakroom areas (especially in the Diamond classroom). Please could we also remind children to have long hair tied back. Given the current hot weather please also ensure suncream has been applied and children have a sunhat.

### Parent Pay:



Parent Pay has been updated. All new parents are on the system. A letter is being sent home today with your login details. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs. Thomas.

ParentPay is the preferred method of Payment for school lunches and school trips.

### Music Lessons:

Piano and woodwind lessons will be starting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and guitar lessons are due to start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

If you are interested in your children starting music lessons, including brass, please visit the Cornwall Music Service Trust website. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Breakfast Club & After-School Clubs:

The school now runs the Breakfast Club from September. The club runs 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.

After-School Club can be booked by emailing Mrs Thomas. Just a reminder that After School Club sessions fees are £5.25 (3.15-4.30pm) and £4.20 (4.30 – 5.30pm) from 1<sup>st</sup> September. As with the breakfast club, please book 48 hours in advance.

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

### Data collection sheets & consent forms:

A data collection sheet, an image consent form and an annual parental consent form will be sent home next week.

**Please can you return the signed and completed forms by Friday 15th**

### Cross-Country League 2023-24 Dates:



#### All races start at 4pm:

1. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at Porthleven School (KS2 only)
2. Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Helston Community College (KS1 & KS2)
3. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at Mullion Secondary School (KS2 only)
4. Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Helston Community College (KS2 only) (Peninsula Qualifier)
5. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Mullion Secondary School (KS1 & KS2)
6. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at Porthleven School (KS2 only)

### Parent volunteers:

If you are keen to become a parent volunteer and/or a volunteer driver or even a potential minibus driver, please contact Mrs. Thomas.

Parent volunteers are a great support to the school and help us to take part in a range of activities throughout the year.

### Diamond & Zircon story-telling trip:

The Diamond and Zircon class will be visiting Godolphin Woods next Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) in the morning for a story-telling session with Steve Polglase, as part of the Godolphin Cross Tinner's Festival.

We will be referring to the 'annual parental consent form' which will be sent out to parents next week. Please ensure you have returned this by Friday morning at the latest. Thanks.

### **Zircon Sailing Lessons:**

The Zircon Class will be starting a series of five sailing lessons next week with the Children's Sailing Trust. The lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon during school time. However, they will be returning late on those days (around 4.30pm).

A letter is being sent home today. Please ensure this is **signed and returned by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

Please also complete the Sailing Trust online consent form:

[https://hrcst.checkfront.co.uk/reserve/document/?template\\_id=3&id=DFMX-180822](https://hrcst.checkfront.co.uk/reserve/document/?template_id=3&id=DFMX-180822)

Many thanks.

### **Google Classrooms:**

Google Classrooms have been set-up for each class, as well as a school-wide classroom.

We will be sending out the login instructions to all new parents next week. Parents/carers can then login to their child's accounts. Your child(ren) will come home with their login details in their reading diaries next week.

We use the Google Classrooms to share information and photographs about the children's learning.

We also share important information on it such as the weekly newsletter, and other class specific information.

If you have any questions about the Google Classroom, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Thomas in the school office. Thanks.

### **Medal Making Competition - Extended:**

Due to a lack of interest over the summer break, we have decided to extend the deadline for the 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 29<sup>th</sup> September, either by uploading a picture to your child's Google Classroom, or bringing a hard copy of the design into school.

Prizes will be awarded for the winning design for each class. 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.