



# DEVORAN NEWS

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

This week eight children were invited to attend the Meet and Eat Lunch to share their learning with members of the community. The children all spoke clearly and with great enthusiasm and were great ambassadors for the school. Well done everyone!

Today the Year Four children went to the Maritime Museum to fit in with their Viking Topic. They made Viking coins and took part in a Viking trader challenge! Thank you to the parents who helped on this trip; the children had a great time.

Today, eight of our Year Three children represented Devoran School in the Penair Year Three & Four football tournament. Our team played exceptionally well and successfully reached the semi-finals. Throughout the afternoon the "Devoran way" was demonstrated throughout. Congratulations everyone!

There is a lot going on next week – please look at the box to the right for a breakdown of daily events in school. In order to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week, we are inviting everyone to come into school (in uniform) but to don a pair of odd socks – the brighter the better! The children will be taking part in learning linked to this theme within their classes all week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Best wishes  
Miss Lock



### PE Kit

As the weather turns, please can you ensure that your child has warm clothing for outdoor PE (dark coloured joggers / leggings) as well as spare socks, jumper and a waterproof.



School week commencing 4 November

94.4% - whole school attendance

Attendance Congratulations:

1<sup>st</sup> place is Year 4 with 99.3%

## NEXT WEEK:

Monday 11 – Remembrance Assembly  
Monday 11 – Change to the lunch menu  
Tuesday 12 – Wear odd socks to school (plus normal uniform) for Anti-Bullying Week  
Tuesday 12 – Pearl of Africa workshops and concert at 6:30 (all invited – voluntary donations)  
Friday 15 – Children in Need Day – bring £1 and wear spots / stripes.

LUNCH  
MENU  
CHANGE

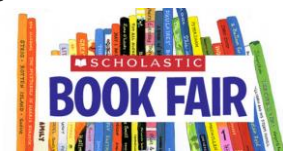
In celebration of Black History month we are going to run a change to the menu on Monday 11 November. The menu choice is below. Please opt for the meat or veggie option on ParentPay in place as whatever shows online.

The last after school club session this term will take place on Thursday 19 December. The breakfast club will run as normal on Friday 20 December.



### Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 11, Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 November 3.00-4.15pm  
Payment this year can be made by phone or cash or cheque



### Nits in school

We have a few reported cases of nits in school. Please take the time to check your child's hair and please ensure that if your child's hair touches their shoulders that it is tied up.



Devoran Pre-school has been chosen as one of the Charities for Truro Waitrose's "Community Matters" causes. If you are shopping in Truro Waitrose in November please consider supporting the Pre-school by placing your green token in the relevant slot. This is a great opportunity for the Pre-school as it relies on fundraising for resources for the children.

| NOVEMBER     |   |
|--------------|---|
| Monday 11    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Swimming – Years 1 &amp; 3</li> <li>. Remembrance Day Assembly</li> <li>. Scholastic Book Fair -15.00-16.15hrs</li> </ul>  |
| Tuesday 12   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Odd Sock Day (school uniform) to mark Anti-Bullying We</li> <li>. Pearl of Africa Choir Workshops in school</li> <li>. Scholastic Book Fair -15.00-16.15hrs</li> <li>. Pearl of Africa Choir Concert – 18.30hrs – all welcome (donations on the door)</li> </ul> |
| Wednesday 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Year 4 Assembly – 14.30hrs</li> <li>. Scholastic Book Fair -15.00-16.15hrs</li> </ul>  |
| Friday 15    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Camborne Music Festival</li> <li>. Children in Need Day – Donation Day (non-uniform) - wear ‘Spots, Dots and/or Stripes’ and bring in a donation</li> </ul>  |
| Monday 18    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Swimming – Years 1 &amp; 3</li> <li>. Year 6 visit to the Royal Cornwall Museum TBC</li> </ul>   |
| Tuesday 19   | Year 2 Assembly – 14.30hrs  |
| Wednesday 20 | City of Lights Parade – Year 6  |
| Friday 22    | PTCA Donation Day (donations for raffle and chocolate tombola)  |
| Monday 25    | Swimming – Years 1 & 3  |
| Tuesday 26   | Year 3 Assembly – 14.30hrs  |
| DECEMBER     |   |
| Monday 02    | Swimming – Years 1 & 3  |
| Tuesday 03   | Year 6 Assembly – 14.30hrs  |
| Wednesday 04 | Parent Consultations - 15.30-19.00hrs – details to follow   |
| Thursday 05  | Parent Consultations -15.30-19.00hrs – details to follow  |
| Friday 06    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>NO</b> Acorn Multi-Sports After School Club</li> <li>. PTCA Christmas Fayre - 15.00-18.00hrs</li> </ul>   |
| Monday 09    | Recorders Rule @ The Royal Cornwall Museum - Evening  |
| Tuesday 10   | FS & KS1 Nativity – 14.00hrs and 18.00hrs   |
| Wednesday 11 | Christmas Lunch   |
| Thursday 12  | FS & KS1 Nativity – 14.00hrs  |
| Monday 16    | Rocksteady Christmas Concert -14.00-15.00hrs  |
| Tuesday 17   | KS2 Christmas Carol Service and Light Parade -16.30-18.30hrs  |
| Wednesday 18 | Backup date - KS2 Christmas Carol Service and Light Parade  |
| Thursday 19  | Last Acorn Multi-Sports After School Club   |
| Friday 20    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Last Acorn Multi-Sports Breakfast Club</li> <li>. End of Term - School closes 13.30hrs</li> </ul>  |
| JANUARY 2020 |   |
| Monday 06    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Back to school</li> <li>. First Acorn Multi-Sports Breakfast Club</li> <li>. First Acorn Multi-Sports After School Club</li> </ul>   |
| Monday 13    | Swimming – Years 2 & 4  |
| Monday 20    | Swimming – Years 2 & 4  |
| Monday 27    | Swimming – Years 2 & 4  |

