



# DEVORAN NEWS

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

The KS2 children enjoyed a marvelous performance of The Cornish Caretakers on Tuesday afternoon. Year 4 also participated in a workshop which was apparently 'splan'!

The cross country event which had been scheduled for today will hopefully be rescheduled in the next few weeks – more information to follow when we receive it.

Yesterday afternoon took us all by surprise and I would like to thank you all for your patience as we ensured that every child was signed out to their respective adult after the snow flurry. I have attached the School Emergency Closures Guide for Parents overleaf. We strive to make any decision to close the school or inform parents of early collection as soon as we are able. We will do this via ESchools if it is out of normal school hours or via email if it is in the school day. It is really helpful if the phone lines can be kept clear so we kindly ask that you do not ring in to ask for information and instead wait for an email.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Netball Match Report written by the netball team - This week the netball team played two matches – one against Threemilestone and the other against Mount Hawke. Unfortunately we all became a team of butterfingers and kept dropping the ball, but overall they were good matches and team spirit remained high! Next week we will continue to work on passing into space and keeping better possession of the ball.

This is a polite reminder to parents to say that Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am and no earlier. Children should be accompanied into breakfast club by an adult. In order to allow staff time to organise the school hall and children in preparation for the start of the school day, breakfast will be served any time from 7.45am but will stop 8.25am. Please ensure that children who arrive after this time have already had breakfast at home.



## Poster Competition – Speed Awareness

Don't forget to hand in your entries for the speed awareness campaign that the Parish Council is holding.

Entries can be handed into the School Office.

Deadline for entries is Friday 15 February



School week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January

**97.4% - whole school attendance**

**Attendance Congratulations:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place is Year 3 with 99.6%!**

**Classes above 97%**

**Year 1, Year 3, Year 4,**

**Year 5 and Year 6. Well done!**



## Key Dates

16-24 February – Half Term

Monday 25 February – Children return to school

Easter Holidays

Last day Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – term finishes at 13:30pm

Children and staff return Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – term finishes at 13:30pm

INSET DAYS (no children) – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> –

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

## Other dates

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – **World Book Day** –

Dress up as your favourite Julia Donaldson character!

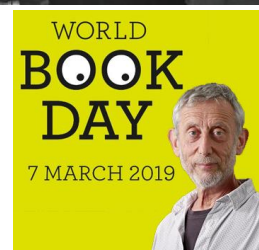
COMIC RELIEF Red Nose Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Open Afternoon – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2:30-

3:30 – this is an opportunity for you to come in

and see your child's learning within their class.

Everyone welcome!



# School emergency closures

## A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (e.g. snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

### Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the three local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools should have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (e.g. via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

### Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

### Useful websites

Cornwall Snow Advice  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)

Met Office  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)

Environment Agency  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

Devon & Cornwall Police  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY  
Email: [equality@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:equality@cornwall.gov.uk) Telephone: 0300 1234 100