



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can scarcely believe that this is the last newsletter of the year! It has certainly been a busy year! It has been wonderful to see the pupils so engaged in their learning and all the staff are proud of each and every one of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their continued hard work throughout the year and for the learning opportunities they have given our pupils both in and out of the classroom.

We have been very fortunate to have additional support from John Davey, a secondary school maths specialist, who has volunteered to teach the Y4's twice a week this term, and Jenny Crow from the Cornwall Service Music Trust, who has supported with delivering our weekly music lessons since January.

I would like to thank the children for all of their hard work, positive attitudes and exceptional behaviour for learning throughout the year, as well as the governors, parents, volunteers and the PTA for their support.

Our strong partnership with the school community is what makes this school so special.

We would like to wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and will look forward to seeing you all in September.

For those children and their families who are ending their Godolphin School journey, we wish you all the best for the future!

Best wishes, Colin Snook

Golden Book Celebration Assembly:

This morning, we held our end of term celebration assembly.

Congratulations to the 14 children who were recognised by their teachers for outstanding attitude to learning this term! Certificates were presented to the following children. Well done!

Reception:

- Rufus
- Lolli

Year 1:

- Loy
- Olivia

Year 2:

- Gracie
- Jacob

Year 3:

- Billy
- Lily

Year 4:

- Coen (*not in photo*)
- Olivia

Year 5:

- Isla
- Cary

Year 6:

- Oceana
- Bradley



Thank-you:

The staff would like to thank all our amazing families for their wonderful and thoughtful gifts which they have been given at the end term.

Your generosity is much appreciated, and we are very grateful.

Important Diary Dates:

Autumn Term starts: Thursday 5th September: 8.45am.

Half-term: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Inset Days for 2024/25:

- Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th Sept 2024
- Monday 14th October 2024
- Monday 24th February 2025
- Monday 8th May 2025
- Thursday 2nd June 2025
- Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Important updates:

Registration:

A reminder that from September, registration time will remain at 8.45am prompt, although children will not be able to enter the classrooms until this time. However, to minimise congestion outside school, children, if supervised at all times, can wait in the playground from 8.30am.

PE Kits:

From September, we will once again be asking children to come to school dressed in their PE kits on the days they have PE. PE days will be confirmed at the beginning of term. However, there will be no PE lessons during the first two days back.

Google Classrooms:

Please remember to check the school and class Google Classrooms for updates on what the children have been doing in class. For your information, pupil comments on Google Classroom will be disactivated this weekend until September.

Breakfast Club: new earlier start time!

Following feedback from the recent parent survey regarding wraparound care and after school clubs, the daily **breakfast club will be starting at the earlier time of 7.45am** (until registration at 8.45am). Please book by emailing (godolphinsecretary@croftymat.org) or speaking with Mrs Thomas in the school office. The fee remains at £4.50 per child per session, which includes breakfast.

Maths Whizz

Congratulations to the children who reached the 'Hall of Fame' during the last two weeks of term. Today the Maths Whizz trophy was presented to the Diamond Class with 75% of the class receiving certificates.

We would like to encourage the children in Y1-6 to continue using Maths Whizz over the summer trying to achieve 3 blue and 3 red gems each week, reaching the Hall of Fame.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 96.38% (of which 0.66% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 98.96%
- Diamond Class: 92.86%
- Zircon Class: 97.92%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 95.05%.

Well done for helping the school to hit its 95% target for the year!

Chartwells updates:

We will be returning on **week 3** of the menu on Thursday 5th September.

Also, please note that the packed lunch option will be sandwiches only (wraps will no longer be available). As previously, ham packed lunches will not be available on a Monday (or on the first day following a school or bank holiday).

Year 6 Leavers' Day at Newquay Zoo:

The Year 6s had a brilliant leavers' day at Newquay Zoo last Friday. Photos of our fun-packed day can be found on the Google Classroom.





Note from Governors:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, we would like to thank all our fantastic staff at Godolphin. This academic year we have welcomed four new members of staff who, I'm sure you'll agree, have fitted in brilliantly and added a wealth of skills and talent to our team. All our staff have worked extremely hard, developing and delivering interesting and inspiring lessons as well as giving the children many additional opportunities in the form of school plays and performances, school trips and camps alongside all the sporting endeavours! We would like to thank all the staff for helping to provide our children with such a fun and full school year.

As governors, we have continued our monitoring work and have been looking at many areas of school life including science, music, staff-wellbeing, behaviour and our extra-curricular provision. Thank-you to those of you who took the time to complete our surveys – it is really helpful for us to understand the wider parent perspective. Yet again, the highlight has been chatting to the children to gain their views and thanks to them we now have some excellent - if not entirely practical - ideas for additional after-school clubs!

