



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to Year Three for their lovely sharing assembly this week – it was so lovely to see all the incredible things you have been making over the past term and your song was wonderful. Well done Year Three!

The results are in from our Athletics competition that the children took part in last week. As a school, we came 197th out of 530 other schools with 123,184 points in total; we did incredibly well! The year group with the most points was Year Four with 37,865 points. This was our first competition and we will be running more competitions in the near future. Well done to everyone who took part in this worldwide competition!

The PTCA are still looking for volunteers to help run a stall for an hour or so for our Christmas Fair next week. It is really helpful to know in advance if you are able to help – please sign up if you are able to give any time for this important event; the money raised is going to go towards buying new reading books for our children across the whole school so your support is greatly appreciated.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Miss Lock

We are delighted to share with you the news that Mrs Eva is expecting her fourth child in April 2020. We will keep you informed with updates to staffing plans for the Summer Term in due course. Congratulations Mrs Eva!

**STAFF
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A
GREEN CHARTER
for schools in Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly



Primary schools throughout Cornwall have come together today to declare a climate emergency. By joining with them and signing the 'Green Schools' Charter we have pledged our commitment to make a change and help protect our home. Here at Devoran we strive to look after our environment and encourage everyone to be as eco-friendly as possible. We have already made some great changes since Climate Change Day in September – but looking after our planet is a HUGE job! For this reason, we are excited to announce the creation of our very own eco-committee, who will be leading us on our journey to becoming a true eco-school. Our first challenge will be working towards the internationally recognised 'Eco-School's Green Flag' status, as well as becoming a plastic free school. With our passionate and determined eco-team we know we can do it! We can't wait to report back with our monthly eco-news updates!

School week commencing 25 November

94.1% - whole school attendance

Attendance Congratulations:

1st place is Year 6 with 96.3%

NEXT WEEK:

Monday 2 December – last swimming for Y1 and Y3

Wednesday 4 / Thursday 5 December - Parent Consultations (thank you for your patience with our booking system...)

Thursday 5 December – Flu nasal spray immunisation (all year groups)

Friday 6 December – Christmas Fair

Friday 6 December – NO After School Club

Sporting news

On Monday Devoran Reds and Yellows competed against Archbishop Benson in Year Five & Six football. All teams showed immense skill and determination with the muddy conditions. Congratulations to Archbishop Benson for their wins.

Also on Monday, the Year Three and Four swimming gala took place. The children took part in a number of different events which included a variety of strokes such as front crawl, breast stroke and back stroke. With two races to go, there were three points between us and Truro Prep. With one race to go, there was one point in it! In the end, Truro Prep. won by three points – well done to everyone who took part; it was a very exciting event!

Devoran Yellows played again on Thursday, this time against Threemilestone. Our pitch was exceptionally muddy; all players showed great determination throughout. Well done Devoran Yellows on your 2-1 win.

Today athletes from Years Three, Four and Five have taken part in Sporthall Athletics. Our children ran, jumped and threw to success. Year Threes and Fours finished in 3rd place and our Year Fives finished 2nd overall. Well done to all our athletes and a big thank you to our parent helpers.



A number of parents have expressed their concerns about the way some parents are driving within the village – especially when on the school run. Please remember that around the village, it is a **20mph zone**.

We ask that parents **do not park in the staff car park at any time** without having agreed this with the Headteacher in the first instance. This is with the exception of any person who is a blue badge holder. This includes dropping off for breakfast club and afterschool club

The roundabout is a **dropping off zone only**; please do not park there.

If any parents would be willing to help us set up a **walking bus** from the village hall carpark, thereby helping everyone at this busy time, we would be very interested in speaking with you about this.

We understand parking can be hard, but this should not take precedent over the safety of all of our children.

The RAC has a good amount of guidance on driving around school. I have taken the liberty of adding some extracts below.

Thank you all for helping us to keep our children safe at all times.

How should I drive around the school?

The most important rule to remember when driving around schools is to slow down.

It's as simple as that.

During the school run, roads in the surrounding neighbourhood will be busy with kids making their way to school, whether they're walking, cycling, skateboarding or using their scooter.

Kids don't have great road sense and you should always be aware that they might run out in front of your vehicle at any given moment, so the slower you're travelling the easier it will be to react.

Give extra space to children on bikes and scooters, and try to avoid doing three-point turns in the road.

RAC



What's the speed limit around schools?

It goes without saying you should always respect the speed limit, and around schools the standard urban area speed limit of 30pmh (48kph) is still too fast to drive safely.

To address this, most local authorities have introduced **20mph speed limits** around schools, but even then you should use your own judgement and will occasionally need to go slower.

Many local councils have also brought in less conventional **traffic calming measures** on streets around schools to further slow motorists, so be aware that you may have to give way to oncoming traffic.

Where should I park at the school?

At the start of the new term, it's always a good idea to check with the school or the local council to see if any new parking restrictions have been introduced on the surrounding streets.

There's a school run parking etiquette that you should follow to make life easier for you and the local residents.

First up, never park outside the school gates.

Not only will this block the entrance for everyone else, but if there are zig-zag lines on the road it's illegal to park there and you could pick up a fine and penalty points if spotted.

No matter how busy it is, don't double park or block the driveways of local houses, either.

Not only will this block the roads for residents, motorists and emergency vehicles, it can make it dangerous for kids crossing the street.

Where possible, try to park a little further away from the school gates on a quieter street.

This might mean a longer walk for your little ones but could save you from quite a bit of stress.



Nasal Flu Immunisation Guidance

If you have not already given permission for your child to have the flu immunisation, please go to the following website and use the information below in order to complete the permission form. Any problems in completing this, please contact Kernow Health on 01872 221105/06 and they will be happy to help you.

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk>

School: DEVORAN SCHOOL
Code: EE111872



Kernow Health

Schools Immunisation Team

Protecting Cornwall's Children and Young People

Treviglas Academy Needs Your Vote

Please help Treviglas Academy to put Cornwall's mark on the Universe! Treviglas Academy have proudly got to the finals of a competition **to name an exoplanet and its star as part of the UK Exoworld Naming Competition**. Science leaders have chosen the name **'Dalla Kann'** Cornish for 'Bright Beginning'.

This is a national voting competition and we are competing with 9 other names.

We would be very grateful if you could please vote for us, and encourage family, friends and acquaintances to vote too. Every vote counts! **We are the only Cornish school with a name entry.**

Please visit www.exoworld.co.uk to vote for our name – we are also promoting on our Facebook page. The poll will be closed at **11:59 on Monday 2nd December 2019**.

Thank you for supporting us

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