



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Half term round-up:

We cannot believe we are already at the end of the first half of the spring term. The children have been working extremely hard and have produced some excellent work in all their lessons, making great progress. As usual, there have also been a wide range of extra-curricular activities taking place such as school trips, numerous sporting fixtures, and the visit from Squashbox theatre to name but a few.

As always, thank you again to all our parent and volunteer helpers who assist with such things as transportation for school trips, reading with pupils and sorting our library. Thanks also to the PTA for everything they have done once again this half-term.

We hope that you all have a relaxing half-term. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 20th February.

Important Diary Dates:

2023/24 Inset Days:

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

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

Cross-Country Race 4: Tuesday 27th February: 4pm at Helston Community College (KS2 qualifier) **START TRAINING!**

Easter holiday: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Coose Trannack Cross Country Races: (For all pupils from Reception – Y6): Saturday 20th April

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

Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th June: Y5/6 School Camp (**NEW DATE**)

World Book Day:



Book in a jar competition

This year we are running a 'Book in a jar' competition to celebrate World Book Day. Children are invited to think about how a favourite book could be represented in a simple jar.

There are some examples on the flyer sent home in book-bags. Any clear jar can be used, a coffee jar, jam jar or other. You can put carefully chosen items to represent your book into your jar, selected quotes from your book, perhaps even clues about its characters or setting.

Please make sure that any 'Book in a jar' competition entries are clearly labelled with the book that is being represented, your child's full name and year group.

All entries must be in school on the morning of **Monday 4th March** for judging. Winners will be announced on Thursday 7th March and the jars will be available for viewing by the whole school as part of our World Book Day celebrations.

NOTE: PLEASE ASK AN ADULT TO CARRY THE GLASS JAR INTO SCHOOL TO AVOID ANY BREAKAGES/ACCIDENTS.

Good luck!



Porthpean: CHANGE OF DATE!

Unfortunately, the date for the Y5/6 residential has had to change. The new date is **Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th June**. All other details regarding the trip remain the same.

A reminder that the non-refundable deposit of £30 needs to be paid in ParentPay by Thursday 29th February.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 98.82% (of which none was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 98.75%
- Diamond Class: 98%
- Zircon Class: 100%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 95.35%.

Google Classroom:

Don't forget to visit our Google Classrooms to find out more about what your child has been learning in school.

We endeavour to upload news, pictures and videos to share some of the exciting work and events taking place in and out of the classrooms.

Maths Whizz:

Please can you encourage your child (Y1-Y6) to access Maths Whizz each week at home.

Pupils should aim to visit 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**, therefore reaching the Hall of Fame.

Certificates for reaching the Hall of Fame will now be presented on Mondays.

On Monday, we were delighted to present certificates to no less than 43 children from Y1-6 (69%). Well done!

Important information:

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

Chartwells Themed Days:

- **Pancake Day:** Tues 20th Feb:
- **Chinese New Year:** Thurs 22nd Feb
- **St Piran's Day:** Tues 5th March
- **World Book Day:** Thurs 7th March



PTA Valentine's Celebration Sweet Shop:

Many thanks to the PTA for organising an amazing event yesterday.

The children certainly looked like they enjoyed the hot chocolate, sweets and other treats. Altogether, the event raised well over £100. Many thanks once again to the PTA for organising this, and all the other activities this half-term.

General reminders:

Parent Pay:



There are a number of outstanding payments on ParentPay for school trips, swimming and school lunches. Please could we ask you to check your accounts and make any necessary payments.

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

PE Kit:

Please can we request that any school PE kits (particularly football kits, shin-pads and running vests) are returned to school, washed and clean, as soon as possible! Thanks.

Please also ensure that all PE kits come back into school on the first Tuesday back.

Chartwells:

We will be returning on week 2 of the current menu. Special themed menus on Tuesday & Thursday (see above).

My Brilliant Place to be Me!:

My Brilliant Place to Be Me! has been created by Cornwall Council to help 8-11 year olds explore simple ways to explore and nurture their wellbeing.

Here you'll find lots of worksheets and resources to help your child:

- Become more aware of their emotions, and recognise and name their feelings
- Understand that all feelings are OK
- Become better able to manage uncomfortable feelings with simple self-soothing strategies and by seeking help
- Identify the people in their lives who can help them if needed

Click [here](#) to find out more.

