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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

**Year 1 Hearing Screening:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Parent/teacher meetings:** Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Emerald Christmas Show:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Shows will be 2pm & 6pm

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

**Diamond & Zircon Christmas Show:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm & 6.00pm)

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 94.19% (of which 0.27% was unauthorised). The school target is 96%. We appreciate there have been a number of children (and staff!) ill this week. Hopefully, our attendance will be higher again soon.

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 96.52%
- Zircon Class: 93.81%
- Diamond Class: 92.67%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 94.19%.

### Zircon Swimming Lessons:

Further to the text previously sent, we can now confirm that an additional swimming lesson has been arranged for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. This replaces the lesson that was missed due to the minibus breakdown. There is no further charge.

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

If you haven't done so already, please can you return your child's Christmas lunch slip or email Mrs Thomas by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** to order your child's lunch. Thanks.

### Staff Update:

We are delighted to inform you that following interviews this week we have appointed Mrs Bousfield who will be joining us in January.

Mrs Bousfield will be job sharing with Mrs Bowden on Wednesday afternoons, and also all day on Thursdays and Fridays in the Emerald Class.

Mrs Bousfield is an experienced Early Years and KS1 teacher and will be a great addition to the Godolphin team. We look forward to working with her!

### Lantern Workshops:

In preparation for the GCCA Lantern Parade on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (flyers sent home in book-bags this week), all children will be taking part in a lantern making workshop next week during the school day. The Diamonds will be attending in two groups on Monday, and the Emeralds and Zircons on Thursday.

We will be referring to the annual visit consent form you completed in September. Please let us know if there have been any changes.

### New benches from PTA:

Many thanks once again to the PTA for purchasing some new benches for the playground. There are two picnic benches and a buddy bench, which the children have already enjoyed using.



### Maths Whizz:

Congratulations to our Diamond pupils for winning the Maths Whizz trophy again this week.

## After School Sports Clubs:

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

- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November (CANCELLED)**
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

### Football & Ball Skills Club :

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

*Due to good numbers, we are hoping to continue this club after Christmas.*

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

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

## Diamond & Zircon Christmas Show:

The Diamond and Zircon Christmas Show is taking place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm in The Old Chapel. Children will be expected to perform in both shows.

Tickets will be available for sale next week.

**Due to space constraints, each family will be allocated two tickets per show.**

Tickets will be £2.00 per ticket. We will be keeping a reserve list for any extra tickets if they become available.

## Emerald Christmas Show:

The Emerald Christmas Show is taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. The times of the performances are 2pm and 6pm.

Each child will be allocated two places, per show, per child. Tickets will not be required, but please note there will only be space for two people per show (infants on laps is fine). Thanks.

## Ukulele Lessons:

Mr Watkiss, the guitar teacher who visits school from the Cornwall Service Music Trust, has had some interest from pupils to learn the ukulele. In order to facilitate this, he is keen to start a small ukulele group for Year 1 and Year 2 children. If your child is interested, please let Mrs Thomas know.

## Time2Move Holiday Programme:

The programme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a funded meal for every child. All children are welcome to attend, and it is completely funded for children that are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.



## Zircon Class Remembrance Poster:

You may remember that the Zircon Class took part in a local school poster competition run by Tesco (in Helston) to commemorate Remembrance. The brief was to create a poster in recognition of Remembrance Day.

We're delighted to announce that Godolphin School were the winners!

We will be receiving a prize from The British Legion and Tesco which we will share with you once we have received it. Well done Zircons! And thanks to Mrs Rowe and Mrs Goodfield who worked with the class to create this fantastic artwork.

## School Choir:

We're delighted to say the school choir has resumed. Many thanks to Mrs Birkett who is our new choir leader!

They're currently busy practising for the two performances they are doing before Christmas. Firstly, they are singing at the GCCA Christmas Carol Concert on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm and then again at the GCCA WOW Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Birkett has sent home permission slips this week. Please return these as soon as possible.