| MARCH                                 |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Monday 02                             | Swimming – Years 2 & 4  |
| Thursday 05                           | World Book Day – details to follow                            |
| Monday 09-Friday 13                   | Sports Relief Week – details to follow                        |
| Monday 09                             | Swimming – Years 2 & 4  |
| Monday 16                             | Swimming – Years 2 & 4  |
| Monday 23                             | Swimming – Years 2 & 4  |
| Tuesday 24                            | Year 3 Camp Meeting – 14.30hrs                                |
| Friday 27                             | End of term – pick up 13.30hrs                                |
| Monday 30 March to<br>Monday 13 April | Easter Holidays   |
| APRIL                                 |   |
| Tuesday 14                            | Back to school  |
| Monday 20                             | Foundation Stage Swimming – details to follow                 |
| Tuesday 21                            | Year 5 Parents Camp Meeting – 14.30hrs                        |
| Wednesday 22 – Friday<br>24           | Year 3 Carnyorth Camp – details to follow                     |
| Monday 27                             | Foundation Stage Swimming                                     |
| MAY                                   |   |
| Friday 01                             | Class Photos  |
| Friday 08                             | May Bank Holiday – School Closed                              |
| Monday 11                             | Foundation Stage Swimming                                     |
| Monday 11 - Thursday<br>14            | Year 6 SATS Week  |
| Wednesday 13 - Friday<br>15           | Year 5 Porthpean Camp   |
| Monday 18 – Friday 22                 | Year 6 Camp – TBC   |
| Monday 18                             | Foundation Stage Swimming                                     |
| Tuesday 19                            | Year 4 Parents Camp Meeting – 14.30hrs –details to follow     |
| Friday 22                             | Sports Day – TBC<br>End of half term – pick up at normal time |
| Monday 25 – Friday 29                 | Half Term Holidays  |
| JUNE                                  |   |
| Monday 01                             | Foundation Stage Swimming                                     |
| Monday 08                             | Foundation Stage Swimming                                     |
| Wednesday 10 – Friday<br>12           | Year 4 Camp Kernow – details to follow                        |
| Wednesday 24                          | Parent Consultations – 15.30-19.00hrs – details to follow     |
| Thursday 25                           | Parent Consultations – 15.30-19.00hrs – details to follow     |
| Tuesday 30                            | Year 6 Penair School Transition Day – details to follow       |
| JULY                                  |   |
| Wednesday 01                          | Year 6 Penair School Transition Day – details to follow       |
| Friday 17                             | End of term – pick up 13.30hrs                                |
| Monday 20 – Thursday<br>24            | INSET DAYS<br>No children in school                           |

# We love a good news story!

Please read the following article about Will who was a pupil at Devoran School some years ago. The below was published in the GWR staff newsletter last week and Cassia in Year 4 wrote a spectacular poem about her amazing Uncle. We are very proud of both Will and Cassia!