Congratulations to Anne Evans:

Today we had two special visitors to our school assembly. Simon Hague (Crofty CEO) and Tamsin Lamb (Crofty Director of Education) joined us to present Mrs Evans with a long service award.

Mrs Evans has been at Godolphin for nearly 27 years. During that time she has supported and helped countless children, and been a TA for Mr Snook for about 20 years!

We're sure that the staff, pupils and parents will join us in wishing Mrs Evans huge congratulations.



Parent & Governor Catch-up:

The Governors are holding a catch-up with parents on Thursday 29th February from 2-3pm.

Please come and join them to find out what new things are going on and let them know any thoughts you have about Godolphin too.

Zircon Light & Life Trip:

The Zircon Class were invited to Light & Life in Helston on Friday afternoon to explore stories from the Bible. They a wonderful time and the volunteers commented on the children's excellent behaviour and exemplary manners.

Many thanks to Mrs Ivey and Richard McKie for driving to and from the visit.

After School Clubs:

Further details about after school clubs will be provided in the first week after half-term.

Safer Internet Day:

On Tuesday the school took part in Safer Internet Day. We explored that sometimes on the internet things happen that we don't like such as pop ups, videos changing or images we weren't expecting. We all learnt these three simple steps to help in these situations:

STOP - stop watching

CLOSE - close using the x in the corner or turn the screen away from you

TELL - tell a trusted adult

The older children also took part in a BBC Teach live lesson on AI. It was very interesting and hopefully helped the children understand how AI is used in the technology they use.

Badminton Taster Sessions:

A coach from National Badminton returned to Godolphin today, this time providing sessions for all of our Reception, Y1 and Y2 children.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and all had the opportunity to play some exciting games and develop their skills.



Sports Round Up:

KS1 Gymnastics Competition:

Well done to the Year 1 and Year 2 children who participated in a Gym Competition on Monday afternoon. They all worked incredibly hard and some even came home with medals!

56 children took part in the competition altogether with our Year 2 non-club team winning overall and our Year 1 non-club team finishing 4th.

A special mention to some of our children who to Brody who ended the competition as the 2nd highest non-club gymnast altogether.

Well done to all the children who took part. They all came back with huge smiles on their faces!

Thank you to Mrs Bousfield, Mrs Parker and Richard McKie for taking the children to this event.



Y3/4 Football League:

Well done to our talented Y3/4 football team which completed their second round of fixtures in the Helston and Mullion Football League earlier this week.

The team played brilliantly in all of their matches and finished the league unbeaten, winning three and drawing two of their games.

Congratulations to the Godolphin team for finishing the competition as joint winners, along with Boskenwyn/Germoe.

Both teams finished on equal points and equal goal difference.

(Photo to follow after half-term)

Y5/6 Badminton Competition:

On Wednesday afternoon, a group of twelve Y5/6 children attended a badminton competition at Helston Community College. Godolphin entered three teams and played a number of matches. Well done to the Godolphin teams which finished 3rd, 4th & 6th overall. Our pupils were excellent representatives for the school, playing all their matches fairly, with honesty and excellent team spirit.

Many thanks to Mrs Hughes, Mrs Searle and Mrs Ivey for transporting the children, and also thanks to Mrs Gee and Mrs Ivey for managing the teams at the competition.



Half Term Cricket Holiday Camps:

Held at Cornwall Cricket Centre, Truro. Spaces are limited, sign up today:

- Hardball
- <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/f1qr70>
- Softball
- <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/c1qr71>
- U13's Competition
- <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/01qr71>

Half Term Holiday Camps Cornwall Cricket

Softball
For school years 1 to 4
Tuesday 13th February
10am to 3pm
£15

Hardball
For school years 5 to 8
Wednesday 14th February
10am to 3pm
£20

U13 Indoor Comp
Thursday 15th February
10am to 3pm
Team of 6
£30

At Cornwall Cricket Centre
Truro College Campus
Truro
TR1 3XX

Book scan the QR Code or use the link in the text!



Parent and Governor Catch-up

School Hall, 2pm-3pm, Thursday 29th February.

- * This is a chance for all parents to come into school for an informal chat with the school governors. We can let you know about some of the new things going on and would like to hear your thoughts on how things are for you and your children at Godolphin. We can also offer a chance to sit down and enjoy a cup of tea while it's still hot!



We hope you can make it.

Emma, Becky, Lizzie, Tony and Steve.

