



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Important Diary Dates:

2023/24 Inset Days:

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

Christmas Jumper Days!: Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th December

Reception Vision Screening: Monday 15th January 2024 (info emailed home last week).

Last day of term: Tuesday 19th December

First day of Spring term: Thursday 4th January 2024

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 93.24% (of which none was unauthorised). The school target is 96%.

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 96.09%
- Diamond Class: 92%
- Zircon Class: 91.9%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 95.96%.

General reminder:

Please can we remind all parents/carers that children should have a filled water bottle in school every day. Please can we remind everyone that the bottle should be filled with water, not fruit squash. This is in line with our policy to encourage healthy eating and drinking. Thanks.

Diamond & Zircon Show:

The Diamond & Zircon children did an amazing job this week, giving two outstanding performances of the show: The Keymaster. Pupils performed brilliantly; acting, singing and speaking with energy and confidence. Feedback from the packed audiences was very positive. One person said *"Wow! We were both blown away by your excellent performance: good singing; clear voices; excellent costumes. Best yet!"*

Thanks to all the staff for their hard work in putting the show together, and to the children for their incredible efforts. They were all amazing! Thanks also to the PTA for organising the refreshments, and, to Mr Bolitho who helped collect the stage to and from Porthleven School.



Further photographs and videos will be uploaded on the Google Classroom soon.

Christmas Talent Show & party:

The Teaching Assistants are organising a talent show and party on the last afternoon of term. If your child has entered, please can you help them to practise over the weekend. Thanks!

Chartwells Menu changes:

Only cheese sandwiches will be available on Monday & Tuesday next week.

Tuesday 19th December:

Fish fingers & chips or Quorn dippers & chips (instead of chilli or macaroni cheese).

Tesco Remembrance Poster presentation:

On Wednesday Mrs Harvey from The Royal British Legion and Mrs Walker from Tesco (Helston branch) came to school to present the children with their prizes for winning the Remembrance poster competition.

The children were presented with a book called *'Where the poppies now grow'* by Hilary Robinson & Martin Impey and teddy bear which we can keep for one year. We also received some chocolates for the children to enjoy and a £20 gift-voucher, which we will put towards the children's Christmas party on the last day of term.

A reminder that we raised £117.85 which contributed to an overall total raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal of £33,509.91



PTA Christmas Celebration:

Don't forget that the amazing PTA Christmas celebration: Wonka Wonderland, will be taking place after school on Monday 18th December!

There will also be cake sale, and the PTA would be grateful for any cake donations! Please bring in cakes to school on the morning of 18th December. Many thanks!

Maths Whizz:

Congratulations to our Zircon pupils for winning the Maths Whizz trophy this week. Please could we encourage the children to try their best and achieve their target of 3 blue and 3 red gems each week.

Advance warning of road closure:

We have been informed that, Wildanet, an internet provider company, will be closing the road around school from Tuesday 16th – Wednesday 24th January 2024. We have been assured that work will only be carried out between 9.30am and 2.30pm. and access to school will be maintained throughout all of the works.

School Choir:

A huge 'well done' once again to the school choir who sang so beautifully on Wednesday at the Village WOW Christmas lunch.

The children set off down to the Old Chapel wearing their reindeer antlers and Christmas jumpers to sing for the village residents who were enjoying their Christmas meal. They sang brilliantly and helped to make the afternoon special for the people there. At the end a very special visitor made an appearance (ho, ho, ho!) and the children all received a chocolate. The children, as usual, were excellent ambassadors for the school. The staff were very proud of them.

Their last performances will be on Monday 18th December when they perform to the school in assembly in the morning and at the PTA Christmas Event after school.

Many thanks once again to Mrs Birkett for doing such a great job as choir leader!



Christmas Lunch:

The children enjoyed their Christmas Lunch on Thursday.

Many thanks to the parent volunteers and our special guest, Mrs Jones, who all came to help and ensure the lunchtime ran smoothly.

Thanks also to the PTA for providing every child with a recyclable Christmas cracker.



Coast Activity Xmas 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.



Whole school music performance:

On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school took part in a music performance for parents and carers where they shared some of their amazing musical skills and songs they have been learning this term with Mr Walker, from The Cornwall Service Music Trust.

Each class took turns to demonstrate their musical talents, which included rhythm clapping, singing and playing musical instruments.

Finally, they delighted the audiences with their school-wide rendition of Frosty the Snowman.

The children did an amazing job and demonstrated how much they had progressed this term. Many thanks to Mr Walker for teaching them this term.



Attendance Letters:

Apologies, there appears to have been a technical error in some of the attendance percentages supplied in letters sent home yesterday.

We will send out updated letters before the end of term.

Apologies again for the error and inconvenience.

Goodbye to Mr Francis:

Today, we all said goodbye today to Mr Francis, who has been with us this term on placement as a part of his training to become a teacher.

Whilst he has predominantly worked in the Emeralds, he has also spent time in the other classes.

We will all miss him very much, and wish him the best with the rest of his training.

