



Godolphin Primary School  
'living, learning and laughing together'

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### Important Diary Dates:

#### 2023/24 Inset Days:

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Diamond Helston Museum Trip:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Please return consent forms by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, and payment for trip via ParentPay.

**Year 1 Hearing Screening:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**Parent/teacher meetings:** Weeks commencing 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November (appointment times overleaf).

**KS1 Christmas Show:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. More details to follow.

**Christmas Lunch:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**KS2 Christmas Show:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm & 6.00pm). More details to follow.

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 97.67% (of which 2.05% was unauthorised). The school target is 96%.

The attendance for each class was:

- Diamond Class: 98.62%
- Emerald Class: 97.83%
- Zircon Class: 96.19%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 96.37%

### Christmas Lunch: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

The Christmas menu is below. If you would like your child to have the Christmas lunch, please let Mrs Thomas ([godolphinsecretary@croftymat.org](mailto:godolphinsecretary@croftymat.org)) know in the office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December (to pre-order your child's lunch). Please specify meat or veg option.



### Medal Competition:

In assembly yesterday, Rosie Allen came into school to announce the competition winner for the medal design competition.

The overall winner was Jowan in Year 3. Rosie shared a prototype of Jowan's medal made out of tin and discussed the process involved in making it.

We look forward to seeing the finished medal.

Well done to Jowan. And thanks again to Rosie and team for running this exciting competition.



### Maths Whizz:

Congratulations to our Year 1 pupils for being the first winners of our newly acquired Maths Whizz trophy. Can they take the honours for the second week in a row?

## After School Sports Clubs:

### High-5 Netball & Ball Skills Club:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

### Football & Ball Skills Club :

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### KS1 Badminton Multi-Skills Club (further info to follow):

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

### Lego League Club: (for Y5/6 only):

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### Eco-Club (for Y3/4 only):

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

## Parent/Teacher meetings:

A reminder of the times for the parent/teacher meetings. Sign-up sheets in the school hall at drop-off and pick-up.

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November:

- Mrs Ellis: 3.30 – 5.30pm (Zircons)

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:

- Mrs Knight: 2.30 – 5.30pm (Diamonds)

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November:

- Mrs Bowden: 1.00 – 4.00pm (Emeralds)
- Mrs Knight: 3.30 – 5.30pm (Diamonds)

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November:

- Mr Snook: 2.30 – 5.30pm (Zircons)
- Mrs Ellis: 3.30 – 5.30pm (Emeralds)

Please only book one appointment for each child.



## Children in Need: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:

The theme this year is 'Spotacular'.

We are inviting pupils to dress spotty and make donations if they would like to.

Ideally, please make any donations via ParentPay.

## Bag 2 School fundraising:

The PTA Bag 2 School collection was a huge success. We managed to collect 280kg of recycled items which resulted in us raising £140.00 for the school PTA funds. A huge thank you to the PTA for arranging the collection and for everyone who brought bags into school.

## Godolphin School Open Morning:

We are holding an Open Morning on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, for new prospective parents, particularly for those with children starting school in September 2024.

We look forward to meeting you.

## Swimming Lessons:

Well done to the Diamond Class who have just completed their week-long intensive swimming course. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped.

Just a reminder that the Zircon Class are swimming every day next week. Please ensure they have their swimming kits in school every day. Please pay for lessons on ParentPay. Thanks.

## Music Lessons:

Piano, woodwind and guitar lessons take place every week in school.

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.](#)

### Summer Reading Challenge:

Congratulations to the small group of children who recently received their certificates from taking part in the Cornwall Library Service Summer Reading Challenge.

Well done to all.



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

We had another successful Cross-Country League race on Tuesday with 15 runners taking part. Once again, we had some great positions.

We look forward to seeing the results when they're available.

The next Cross-Country race is taking place on:

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Helston Community College (Peninsula Qualifier) (KS2 only)

As always, thanks to all the parents/carers who come along to the races to encourage the children, in all sorts of weather!



### Remembrance Service:

This morning the Zircon Class along with our service children attended the Godolphin Cross Remembrance Service held in the village.

Five of the pupils were invited to lay crosses in memory of the five local soldiers who lost their lives.

Following the service, the Y5/6 children recited some of their own poetry to members of the local community. They did an amazing job. They behaved impeccably and wrote some atmospheric poems based on the Blitz.

Thanks you to Richard McKie and Clive Richards for working with the school to provide this opportunity.



### Godolphin Village Carol Service

Friday 1st December at  
6 pm in Godolphin Old Chapel

Godolphin W.I invites you to  
An hour of carols and readings with  
items by Godolphin School Choir

Followed by Mince Pies & Gingerbread,  
Mulled Wine,  
Tea and Coffee



### Google Classrooms:

For more updates, news and photos about school events and activities, don't forget to visit our Google Classrooms.

## Flambards Britain in the Blitz Visit:

As promised, please see Bren's informative recount below for a full write-up of last week's the Y5/6 visit to Flambards Britain in the Blitz exhibition. Photos have been uploaded to the school Google Classroom. Thanks Bren!