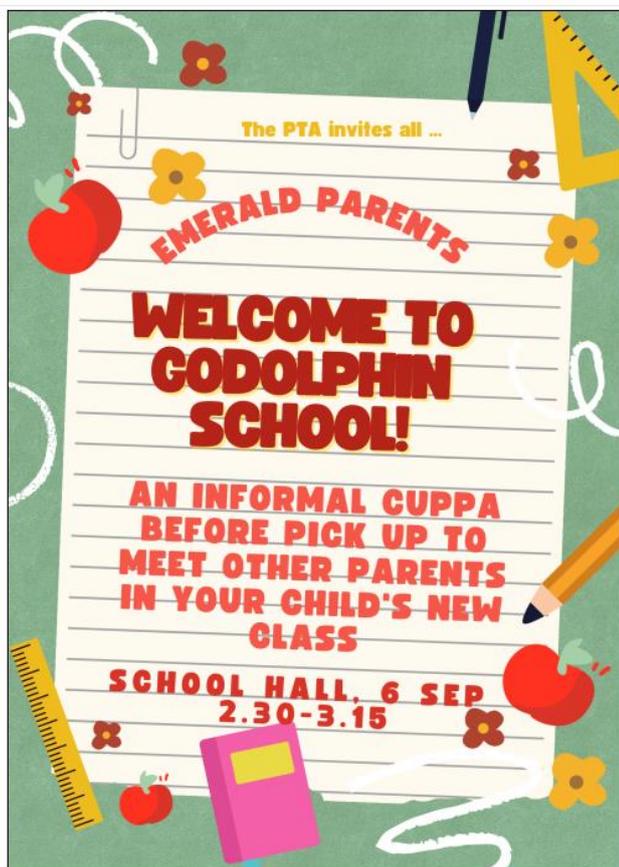
Being a school governor is a great way to help support the school and contribute to the education of the children. In September we will be holding a parent election as we look to recruit more governors to help us with our work. More information will come out at the start of term, but in the meantime if this is something you'd be interested in and would like to know about, please email me at emma.ivey@croftymat.org.

We would like to wish all our leavers well in their new schools, an exciting new chapter for them all. They are all super-stars and we're sure they will embrace the many opportunities available to them at secondary school.

All that is left is to wish everyone a lovely summer – see you in September!

Thanks, Emma Ivey (Chair of Governors)

PTA Emerald Class Meet & Greet:



Olympic Art Day:

Whilst the Year 6 pupils were out galivanting around Newquay Zoo on Friday, the Y4 and Y5 children joined together for an inspirational day of art based on the theme of the Olympics.

Leading the day was resident parent artist – Anna Pope – who meticulously planned an engaging and imaginative lesson where the children worked together to design and create a 3D cardboard sculpture centred on the Olympic rings.

The children enjoyed a fun and productive day and were delighted with the final structure which will now be entered into the Carleen Village Show. Watch this space for the result!

Thank you to Anna for helping us with this project! We look forward to working with her again soon.



Parent Pay:



A polite reminder to all our parents that there are a number of outstanding payments for school lunches and other items (including school trips).

Could we ask that you sign into your account and check your balances and make any necessary payments as soon as possible.

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

Climate Care Workshops:

Following the workshops last week, Hayley Hill has emailed us to say: *"Thanks again for having me on Thursday, I had a wonderful day with all 3 of your classes, they were so knowledgeable and enthusiastic, with lots of questions (which I love). It was an absolute pleasure to spend time with them"*.

As part of the workshops, the Year 2/3/4 class and Year 5/6 class created posters to show how much they are already doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their own lives and the other things they would like to do, by themselves and with their families. These posters are on the school Google Classroom.

Y6 Leavers' Assembly:

Yesterday, we said farewell to our talented Y6s. The children put on a final assembly containing songs, a 'guess the baby' photo competition and some heartfelt speeches, sharing some of their memories from their time at Godolphin.

Mr Snook and Mrs Ellis spoke about each of the pupils and presented them with their priceless Godolphin teddies.

We would like to wish all the Y6 children the very best of luck in their transition to secondary school.



The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend... 

Parentwell

During the summer holidays, MHST would like you to join us on a FREE, fun and interactive workshop to nourish and improve your parent/child relationship.

All parents and children (from any primary school) welcome! Come along to learn tips to: *connect more, improve behaviour, reduce arguments and understand and support your child's emotions.*

Please book EACH child on to a session below:

Available sessions starting at 10.00am OR 2.00pm

- Tuesday 30th July
Landwednack School
- Wednesday 31st July
Troon School
- Wednesday 7th August
Troon School

Each session will last approx. 2 hours .
Doors open 15 mins prior to session - please be on time

- Create a 'pebble pal'
- Make a 'family scroll'
- Games and crafts
- Free resources to take away

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/nSDDCL9IS9>



Literary Festival:

Last Tuesday a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children were invited to attend a literary festival at Penwith College.

The day was divided into three workshops focussing on how authors create their characters, imaginary worlds and character development and were led by children's authors Lou Abercrombie, Vashti Hardy and Nicholas Browning.

The children's love of literature and passion for reading was evident during the workshops. They were each presented with a voucher (sponsored by Seasalt) to exchange for one of the author's books. One of the highlights was having their books signed by the author, when they were able to chat to them about their reading and interests.

The children were not alone in being a little starstruck, a highlight of the year for Mrs Knight was being 'encouraged' by Bradley and Dexter to "Go and speak to..." one of her favourite authors - Patrick Gale, who was there as patron of the Penzance Literary Festival.

The finale in the lecture theatre was led by Martin Brown, illustrator of the Horrible Histories series. He entertained the children with his humour and incredible drawings, one of which Mrs Gee talked him into letting us keep!

We were incredibly proud of the children's behaviour and engagement in the day - we will definitely be looking to sign up for next year's festival! Some quotes from the children:

"Amazing opportunity for us to meet authors - being in Cornwall we don't get the chance very often."

"I thought it was interesting that an author was so very different to his books. Nicholas Browning was very funny in person, his books are quite dark and frightening!"

"It was an amazing festival; I wish I could go again!"

