



Godolphin Primary School 'living, learning and laughing together'

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# Important Diary Dates:

#### Inset Days for 2024/25:

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

**Children In Need:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: School Council cake sale (details below).

Parent/teacher meetings: Weeks

commencing 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November (details overleaf).

**Year 1 Hearing Screening:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Emerald Christmas Show**: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. More details to follow. **(This is Rec/Y1 only, not KS1 – apologies for any confusion)** 

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

PTA Bags2School: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December (NOT 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER)!

#### Diamond & Zircon Christmas Show:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm & 6.00pm). More details to follow. (*This is for Y2-Y6, not just KS2 – apologies for any confusion*)

#### **Google Classrooms:**

Don't forget to check your child's Google Classrooms for updates on their learning and the latest school news.

# **PE Days for Autumn Term (after half term):**

- Zircon Class: Thursday (swimming) & Friday
- Diamond Class: Thursday & Friday
- Emerald Class: Monday & Friday.

We will let you know of any further changes.

#### Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 96.89% (of which 0.54% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 96.19%
- Diamond Class: 100%
- Zircon Class: 94.23%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 97.5%.

#### Zircon Swimming Dates:

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Payment for lessons via ParentPay please.

#### **Remembrance Service:**

On Monday morning the Zircon Class along with our service children will be attending the Godolphin Cross Remembrance Service held in the village. Please ensure your child is wearing smart uniform and wearing a poppy.

#### **PTA Christmas Shop:**

The Christmas shop will be opening again from 15 November to 25 November for those that missed ordering first time round. Please speak to the PTA if you no longer know your code.

# **HELP US TO PUBLISH**



Godolphin Cross Community Association will be publishing Stephen Polglase's new book in time for Christmas.

The story is inspiration for the lantern festival and most of the school know it from storytelling sessions. It weaves together Cornish folklore, the landscape around Godolphin and tin mining with beautiful illustrations by Amy Webb.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-last-giants-of-kernow to buy your copy

# Maths Whizz

Congratulations to the children who reached the 'Hall of Fame' last week. Today the Maths Whizz trophy was presented once again to the Diamond Class.

We would like to encourage as many of our Y2-6 children to take advantage of this free maths resource by trying to achieve 3 blue and 3 red gems each week, enabling them to reach the Hall of Fame. Y1 pupils will be invited to use Maths Whizz later in the term.

#### **One Minute Maths:**

Don't forget, *pupils from Reception - Y6* can access *1-Minute Maths* to practice their fluency skills including subitising, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The link can be found in Google Classrooms. The White Rose 1-Minute Maths app can also be downloaded free onto your own devices at home. Our Y1-6 children have been given 1-Minute Maths Fluency Passport which they can work through at their own pace at home and in school.



Behaviour Workshop -

https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40 Sleep Workshop https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc Worry Workshop https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF Resilience Workshop https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK



#### After School Sports Clubs:

#### Art Club:

For Years 1/2/3/4/5/6: 3.15 - 4.30 pm. A charge of £3 per club per child (payable on ParentPay). There is no need to complete a further consent form, but please let us know if your child no longer wishes to take part.

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

# Boogie Dance Club (run by a dance coach) & supported by a staff member:

For Years 1/2/3/4/5/6: 3.15-4.30pm

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

A charge of £3 per session per child (payable on ParentPay).

**Football Club** will continue after half-term (dates TBC).

# Badminton Club (run by a sports coach) & supported by a staff member:

For Rec/Y1/Y2: 3015-4.30pm:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November
  - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November
  - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November
  - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
  - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

# Children in Need: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:

A reminder that children are invited to come into school dressed in colourful, sporty clothes. Donations can be made via a dedicated Children In Need ParentPay account or via a cash donation.

The school council will be running a cake sale on Friday  $15^{\text{th}}$  November to raise money for children in need. They are asking parents for donations of cakes/biscuits to be brought into the school hall on Friday morning. The school council will then sell them at break time for £1 each. Any cakes let over will be sold at the end of the day.

# Parent/Teacher meetings:

# ZIRCONS:

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30-5pm Mrs Ellis
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30-5.30pm Mr Snook
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: 3.30-5pm Mr Snook

# **DIAMONDS:**

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30-5pm Mrs Ellis
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30-5.30pm Mrs Knight
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30-5pm Mrs Knight

# **EMERALDS:**

- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30-5pm Mrs Bowden
- Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30-5pm Mrs Bousfield
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: 3.30-5pm Mrs Bousfield

# Staff News:

It is with great sadness that we have to say a fond farewell to two of our valuable members of staff.

Firstly, Mrs Ellis has made the difficult decision to accept a full-time teaching post in another Crofty school. Although the start date has not been confirmed, it is likely to be in January.

Since her arrival in September 2023, Mrs Ellis has contributed so much to the school, both in lessons and with the wider curriculum. She has taught in all three classes with enthusiasm, dedication and energy, always striving to make the learning fun and engaging. She will be sorely missed by the children, staff and parents alike.

Secondly, Mrs Gee has accepted a full-time position as a school administrator. Unfortunately, Mrs Gee will be leaving us on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs Gee, who also started in September 2023, has worked as a teaching assistant across all year groups and provided 1:1 support and intervention for our pupils. Mrs Gee is always positive and full of energy, and has developed nurturing relationships with the children, who will miss her dearly.

Speaking on behalf of all of the staff at Godolphin, we would like to wish them the best of luck in their new roles. We will miss them very much.