



# DEVORAN NEWS

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible week of learning we have had!

Tuesday saw us not only celebrating St Piran's Day but also learning about the history of Shrove Tuesday in some classes. The lunch menu of pasty followed by pancake was incredibly well received by the children and staff – thank you to Heidi and the team for doing this for us!

Well done to the children who volunteered to come and perform at the Community Lunch on Wednesday – we have received lots of positive comments from members of the community who loved your poems, stories, music and artwork.

Thank you to everyone for their amazing World Book Day costumes; there was a lovely atmosphere across the school and the children had great fun completing a range of different book related activities - the character potatoes are such fun!

Congratulation to all our children who performed in the Recorders Rule Concert today at the Music for Youth event – Mrs Covey informed me that you performed at a very high standard. Well done!

This week has also been a really successful sporting week - on Monday our Year 3 and 4 football teams played a friendly match against Perranarworthal Year 4 squad. All three teams showed outstanding sportsmanship and superb determination to execute skills when under pressure.

To link with World Book Day, Years 4, FS & 1 played a mixture of Julia Donaldson inspired games involving wizards, giants and elves (Smart Giant) as well as search around the farm (Scarecrow's Wedding), hospital tag (Zog & the Flying Doctors), jumping sticks (Stick Man), snail lifeguards and whales parachute games (Snail and the Whale).

Today our Year 5 Handball Team performed exceptionally well in the adverse weather conditions at Richard Lander School. All players showed superb team work to pass and move the ball resulting in goals for both Theo and Jasper. Next week classes will be learning about sport engineering linking with our science theme.

Today we have also welcomed Dr Pettit into the school to talk to the children about engineering. The children have all then had an opportunity to interview him and are in the process of solving engineering problems of their choice to come up with a final design to enter into the Primary Engineers Competition. Parents – if you have come across any engineering problems, please feel free to suggest them to your children!

I do hope that your child will be able to attend the Film Night on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – you can buy tickets for this event from the school office. I have also attached the poster for more information.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Best wishes



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March will be a home clothes day in school to help raise money for Comic Relief. 'Anything red' is the theme. All donations will be welcome and can be handed in to your child's class teacher who will pass them down to the school office. Thank you all in advance for your support for this worthy cause.

School week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March  
97.2% - whole school attendance

**Attendance Congratulations:**  
1<sup>st</sup> place is Year 5 with 100%

**Classes above 97%**  
Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

This is a big improvement on the last couple of weeks; thank you all for your continued support in helping us make every day in school count for our children.



## Key Dates

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

**PTCA AGM – 20<sup>th</sup> March at Devoran School**

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!

## Meeting for Year 6 Parents

Mrs Dodson will be holding a 'myth busting' meeting about the Year 6 SATs for parents on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. Within this meeting, Mrs Dodson will go through the logistics of SATs as well as going through ways in which you can support your child at home in the build up to the tests.

At the bottom of the newsletter is a copy of the next 'Worth Less' update. As you are aware, I am not a lobbyist (and never intend to be), however if you would like to find out more information, please feel free to read the letter attached for an update on the funding campaign.



# DEVORAN SCHOOL PTCA

**PRESENTS:**

# FILM NIGHT

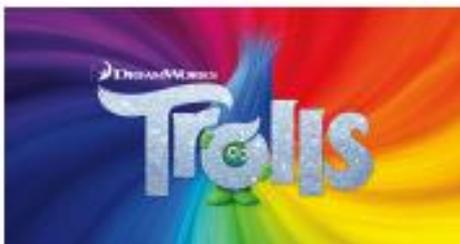
**THURSDAY 14 MARCH**

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**SCHOOL HALL**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL RECEPTION**

