



24 September 2021

DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been so proud of our Foundation Stage children this week as they have completed their first full week in school. They have done exceptionally well and they have settled exceptionally quickly. They are a credit to our families old and new!

Next week is Bike to School Week. We would love to have as many children biking / scooting to school as possible. If you are happy to send in a photo of your child biking to school, we would love to put together a display of our children being active on their way to school. Please send any photos to Mrs Andrews' email. There is a lot of information within the body of this Newsletter so I will keep this bit short this week. Thank you for reading it all!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lock

Meet the Teacher Events

Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet the Teacher events this week. We hope that they gave you lots of information about the year ahead. We will be posting the curriculum overviews on the website next week which will help you to know what the children are covering each half term. The rearranged Year One and the Year Five events are as follows:

Tuesday 28 September – Year One

Friday 1 October – Year Five



Year Six parents are also invited to take part in a parent and child workshop on **Thursday 30 September at 3:30pm in the Year Six classroom**. This is related to the children's work in the 'Assets for Success Programme'. You will have the chance to speak with Kevin Feaviour who is leading the programme as well as hearing about the work your child is doing.

Harvest Collection

Harvest time is here again and this year we would like to continue by supporting our local food bank. At the moment, the foodbank is in desperate need of the following items:

Tinned tomatoes

Long-life milk

Tinned meats

Packets of rice (500g or 1kg)

Other long-life items that would be very much appreciated are: tinned fruit, tinned veg, pasta, pasta sauce, shower or shampoo stuff, laundry liquid, washing up liquid, tins of dog food or cat food.



If your child could bring in any of the above items next week, we will deliver them to the Truro Foodbank on Monday 4 October.

Parent and Baby Needed!

In our continued efforts to support children with their social and emotional development, last term Mrs Covey has attended some training called B.A.S.E. Babywatching. B.A.S.E. stands for **B**abywatching to reduce **A**nxiety and **A**ggression and promote **S**ensitivity and **E**mpathy

What is it?

A parent, and their baby, visit a class of children, once a week, for half an hour, so the children can watch the interactions between parent and baby, and their developing relationship. Guided by the Group Leader, this simple act of detailed observation reduces children's anxiety and aggression by increasing understanding and empathy. Children feel safer, more focused and 'ready to learn'.

<https://www.base-babywatching-uk.org/>

How can you help?

If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering to be our first parent and baby group, please do let us know. Ideally, we would be looking for a baby from 6 weeks old or so. Please contact me if you would like to find out more. victorialock@devoranschool.co.uk

The Children's Commissioner's The Big Ask...and The Big Answer

Earlier this year our children at Devoran School took part in 'The Big Ask'. The Children's Commissioner asked all children in England to complete a survey, to show the true voice of this generation. The results are in and The Children's Commissioner would like to say thank you. Over half a million children responded, the largest survey of its kind in history, and at a landmark moment for young people growing up in this country.

At a critical time, as we emerge from the pandemic, children have told us how the past year has affected them and what needs to happen now to put them at the heart of the recovery. Despite the sacrifices they have made, the majority of children say they are happy.

Children were united – they told us they want to get back to school, to get on, and do well. To have fulfilling lives. Children cared deeply about their family, their communities, their wellbeing and are an ambitious, excited generation. They want to contribute to a better world, a greener world, rooted in fairness of opportunity for everyone. The Children's Commissioner is now making sure children are being heard.

You can read the full [report](#) and use the [resources](#) to share the results with your pupils and students.

Pannier Market Mural Unveiling

Just before we broke up for the summer holidays, every class collaborated in decorating hand prints that were used for a project to create a mural for Truro Pannier Market. Mrs Andrews then painstakingly attached every hand to the lettering and we are very pleased to say that the Pannier Market team are now ready to unveil the children's masterpiece.

The Pannier Market Hands Together Mural will be revealed on **Saturday 25 September at 12 noon**. The Mayor Steven Webb will be coming to mark the occasion and it would be wonderful if some of the families and children of our school community could come along and perhaps try to spot their part of the mural.

This mural will be on permanent display in the market so if you can't make it on Saturday, please feel free to come and see it at any time!



School Admissions – Important Information

The online application system for Foundation Stage intake 2022 and Secondary transfer opens on Tuesday 7 September and detailed information about the admissions process is available online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions or on request from the School Admissions Team.

It is really important that you **name more than one preference**; in doing so it doesn't give you less chance of securing a place at your preferred school. If you do not apply on time for your preferred school/s, they may already be full. Please check your eligibility for **Home to School Transport** before naming preferences.

If you need **support with the application process**, please don't hesitate to contact us or contact the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).



Bike to School Week 2021

27 September – 1 October

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Improve local air quality and reduce congestion



Let Sustrans know your family is cycling or scooting to school to be in with the chance of winning a Frog bike.

Visit www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek/pledge



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The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2022**

Starting school

September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: **School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY**

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on **0800 587 8191**



The
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**31 October
2021**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

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Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LMS have invested in online courses for parents (and teenagers).

These FREE courses can help support the Mental Health and well-being of children and young people, and of parents.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

NHS

Transformed the way I respond to the kids

Every parent could benefit from this course!

Reassured me I'm already taking the right approach

**NEW TERM
NEW START
NEW LEARNING
FOR PARENTS TOO!**

online courses available 24/7
prepaid access for residents in eligible areas

WWW.INOURPLACE.CO.UK

Getting to the nitty gritty

Making the most of the comb.

Make sure you comb the hair thoroughly using the right technique. Here are some tips to help you.

1. Wash the hair with ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner.
2. **Yes! The hair has to be wet.** Dry lice will scurry away from the disturbance of the comb but they remain still when they are wet; giving you a better chance of catching them all in the teeth of the comb.
3. Use an ordinary, wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
4. Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the head lice comb.
5. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots, with the edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
6. Draw the comb down from the roots to the ends of the hair with every stroke, and check the comb for lice each time – remove lice by wiping the comb with tissue paper or rinsing it.
7. Work through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through.
8. Do this at least twice to help ensure you haven't missed any areas, until no more lice are found.
9. Repeat the process five days later just to be sure.
10. Scan the QR code to watch a video from NHS choices (or search *NHS Choices head lice video* online).



The Minor Ailments Scheme gives access to certain common medications without the need for a prescription. You will no longer be able to get the insecticide type treatments on the scheme although you will be able to purchase them if you wish to.

For further information about treating head lice speak to your local pharmacist.

LOVE TO SING?



CORNWALL COUNTY CHOIRS

Cornwall Music
Education Hub



Together 
for Families

using public funding by



**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

If you have a LOVE and TALENT for singing, join us for a taster session and audition at one of our rehearsals. We sing many different styles of music and work with professional vocal mentors. The choirs have performed at many venues across the country and we will be returning to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in November 2021.



You can audition for the following choirs:

Cornwall Boys and Cornwall Girls
(Y4 - Y7/8)



Cornwall County Youth Choir
(Y7/8 depending on voice maturity - Y13)

Email

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for more details