## Living the dream working the rails



Working on the railways is the dream for many children growing up. For Will Parham, that was the case. He now lives his dream as a volunteer at Truro Station.

Will has Noonan Syndrome, a genetic disorder that prevents normal development in various parts of the body, and has been interested in trains since he was small and he used to visit his siblings on the train and underground in London.

Carol, his mum, explained: "Will was given a video of the driver's eye view of an underground line, which he would watch endlessly. He now has videos and DVDs of every London Underground line and knows them by heart."

Will started at Truro Station on work experience, and when his placement finished he was offered a permanent role. Will now has his own GWR uniform, which has been altered to fit him as one of the symptoms of Noonan syndrome is short stature.

Carol said: "He hates having a day off and especially loves working on days like Christmas Eve. All the GWR staff at Truro Station, on the trains and at Paddington Station, are very friendly and supportive of Will, which means a lot to him."

Lee Goodson, Station Manager at Truro Station, said: "Will has become very much part of the station team and has gone through lots of large life challenges whilst being with us including open heart surgery but is always chomping at the bit to get back to his days in the station. Will has a great relationship with all the customers and staff at Truro and is a pleasure to have around."

Will's love of trains occupies most of his life, he travels on the train from Truro to Camborne three times a week to work in the kitchen and garden at the Kehelland Trust, and he uses trains for leisure trips with family. His niece, Cassia, has even put his love of GWR into words, in the form of a poem.

Carol continued: "A couple of years ago he had the opportunity to visit the HST Simulator at Plymouth where he spent a most enjoyable few hours driving the train. On June he travelled 800 miles in 17 hours on 'The Flying Banana', the last HST, with his dad. He said it was the best day of his life."

When at home Will has two live departure boards to follow the GWR timetable, one in his bedroom and one in the lounge. He also enjoys the annual family holiday to Nice, travelling on the Eurostar/TGV.

Carol concluded: "So you can see, trains and stations, but especially GWR are his life."





# In celebration of Black History Month 11.11.19

Jerk Chicken with Rice and Peas  
or  
Vegetable Jollof

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Baked Root Vegetables

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Selection of Salads  
Freshly Made Bread

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### Please Help.

Gardening Club at Devoran School are working hard to improve the school grounds and also the space with the new raised bed and cherry trees on the way up to school. We would be very grateful for the following, to support us:

- cuttings of any of the plants below, if you have any in your garden.
- plants you no longer want.
- seeds collected from plants in your garden

(We can collect if they are difficult to carry).



Shrubs



Ornamental grasses



Perennials



Hydrangeas



Seeds

We would be most grateful for your support.

Thank you from all the children at Gardening Club.



# DEVORAN SCHOOL PTCA NEEDS YOU!



1. We have a Donation Day on 22 November in order to help the PTCA to stock various stalls for the Christmas Fair.

As payment for the Donation Day, We would like parents to bring in both one item for the Raffle and one item for the Chocolate Wheel of Fortune. As in previous years, for some of the Raffle prizes, we will be creating coloured hampers so if the various years could bring in any items in their specific colour, that would be great. The items that we require from the various years are as follows:

| Class:           | Chocolate Item:       | Coloured Item: |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Foundation Stage | TWIRL                 | RED            |
| YR 1             | MALTEASERS            | GREEN          |
| YR 2             | BOOST                 | BLUE           |
| YR 3             | MILKYWAY              | SILVER         |
| YR 4             | ANY FESTIVE CHOCOLATE | GOLD           |
| YR 5             | TWIX                  | PURPLE         |
| YR 6             | WISPA                 | PINK           |

2. We require Fairy Lights for the Grotto. If you have any Fairy Lights that you would be happy to lend the PTCA, we would very much appreciate your help. Please clearly name your lights and bring them into the school reception the week before the Fair – Thank you!
3. We require Large Cardboard Boxes to construct Santa's Grotto. If you have any Large Cardboard Boxes that you would be happy to give to the PTCA it would be a huge help – Thank you!
4. We would very much appreciate the following items that we can use to stock stalls:
  - Any donations of prizes for the Tombola / Hoopla / Raffle – We want to make as much money for the school as possible this year and so your generosity here would be hugely appreciated!!!!
  - Toys / Books / 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform
5. If you would like to have a stall at the Christmas Fair please do not hesitate to get in touch - [devoranptca@mail.com](mailto:devoranptca@mail.com)