



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of the autumn term. It certainly has been a busy one with numerous sporting events and activities, after school clubs, music performances, visitors to school and school trips.

It was wonderful to see the Emerald class in their Christmas show and to see the Diamond & Zircon performance last week too. We were all extremely proud of the children and I am sure you will all agree that they put us in the Christmas spirit with their enthusiasm and energy.

On behalf of the staff, pupils and governors at Godolphin Primary School I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

I would also like to thank the staff for their ongoing hard work, support and dedication this term.

Christmas wishes,

Colin Snook

Important Diary Dates:

2023/24 Inset Days:

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

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

First day of Spring term: Thursday 4th January 2024

Godolphin Primary School Talent Show:

This afternoon we held the Godolphin Talent Show. Wow! What talented children we have at Godolphin!

We were treated to a huge range of acts with children in reception through to Year 6. The pupils shared their amazing talents ranging from a puppet show, dancing, singing, karate, playing instruments including a ukulele, magic tricks, gymnastic displays, joke telling and a yo-yo display.

It was difficult to choose the winners of the various categories as they were all so amazing. However, a special mention goes to a few children who stood out:

- KS1: Loy, Henry & Elvan
- KS2:
 - Joe D
 - Lacey, Willow & Layla
 - Lilly B

All the children who took part showed amazing courage to perform in front of the whole school and were rewarded with a small treat. Well done everyone.

We will aim to upload any photos and videos to the Google classroom in the near future, which we're sure you will enjoy.



Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week (Monday & Tuesday) was 97.64% (of which none was unauthorised). The school target is 96%.

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 100%
- Diamond Class: 97.50%
- Zircon Class: 95.24%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 96.01%.

Cool Milk:

Once your child turns five, they are no longer eligible for free milk in school. However, you can register your child for school milk. Simply visit www.coolmilk.com/register.

It's super easy and your child can benefit from a nutritious drink of milk to keep them hydrated until lunch.

Parent Pay:



A gentle reminder to check your balances on ParentPay and pay any outstanding payments.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.

Thank-you!:

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the parent helpers, volunteers and external coaches/teachers who have supported us over this term. They include Mr Hosking for running our football club, and Mrs Ivey and Piran (former pupil volunteering for his DoE) who have helped with our Eco Warrior Club.

There have also been a number of parent volunteers who have supported us with various school trips, activities and sporting events throughout the year.

In particular, we would like to thank the PTA who have been amazing at running so many events and raising funds for the school. Thanks also to Mrs Ivey, along with her team of volunteer parents, for helping to set up Accelerated Reader and to Mrs Brand for reading each week to the Diamond or Emerald classes.

And finally, thanks to DT Coaching for delivering a range of exciting sports sessions and after school clubs throughout the term and all the CSMT music teachers.

Important information:

We have a child joining us in January who has a nut allergy.

Please could we therefore request that children do not bring any food items into school which contain nuts.

A reminder too that that all children should have a bottle filled with water, not fruit squash, in school every day. Thank you for your co-operation.

PTA Christmas Celebration:

The PTA organised a spectacular Christmas event for the children yesterday after school. Not only was there cake, hot chocolate and singing from the school choir, there was also a Wonka Wonderland. It was a fantastic event, and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the PTA for a memorable afternoon, and for everything they have done so far this year to support the school.



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.

Thank you and Happy Christmas!

All the staff would like to thank all our amazing families for the Christmas gifts and cards we have received this week.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy and restful Christmas!

Parenting Workshops:

Cornwall Council: Together for Families have a number of parenting workshops scheduled for the first quarter of 2024. These include workshops on understanding your child and supporting healthy relationships.

For more information please visit: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Golden Book Celebration Assembly:

We held our end of term celebration assembly today.

We are delighted to announce the children who received Golden Book awards this term are:

Reception:

- Pip M
- Sylvie R

Year 1:

- Delilah Y
- Sam D

Year 2:

- George S
- Freddie L

Year 3:

- Isla A
- Oscar Y

Year 4:

- Keeley S
- Jacob B

Year 5:

- Summer P
- Harry H

Year 6:

- Lacey B
- Dexter T

Congratulations to all our Golden Book winners this term!



Christmas cards:

This morning the children were able to take part in our 'annual Christmas card' assembly. All children were in the hall, with Christmas songs playing, whilst the Year 6 children sorted through the cards and delivered them out to the excited children (and staff). We even had a surprise visit from some baby lambs!

Much fun was had by all!



Goodbye to Mrs Sanderson:

All the pupils and staff would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Sanderson for stepping in to be our Executive Headteacher this half-term.

Mrs Sanderson has been an amazing support, and we will all miss her very much.

WOW Lunch Thanks!

We received a lovely email this week from Ann Dyke from the GCCA WOW lunch team. It said:

"Please can you pass our grateful thanks to all the children in the school choir. They were really exceptional with their singing at the lunch, and such lovely children. There are some very competent individual soloists in the choir. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and it's so super that the community comes together at these times.

Please also thank Mrs Birkett, she must have worked hard to get the choir to that very high standard, so well done Mrs Birkett!"

Well done to everyone involved in making this such a success!