



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we have already come to the end of our first half-term at school (and my first as Head of School)!

It has been great to see the children engaging with their learning with such enthusiasm and excitement. It certainly has been a busy term with several trips, visits, sport activities, visitors to the school, and clubs taking place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work this half-term and to the pupils for engaging so well with their learning. 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 half-term.

Look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October!

Colin Snook

Year 6: Transfer to Secondary School:

A reminder that the deadline for applications for Year 6 children's transfer to secondary school is **31st October 2023**.

Diamond & Zircon Swimming Lessons:

Consent forms for swimming were sent home this week. If you haven't already done so, please could you return the forms on Monday 20th October. The Diamonds are swimming w/c 6th November and the Zircons w/c 13th November.

Poppy Appeal:

There will be a number of items, including poppies, available to purchase after half-term. The Year 6 children will be selling these at the start and end of each day.

Important Diary Dates:

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

2023/24 Inset Days:

- Monday 19th February 2024
- Monday 17th June 2024
- Wednesday 24th July 2024

Individual school photos: Tuesday 31st October

National Child Measurement Programme (Reception & Year 6):

Wednesday 1st November. (Details emailed today)

Bag 2 School collection: Wednesday 8th November 2023. Bags have been sent home this week.

Parent/teacher meetings: Week commencing 20th & 27th November (more details to follow).

KS1 Christmas Show: Tuesday 5th December. More details to follow.

Christmas Lunch: Thursday 14th December

KS2 Christmas Show: Tuesday 12th December (1.30pm & 6.00pm). More details to follow.

PTA Round-Up:

Bags 2 School:

Bags will be collected by 9am on the morning of 8th November (Bags 2 School bags & info leaflets have been sent home this week).

Christmas Cards:

These were sent home in books-bags this week. **Please place your orders by 5pm on 30th October**. All orders placed, raise funds for the school!

Table Top Sale:

The PTA table top sale on the 24th Nov has been postponed until later in the school year. Many thanks.

Cornwall Sailing Trust – Half-term fun:

The CST are holding multi-activity sessions over half term, including sailing courses and the annual big open swim on Sunday 22nd October. Find out more and book by clicking [here](#).

Cross-Country League 2023-24 Dates:

The next Cross Country race is taking place on:

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

After School Sports Clubs:

High-5 Netball & Ball Skills Club:

- Monday 6th November
- Monday 13th November
- Monday 20th November
- Monday 27th November
- Monday 4th December

Football & Ball Skills Club :

- Wednesday 8th November
- Wednesday 15th November
- Wednesday 22nd November
- Wednesday 29th November
- Wednesday 6th December

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 92.39% (of which 0.61% was unauthorised). The school target is 96%.

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 95.17%
- Diamond Class: 91.57%
- Zircon Class: 90.48%

Well done to the 'Mums who run'!:

Huge congratulations to Helen, Laura and Lizzie who ran the Bath Half Marathon last Sunday raising money for school funds. They all did amazingly well with their race, and raised a staggering £1,200 for the school in the process. A big thank you from everyone at Godolphin and well done again!



Chartwells New Autumn Term Menu:

Chartwells have a new menu starting after half-term. It is on the school website, Google Classroom, and was sent as an attachment last week. For environmental issues, paper copies are no longer being printed.

A reminder that there is only an option of a cheese packed lunch on a Monday. Both ham & cheese packed lunch are available Tuesday – Friday.

Tuna is still not available.

Tomato pasta and jacket potatoes available every day.

Menu Change: Fireworks Menu on Thursday 2nd Nov:

There will be a menu change to either:

- Hotdogs or
- Quorn hotdogs.

Jacket potatoes, packed lunch and tomato pasta available as normal.

Maths Whizz:

We are pleased to say that **Maths Whizz** accounts have now been set up for all pupils in **Year 1**, as well as those in **Years 2-6**. Login details are in reading records.

Some time is allocated for Maths Whizz during the week in school. However, in order to accelerate progress further, we would also like to **encourage the children to access Maths Whizz at home**.

Ideally, we would like pupils to access Maths Whizz at least **3 times a week**, for approximately **20 minutes** per session, **achieving at least 3 blue progression gems and 3 red challenge gems each week**.

Maths Whizz trophy

Great news! We now have a Maths Whizz trophy to present to the best performing class each week. This will be calculated as a class average. Reception children will not be included in this data.



Helston & Mullion Swimming Gala:

The school was delighted to send Y3/4 and Y5/6 teams to the area swimming gala on Tuesday morning, which took place at Helston Swimming Pool.

First up were the Y3/4s who had to swim 1 or 2 widths in front crawl, back stroke, breast stroke and even butterfly, along with some relays. This was followed by the Y5/6 races which were all 1 length (25m).

All of the children swam brilliantly and demonstrated fantastic team spirit and fair play throughout the entire competition.

Altogether, Godolphin achieved an impressive haul of **8 gold medals** for winning individual races, with all swimmers achieving excellent positions and scoring valuable points for the teams.

Final positions:

- Y3/4 **2nd team**
- Y5/6 **4th team**
- Overall (Y3/4 + Y5/6) **3rd**

Congratulations to all of our talented swimmers for taking part with so much enthusiasm and energy.

And thank you very much to Mrs Mason and Mrs Evans for helping with transport, supervision and officiating at this event.

Medal Competition:

The medal entries have been judged and the class winners are:

Emerald Class:

- Winner: Loy
- (In Emerald class there were less entries so no runners up)

Diamond Class:

- Winner: Jowan
- 2nd place: Jacob
- 3rd place: Jago

Zircon Class:

- Winner: Maia
- 2nd place: Dakota
- 3rd place: Bradley

The overall winner is yet to be decided. The winning entries are now being judged by Steve Polglase and a medal making expert to ascertain which one would be most suited to the casting and smelting process. Watch this space! Well done to all the winners. And thanks to Rosie Allen and team for judging and co-ordinating the competition.

Nasal Flu immunisations:

These took place in school this week. If your child missed the immunisation and you would like them to have it, there will be some half-term clinics. You will need to book an appointment by contacting the nursing team on **01872 221105**.

Eco-Club:

The first cohort of Eco Warriors set to work last week planting bulbs around the school grounds. The group of keen environmentalists in Years 3 and 4 were taking part in their first activity under the guidance of former pupil Piran Ivey, who has chosen to run an Eco Club as the volunteering part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Piran taught the children that flowers are of great value to insects, such as butterflies and bees. Spring flowering bulbs, in particular are great source of food for insects. The children are excited to look out for the emerging shoots in a few months. Any donations of flowering bulbs will be gratefully received!

This week the warriors were making suncatchers for the classrooms and hall windows to protect wild birds from glass collisions.

Many thanks to the PTA for purchasing the ECO WARRIOR badges for the club members, who are wearing them with pride!

The club will be open to Y5/6 later in the Spring Term.



BBC 500 Words Writing Competition

Just a reminder that the 500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 years and 7-11 years.

More information on the Google Classroom or [here](#).