Godolphin Primary School
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Important Diary Dates:

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

2023/24 Inset Days:

- **Friday 22nd September 2023**
- Friday 6th October 2023
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Monday 17th June 2024
- Friday 24th July 2024

Individual school photos: POSTPONED! New date TBC

Nasal Flu immunisations (Reception-Y6): Thursday 19th October

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep you child off school when they're unwell. We are also aware of cases of Covid in the local community. We therefore thought it was worth sharing the following NHS link regarding childhood illness.

[Click here for more information](#).

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day (and subsequent days) providing a reason for the absence.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

General reminders:

Safe-guarding reminder:

Please can we request that when you buzz the buzzer to gain access to the playground you enter and shut the gate after you and don't let anyone else in at the same time. They will need to buzz in separately (even if this is another family from the school).

This may feel a bit over the top but we need to ensure high levels of safety for the children and staff members.

Thank you for your continued support.

Emerald Class reminder:

Please could we request that children do not bring any toys into the classroom.

Data collection sheets & consent forms:

Data collection sheets, an image consent form, an annual trip/visit consent form and a pupil acceptable use agreement form were sent home today.

Please ensure you return the signed and completed forms by Thursday 21st September.

Headlice:

We are aware there have been some cases of headlice in the school. Please could we ask you to check your child(ren)'s hair. Medication can be purchased from a pharmacy if required. Please can we also remind you that long hair is always tied back. Thanks.

Cycle to School Week:

Do you want to save money, get healthier and protect the environment? As well as have lots of fun on the journey to school? Then get involved with Cycle to School Week! This year, Cycle to School Week will take place between **Monday 25 – Friday 29 September 2023**.

For more information visit their [website.](#)

Breakfast Club & After-School Clubs:

The school is now running the Breakfast Club. 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 1st 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.

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Community Open Evening

Wednesday 27 September 2023

5.00pm – 7.30pm

Parents/carers of students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend our annual Community Opening Evening. This event will give you and your family the opportunity to explore the campus, meet the staff and experience a large number of activities relating to the life and work of this friendly and successful College.

Headteacher, Mr A Lingard, will briefly introduce the aims and ethos of the College at 5.30pm and again at 6.30pm in the North Site Main Hall. Tour Guides will be on hand to lead you around the campus to the different faculties.

Cross-Country League 2023-24 (revised!) Dates:

All races start at 4pm (unless stated otherwise):

1. Tuesday 19th September at Porthleven School (KS2 only)

2. Tuesday 3rd October at Helston Community College North site (Rec/KS1 & KS2) at 4.15pm

3. Tuesday 7th November at Mullion Secondary School (KS2 only)

4. Tuesday 27th February 2024 at Helston Community College South Site (KS2 only) (Peninsula Qualifier)

5. Tuesday 14th May 2024 at Mullion Secondary School (Rec/KS1 & KS2)

6. Tuesday 21st May 2024 at Porthleven School (KS2 only)

Diamond & Zircon story-telling trip:

The Diamond and Zircon pupils visited Godolphin Woods this morning for a story-telling session with Steve Polglase, as part of the Godolphin Cross Tinner's Festival.

They had an amazing time and were completely entranced by Steve's timeless tale about the giants of Godolphin and Tregonning Hills. Many thanks to Steve Polglase, Rosie Allen and Richard McKie for coordinating this opportunity with the school, and to Megan from The National Trust for letting us use The Count House.

Zircon Sailing Lessons:

The Zircons had an amazing time taking part in their first sailing lesson this week with The Children's Sailing Trust. More photos will be uploaded the Google Classroom soon.

Medal Making Competition - Extended:

Just a reminder that 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 29th 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!

After School Sports Clubs:

High-5 Netball & Ball Skills Club (run by a sports coach):

For Year 3/4/5/6: 3.15-4.30pm

- Monday 18th September
- Monday 25th September
- Monday 2nd October
- Monday 9th October
- Monday 16th October

Head Girl, Head Boy and School Council:

This afternoon, the whole school listened to the speeches from all of our Year 6 pupils who were keen to become Head girl and Head Boy for this academic year.

Children were then asked to vote.

We are delighted to announce that the new Head Girl is Willow M and the Head Boy is Bradley H.

The new Deputy Head Girl is Oceana C and the new Deputy Head Boy is Bren S.

Congratulations to them, and a huge well done to all the Year 6 children who prepared and delivered such persuasive speeches. They were all excellent and the results were very close indeed.

A full list of our newly selected school council members will be shared next week once all the votes are in. Watch this space!

Year 6: Transfer to Secondary School:

The deadline for applications for Year 6 children's transfer to secondary school in September 2024 is **31st October 2023.**

A leaflet will be sent home soon, but further information and guidance can be found on the Cornwall Council website:

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2024/

Attendance:

Overall attendance for the school was 99.32% for the week.

The attendance for each class was:

- Diamond Class: 100%
- Emerald Class: 99.13%
- Zircon Class: 98.57%