



Godolphin Primary School  
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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

#### Zircon Bible Exhibition at Light & Life, Helston: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Half-term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Cross-Country Race 4:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February: 4pm at Helston Community College (KS2 qualifier)

**Easter holiday:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** Y3/4 School Camp (more information to follow).

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Y5/6 School Camp (more information to follow)

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 91.73% (of which none 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: 89.17%
- Diamond Class: 90%
- Zircon Class: 97.14%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 95.65%.

### Zircon Class Falmouth Art Gallery Trip:

On Tuesday, the Zircon class visited Falmouth Art Gallery to explore the exhibitions and take part in a screen-printing lesson with local artist, Viv. They worked with the medium of collage and print.

The children were exploring the theme of 'Activism' and used art to tell a message. Their final pieces looked very powerful and are proudly displayed in the school hall.

They had an amazing day. Thanks to Mrs Mason, Mrs Palmer and Richard McKie for driving the children there and back.

Further photographs will be uploaded on the Google Classroom soon.



### Chartwells Menu Changes:

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:

The vegetarian option will be sweet potato & chickpea roast (instead of stir-fried rice).

Chartwells have also created an exciting calendar of engaging activities for the term ahead – including delicious oriental dishes to celebrate Chinese New Year, plus a brilliantly bookish menu for World Book Day.

All theme menus can be found here [Theme day menus](#)

### After School Clubs:

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

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

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

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### Cricket Leader Club (Y4/5/6):

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

#### Year 6 Study Club:

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February (**NOT MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AS STATED LAST WEEK**)

### 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.**

22 children received a certificate for achieving this target this week. Well done to them! Hopefully next week there will be more children receiving this certificate.

### Lost glasses!:

We found a pair of black glasses at the back of the hall this week. They are safely in the office.

Please let Mrs Thomas know if they belong to you.

### Important information:

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

### Cornwall Council Winter Wellbeing Advice:

The Cornwall Guide to Winter Wellbeing is available to help residents, parents and families stay safe and well over winter.

It contains useful advice, information and contacts about everything from winter illnesses to financial support. A downloadable copy is available [here](#).

It reminds parents the steps they can take to help keep their children well, especially around new school terms. As levels of winter illnesses including flu, COVID-19 and norovirus continue to rise, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding parents of five simple steps they can take to reduce viruses spreading in the community – helping their children make a healthy start to the year and minimising the impact of illness on attendance as schools head back and parents return to work.

- Teach good hygiene habits
- Stop the spread of stomach bugs
- Spot the signs of when to keep your child at home
- Get vaccinated
- Use NHS resources

For more information and the five simple steps visit: [UKHSA reminds parents of back-to-school advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The UKHSA also states the signs to spot of when to keep your child at home:

- While children are encouraged to stay in education or childcare with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), children should stay home from school or nursery if they're displaying the following symptoms:
- If your child has a fever and is unwell, they should stay home from school or nursery until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend.
- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should stay off school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their symptoms clear up – this will help stop the spread of stomach bugs.

### **Emerald Class Intra-School Multi-Sports Skills Festival:**

We were delighted to welcome Mr Shaughnessy, Crofty PE Co-ordinator, to work with the Emerald Class this afternoon.

Mr Shaughnessy organised a fun and energetic sports festival which involved the pupils participating in a range of exciting team games where they were able to enhance their fundamental sports skills.

The children had a brilliant afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The highlight for many was when they were all presented with a medal for their excellent attitude, behaviour and effort. Smiles could be seen all round!

The Emerald Class would like to thank Mr Shaughnessy for providing such an exhilarating and memorable afternoon.



### **Spaceship Earth Primary Show:**

This week the Zircon Class took part in a live virtual lesson called 'Spaceship Earth' presented by Spacefund.co.uk.

During the informative and interactive presentation, the children were invited to join 'Mission Control' on an exciting Earth observation mission to view our beautiful planet from space and visit the orbiting satellites that are helping us combat climate change.

The children were fascinated with the images of Earth from space and the mind-boggling facts and information that were shared.



### **Year 3/4 Football League:**

Well done to the Y3/4 football team which took part in their first fixtures of the Helston and Mullion Football League earlier this week.

The team played brilliantly drawing against Boskenwyn/Germoe, before going on to beat Wendron.

Well done all! We look forward to the next round of fixtures in a few weeks time.