



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

This week every class has had a special focus on anti-bullying week which we launched by inviting children and staff to come into school in their odd socks. Each class has thought carefully about anti-bullying and how we can be a good friend to our peers whilst also understanding what one should do if they feel that they see or experiences bullying. At Devoran School we have a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and we are currently working on our anti-bullying strategy to reflect this. If you would be interested in forming a working party to help with this strategy, please email Mrs Andrews expressing your interest in supporting the school with this and we will send you out more information in due course.

There is a lot of information in the body of this newsletter so I thank you in advance for taking the time to read it.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Lock



November Numeracy Challenge

We are approaching the end of our first Mathletics Numeracy Challenge. Your child still has time to crunch the numbers and take part as the challenge ends on Sunday. It is too early to tell how we are doing nationally but this week the school's participation has increased 22.4% across the school. As it stands as of 8:32am Friday 20th November; 3rd place Year 5, 2nd place Year 1 and 1st place is Year 3. It is all to play for children – keep going this weekend!

Governor News

We are delighted to share with you that we have two new Governors who have joined our Governing Body.

Ariel Roukaerts has been elected as a Parent Governor.

Angela Heyes has been elected as a Co-opted Governor.

We are delighted with the new appointments and we know they will bring a range of skills to our Governing Body that will support the strategic leadership of the school.

Christmas Cards in School

We appreciate that children enjoy sending cards to their friends and teachers. In order to allow us to continue this Christmas tradition, children may bring cards in on a Monday and put them in the Christmas post box that will be in their classroom. The cards will then remain in the post box until the Friday at which point they will be distributed. It is really important that children **only bring in cards on a Monday** to enable enough time for the cards to be quarantined. Thank you for your help with this.

Christmas Lunch / Party Afternoon

On Wednesday 16 December we look forward to our special Christmas Lunch. Please ensure that you have booked a lunch for your child on ParentPay – if you had previously booked, you may need to go back and re-book due to the menu change. We invite all children to come in in their party clothes and a Christmas jumper on this day. Each class will then have a special party afternoon following on from the lunch.

KS2 Christmas Carol Service – save the date!

We are delighted to share with you the news that we will be hosting a virtual carol service on **Tuesday 15 December** at **6pm**. The children in KS2 will pre-record the carol service and we ask that our families tune in on this date so that we can still get that sense of community that we all enjoy whilst also singing a few well-known traditional Christmas carols. The whole school community is invited to take part! More information to follow.

Sports in School

As part of our endeavour to encourage children to walk, bike or scoot to school, last week we took part in the Cornwall Winter Virtual Games. Our children across the school took part in a range of activities including multi-skills, gymnastics and 'making up the miles'. We are delighted that our Year 3 and 4 children came 2nd overall in the Making Up the Miles Competition and our Year 5 children placed 3rd in the same event.

In total 56 primary schools took part out of a possible 234 schools in Cornwall. 11,870 results were submitted across the following challenges:

Sports Hall Athletics – 5,049

Multi Skills – 1,997

Gymnastics – 2,836

Making Up the Miles – 1,988

A breakdown of year groups registering results is as follows:

Year 1 – 1,917

Year 2 – 2,103

Year 3 – 1,947

Year 4 – 1,890

Year 5 – 1,996

Year 6 – 2,017

Well done to everyone in Devoran School who took part in this virtual event.

The Year 5 and 6 classes also took part in a fitness competition last week. Each competition was split into Year 5 and Year 6 teams with girls and boys competing against each other. The results are as follows:

Year 5	Year 6
Jumping Jacks School winner: Devoran - 48 Individual winner: Tom R - Devoran - 65	Jumping Jacks School winner: Devoran - 47
Lie down get ups School winner: Devoran - 18 Individual winner: Jack G - Devoran 31	Lie down get ups School winner: Devoran - 16
Skate Jumps School winner: Devoran - 60 Individual winner: Tom R - Devoran 85	Skate Jumps School winner: Tregolls - 55
High Knees School winner: Kea - 70	High Knees School winner: Devoran - 86
Overall school winner: Devoran	Overall winner: Devoran

Congratulations to all our Year 5 and 6 children who took part – sometimes in their lunchtimes to complete the fitness competition.

This week children in Year 5 & 6 have also competed against local schools in Penair's Virtual Netball and Basketball Skills. The challenges were shoulder passing to a friend and chest passing to a wall. How many successful passes can your child complete in 30 seconds? Results for this week's challenge will follow next week!

