



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the New Academic Year!

It has been a privilege to see everyone return to school with such enthusiasm and looking so smart. It has been a very calm start to the term which has helped us to redefine our expectations and values. We have spent time in class and assembly talking to the children about 'The Devoran Way' and our expectations of both adults and children. We have simplified our School Values into three rules which cover a range of situations. These three rules are *Ready*, *Respectful* and *Safe*. Your children all spoke with such clarity about what these mean and I am sure they will enjoy telling you about them.

We have also prepared the children ready for our launch of the Whole School Food Policy on Monday. There is more information on this on the next page and you will also be emailed the Policy along with this newsletter.

I hope that you have a restful weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Lock



School week commencing 1st September

96.4% - whole school attendance

Attendance Congratulations:

1st place is Year 5 with 100%

**Classes with over 97% and above
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5**

Key Dates

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS:

Monday 9th September

Year Four – 16:00

Tuesday 10th September

Year Three - 15:30

Year Six- 16:00

Thursday 12th September

Year One - 15:30

Year Five - 16:00

Friday 13th September

Year Two – 15:30

SHARING ASSEMBLIES:

All assemblies are on Tuesdays at 2:30pm

15th October - Year Five

29th October – Year Four

5th November – Year One

19th November – Year Two

26th November – Year Three

3rd December – Year Six

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: (appointments to follow)

Wednesday 4th December – 15:30 - 18:30

Thursday 5th December - 15:30 – 18:30

Please remember to book your child's lunch choice in ParentPay every day. You can do this in advance if it is easier to book them in bulk. All children in KS2 are required to pay for their meals unless they are entitled to Free School Meals. Heidi is no longer able to swap a child's meal request on the day so please ensure that you check with your child that they are happy with the food choice on each day.



At Devoran School we strive to encourage independence in all of our children. If your child is in Key Stage Two (maybe even Year 2), we would like to give the children and parents the opportunity of dropping their child off at the gate and allowing the children to walk up to class on their own. A member of staff will be at the gates welcoming the children in to school. If you need to speak with the class teacher, you can always book an appointment via the school office or you could send a note in with your child.

To enable the school to retain its Healthy School's Status, and also to establish the school as a 'Sugar Smart' school, we need to implement a Whole School Food Policy based upon the principles of healthy eating. This policy has been written inline with the Cornwall Council Policy for Healthy Schools. This also follows on from the Sugar Smart workshops the children took part in during the Summer Term. The policy has been produced after consultation with key stakeholders – including parents and children and takes into consideration severe food allergies children have within the school.



We would be extremely grateful if you could help your child bring appropriate snacks and lunches into school each day which follow the guidelines set out in the policy. In addition to this, we also kindly ask you to **not celebrate birthdays with sweets and cakes** brought into school, but instead, if your child wishes to purchase or share something with the class, perhaps a small book for the class library would be perfect as this could be enjoyed by everyone. We will still celebrate birthdays with the children as we understand how important each milestone is, just without the cake in school!

We made the decision to share the plans for tuck and healthy snacks with the children before next week to remind the children about the sugar smart workshops that they did in the Summer Term. The children have shown a great understanding of how we can all help one another to be 'sugar smart' and the large majority of children have been positive about these changes that are coming into place.

If you have any questions about the Whole School Food Policy, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Music Lesson Days

Day/Time	Instrument	Teacher
Monday - throughout the day	Rocksteady	Ed Perkins
Tuesday - afternoon	Keyboards	Steve Watts
Wednesday – morning	Recorders	Sarah Whomersley
Wednesday – afternoon	Violins	Charlotte Cotrell
Thursday – afternoon	Woodwind	Rebecca Sampson
Friday – afternoon	Stick- At-It Drums	Tim Senior

Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and that all items of clothing are named.

It would also be beneficial for your child to have an old adult's shirt / T-shirt in their PE bag for the times that they do messy art work!