**KS1**



**3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**(inc Foundation)**

**Come straight after school!**

**KS2**



**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

**FILM NIGHT**

# Bringing children's services together

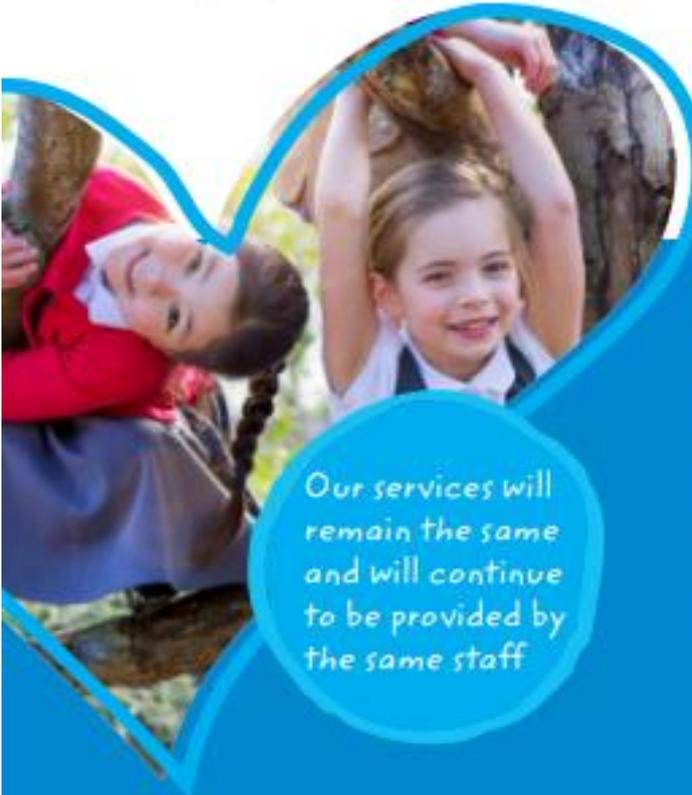
Under 'One Vision', the multi-agency partnership plan for children, young people and their families, all the agencies working with children in Cornwall believe that greater integration is the best way of improving the effectiveness of services. In order to achieve this, the Council is in the process of bringing all its children's services together under an Integrated Children's Services Directorate.

## Transfer of services

On 1 April 2019 Public Health Nursing (Health Visiting, School Nursing and some Specialist Speech and Language Therapy) will transfer into Cornwall Council from Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CFT). This is the beginning of a wider programme to integrate education, early years, children's community health, early help and social care services.

## What will it mean for me and my child/children?

The services you and your child/children currently receive will remain the same and will continue to be provided by the same staff. In order to ensure continuity of service, a copy of your and your child/children's electronic and paper records will be transferred to the Council's secure children's system. Your information will be transferred in a secure manner and access will be restricted, as it is now. Records will be held for the same retention and disposal periods.



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# DEVORAN SPRING FLOWER SHOW

16TH MARCH 2019

at  
2.00 p.m.

THE VILLAGE HALL  
DEVORAN

Schedules available from  
6 Carclew Terrace, Devoran  
'Cartref' Point Green  
5 St John's Tce, Devoran  
Feock Parish Office

# **DEVORAN SPRING FLOWER SHOW** **2019**

**SATURDAY 16th MARCH**

Flowers, Cookery, Handicrafts, Photography, Children's classes

Schedules and entry forms available during Half-term  
From

6 Carclew Tce Devoran, 5 St John's Tce Devoran,  
" Cartref " Point Green, Feock Parish office

**ALSO**

**View online on Facebook devoranflowershow  
And [www.devoranvillagehall](http://www.devoranvillagehall)**

## **Keywear are going on holiday!**

The limited opening hours for the shop between 8.03.19-23.03.19 will be:

Wednesday 13 March and Thursday 14 March

Wednesday 20 March and Thursday 21 March

Outside of these times parents can order online 24/7

at [www.keywearuniforms.co.uk](http://www.keywearuniforms.co.uk). Choosing either, Click and collect on the days we are open. Or their order mailed directly to their home/work address.

Dear Parent / Carer

## Update – School Funding Issues

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

I wanted to contact you to provide an update on current issues relating to school funding.