Roundabout

This is a polite reminder that no cars should be parked on the roundabout whilst dropping off or collecting children. The staggered start and egress is really helping with the flow of traffic and it is so lovely to see children walking up to school as well as using bikes and scooters to come up. Thank you in advance for your support in keeping our children and parents safe.

Early Finish – Friday 18 December

On Friday 18 December school will finish earlier. The earlier finish times will be:

A-E	13:00
F-J	13:10
K-R	13:20
S-Z	13:30

Parent Support

This week Devoran School have been signposted to a number of parent workshops and podcasts that we feel would be useful to share with you. Information on these can be found below:

Online Safety Podcast

Here is a link for an interesting podcase from Headstart Kernow that focuses on Online Resilience – please go to Episode 2 on the following link: <https://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/digital-resilience/digital-podcasts/>

Nurturing Shy Kids Workshop

Is your child shy? Does your child find it hard to speak out? Here is a link to a parent workshop delivered by Nadia around shyness that you may find useful: <https://vimeo.com/477336606>

Curly Hair Project Webinars for Parents and Professionals

Here are a range of workshops that may be of interest to you. The Curly Hair Project focuses on children with autism, but having done some of the training with them before, the workshops would be relevant to any parent regardless of whether you have a child with autism or not. There is a small fee for the workshops and more information can be found on the link below. The workshops focus on the following:

- Gender Dysphoria (1 hour) Wed 25 Nov 8pm
- Executive Function Mon 30 Nov 8pm
- Meltdowns Wed 2 Dec 8pm
- Anxiety (2 hours) Fri 4 Dec 7pm
- Understanding Masking (1 hour) Mon 7 Dec
- Females (1 hour) Wed 9 Dec 8pm
- Understanding what it's like to be autistic (1 hour) Mon 14 Dec 8pm
- Sensory Processing & Autism (2 hours) Wed 16 Dec 7pm
- Socialising & Autism (2 hour) Mon 4 Jan 7pm
- Communication & Autism (2 hours) Wed 6 Jan 7pm

If you would like to look at more detail on any of the events we currently are offering, then please click on the link below:

<http://www.thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk/events>

Coronavirus Testing Contact Centre Information:

Contacting 119 if you are testing yourself

If an individual, such as a student, a parent or a carer, is conducting testing off site and requires support, they should call 119 and follow these instructions:

When calling 119, please select the following options to be directed straight to the schools and further education providers support team:

- if you are calling from England (option 1), Scotland (option 2) Wales (option 3) or Northern Ireland (option 4)
- select whether you would like to hear how the data captured during the call is used (option 1) or to continue to additional options (option 2)

You will then be asked to choose a further option:

- if you are calling because you have an upcoming hospital procedure, or from an organisation who receives test kits directly from the national testing programme, select option 1
- if you are an individual, such as a student, a parent or a carer, and are conducting testing off site and require support, please select option 2

It is important that you contact the correct helpline as it will help the coronavirus (COVID-19) testing call centre resolve your query as quickly as possible.

The helpline is open 7am to 11pm daily.

Devoran Wraparound Care

We've had a great week making the most of some dry weather outside, even if we nearly got blown away in the wind!



We love playing UNO and not just because it's fun. It's also great for building social skills like taking turns, following the rules, and being a good winner or loser. The game also helps with colour matching, number recognition, counting and fine motor skills.

We made Rangoli patterns which is an art form, usually made during Diwali on the floor using materials such as coloured rice, although we decided to use coloured paper and glitter. We also made paper lamps or kandeels which are normally illuminated in the doorways of people's homes during the celebration of light.



We continued with our Lego challenges, origami and even designed our own laptops and mobile phones.



We're looking forward to seeing what great ideas the children come up with next week!

A Big

THANK YOU



DEVORAN SCHOOL

for supporting Truro Foodbank at harvest 2020.

Especially in these covid times your donation really helps to make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

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Cricket Christmas Camp



Why?

Last minute Christmas shopping in Truro?
A great opportunity to have the kids entertained with Cricket!

When?

22-23
December
10am - 3pm

Cost?

£20
per child
per day

Who?

Children
School
Years
1-5

What?

Softball
All equipment
provided!
cleaned and covid-
Ready

Where?
Cricket Centre
College Way,
Truro
TR1 3XX

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