



Godolphin Primary School
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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).

Zircon Falmouth Art Gallery Trip: Tuesday 16th January

Zircon Bible Exhibition at Light & Life, Helston: Friday 9th February

Half-term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 93.33% (of which none was unauthorised). The school target is 96%.

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 91.67%
- Diamond Class: 92.67%
- Zircon Class: 96.19%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 95.91%.

Chartwell Menu change:

Census Day: Thursday 18th January:

- BBQ Chicken Pizza or Veggie Supreme Pizza
- Both served with wedges & salad
- Dessert: chocolate or vanilla ice-cream

Important reminders:

Drop-off & collection times:

We have noticed that a number of children are arriving after registration. A reminder that school officially starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm.

The school gate will be opened at 8.35am and children may come into the playground as long as they are supervised.

The classrooms will open at 8.40am with **registration taking place at 8.45am.**

Water bottles:

Please can we remind all parents/carers that children should have a filled water bottle in school every day. **Please can we also 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.

School Uniform:

Children are allowed to wear earrings (studs only) in school, but these must be taken out or taped for all PE lessons and after school sports clubs. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Please can all items of uniform be clearly labelled with the name of the child currently using it. Please make sure that your child can recognise his or her name tag and encourage your child to be responsible for his or her possessions and to think for themselves.

Important information:

Please could we remind all children not to bring any food items into school which contain nuts.

Diamond Class Tate St Ives Trip:

As part of their art topic, the Diamond class visited Tate St Ives on Wednesday to see the Casablanca Art School exhibition.

They had a great time and found the morning inspiring and enjoyable. A number of staff at the gallery commented on the children's exemplary behaviour and attitude. Well done Diamonds!

Photographs will be uploaded on the Google Classroom soon.

After School Clubs:

Badminton & Multi-Skills Club (Rec/Y1/2):

- Monday 15th January
- Monday 22nd January
- Monday 29th January
- Monday 5th February

Lego Club (Y5/6 only):

- Monday 15th January
- Friday 26th January
- Monday 29th January
- Friday 9th February

Cricket Leader Club (Y4/5/6):

- Tuesday 16th January
- Tuesday 23rd January
- Tuesday 30th January
- Tuesday 6th February

Year 6 Study Club:

- Wednesday 17th January
- Wednesday 24th January
- Wednesday 31st January
- Monday 7th February

Maths Whizz:

Please can we remind parents/carers to encourage their children (Y1-Y6) to access Maths Whizz each week.

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**. Starting next week, certificates will be presented to children who achieve this weekly target.

Road closure:

A reminder that the road around school will be closed 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.

Thinkably:

The Children's Naval Charity are offering navy families free access to *Thinkably*, an online reading platform. Please email ncc@navalchildrenscharity.org.uk with the parent's service number.

Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions:

On Tuesday, all the children took part in the first of five sessions of cricket, as part of the Chance to Shine coaching programme run by Cornwall Cricket. The programme aims to develop children's fundamental movement skills in a creative way and puts fun at the heart of every activity. The different disciplines (throwing, catching, ball-striking etc) of the game mean that children are learning new skills that will help them in cricket, and also across many other sports.

The children all really enjoyed the sessions and the coaches commented on how well behaved and enthusiastic our pupils were.



More photos will be uploaded on Google Classroom soon.

Squashbox Theatre Visit:

The children and staff all really enjoyed the Squashbox Theatre performance of 'Curious Creatures' on Monday morning. They found the show amusing and engaging.

The Reception, Y1 & Y2 children were lucky enough to then take part in a puppet-making workshop. The children had great fun creating their own moving stick puppets.

Many thanks once again to the PTA for funding this great opportunity and to Craig from Squashbox for providing such an entertaining start to the week!