Sadly, I have to confirm that despite intense lobbying of the Government and Department for Education, matters remain extremely challenging. In short, schools are still not being provided with adequate funding and resource to deliver the level of provision and support that is expected and that our families and children deserve.

### Current Concerns

- Since 2010 school budgets have been reduced in real terms by 8% and by 20% at post-16.
- Class sizes are rising, and the curricular offer in many schools is being restricted.
- Increasingly, schools are being asked to support with children's emotional health and wellbeing.
- Frequently, we do not have adequate resource to meet a growing need.
- Often, the most vulnerable students in our schools – those from disadvantaged backgrounds or those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – are bearing the brunt of cuts and schools are struggling to provide the levels of support that they are entitled to.

These issues are not simply affecting a few schools. They are common features across our education system up and down the country. Levels of concern are so widespread amongst headteachers that we are all working together with a united voice.

As such, we have written to the Secretary of State for Education on three separate occasions since September 2018. We are dismayed that he has chosen to ignore our communications and repeated requests to meet. On 13 December 2018, we were informed by a junior civil servant that ***“I am afraid that, on this occasion, the Secretary of State and the Minister of State must decline your offer to meet. I hope you will understand that their time is heavily pressurised and their diaries need to be prioritised according to ministerial, Parliamentary and constituency business.”***

Given the seriousness of the current school funding crisis and the impact upon schools, children and families, headteacher colleagues and I believe that this approach is entirely ill-judged. On 14 January 2019, we wrote again to the Secretary of State for Education asking that he reconsider meeting with representative head teachers. Six weeks later, this request was declined once more: ***“As I'm sure you will appreciate, both their diaries are very full and they are unable to accept your kind offer at this time.”*** Thousands of head teachers simply do not understand what issues could be seen as more important than the ones we are raising on behalf of schools, children and families.

In September 2018, over 2000 headteachers campaigned at Westminster in order to underline the seriousness of the current situation. This action was unprecedented.

The 'Worth Less?' campaign group now comprises 66 Local Authorities and Boroughs, covering thousands of schools and millions of families. This gives a clear indication of the levels of concern felt by reasonable and moderate headteachers and in England.

Governors of schools and academies are also very concerned, and only last week members of the National Governors' Association from across England travelled to Westminster to lobby parliament. The Association's CEO, Emma Knights stated "Governors and trustees are committed to giving pupils in their school the best possible educational experience, but instead of deciding how they can best invest in children, they are having to decide what to take away from them. Each school has a unique experience of the effects of funding pressures but what unites governors and trustees is immediate and long-term concerns about the damage being caused to education at a time when there are more pupils than ever and when more and more is being asked of schools."

Headteachers continue to recognise that there is not a 'bottomless pit' of money and also acknowledge that many local MPs from across the political spectrum are taking a supportive approach. We must make clear, however, that the current response from the Department for Education and the Treasury is inadequate.

**Why headteachers need to meet government ministers:**

- Headteachers want to contribute constructively to overcome current funding issues.
- Headteachers want to reflect the serious concerns expressed by families regarding inadequate levels of resource and provision especially for our most vulnerable students.
- Headteachers want to ensure that schools receive a much better deal when future Government spending plans – the Comprehensive Spending Review - are drawn up over the next few months.
- Headteachers want to indicate serious and rising concerns relating to the wider pastoral and social care that schools are expected, by default, to provide against a background of severe cuts to Local Authority provision.

Headteacher colleagues across Cornwall feel fortunate that we have been so strongly supported by parents and carers as we campaign for a much improved level of funding for our schools and pupils. Our Cornish MPs have been working hard in Westminster to improve funding for our schools, and we urge you to continue to make representations to them and to the Department for Education and wider government to do everything possible to ensure that matters improve.

We will continue to inform you of the facts and to campaign vigorously over coming weeks and months. A positive starting point should come, we hope, from the Secretary of State for Education in the form of an urgent meeting.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Lock  
Headteacher

On behalf of Cornwall Association of Primary Heads