



# DEVORAN NEWS

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 3 and 4 started back with their chess maths this week after a break over the Christmas period. It is so enjoyable seeing the children engaging with the Chess in Schools tutors who are helping the children to develop their strategic thinking. There are still spaces available in the chess club on a Thursday after school and anyone with any level of experience from Years 3-6 are welcome. Please contact the school office for more information.

The PTCA have informed me that they raised an incredible £1,900 from the Christmas Fair. I am so grateful to everyone who volunteered their time to help at the fair – this money makes such a difference to the opportunities we are able to bring to our children and I am so grateful. If you would like to offer your help at a PTCA event in the future or if you have any ideas for fundraising, please do get in touch with the PTCA; you do not need to commit to every event. The PTCA can be contacted on [devoranptca@mail.com](mailto:devoranptca@mail.com)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Miss Lock

## Running Club

Everyone is welcome to join us at running club on Tuesdays and Fridays. KS1 children must be accompanied by a parent. All parents welcome! Please can all parents make sure their child is ready to run by 8:10 having already dropped their bags to the classrooms to enable us to start running at 8:15.

## Lost coat

A red Buffalo coat age 10 years has been missing since before Christmas. If anywhere knows of its whereabouts, please can you return it to the school office so we can return it to its rightful owner. Thank you in advance!

## Unnamed uniform

We still have a lot of unnamed uniform floating around. Please can you ensure that your child's name is in their uniform – particularly jumpers and cardigans.

## Please help us to keep our children and families safe

This time of year at school drop-off time the sun can be dangerously low in the sky. Parents driving from school along Devoran Lane or St. Johns Terrace should take extra care that they can clearly see ahead and reduce their speed accordingly. Also those choosing to use the Tram Road instead of the main road should be aware of some particularly hazardous stretches and the many pedestrians and cyclists.

School week commencing 10 January 2020

95.4% - whole school attendance

**Attendance Congratulations:**

1<sup>st</sup> place is Year 5 with 100%

2<sup>nd</sup> place is Year 2 with 98.6%

3<sup>rd</sup> place is Year 4 with 95.1%

## Devoran School Uniform

### Girls

Dark grey pinafore dress (FS-Yr2)

Dark grey skirt, trousers or shorts

White short sleeved polo shirt (FS-Yr5)

White short/long sleeved shirt (Yr6)

Tartan tie (Yr6 available from school only)

School logoed jumper/cardigan

Grey socks or tights

White ankle socks in summer (FS\_Yr5)

Gold/yellow check gingham dress (summer)

Sensible black shoes (**not trainers, canvas or open toed sandals or boots**)

### Boys

Dark grey trousers or shorts

White short sleeved polo shirt (FS-Yr5)

White short/long sleeved shirt (Yr6)

Tartan tie (Yr6 available from school only)

School logoed jumper/cardigan

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (**not trainers or canvas shoes or boots**)

We use this Road too  
Please slow Down



This poster was designed by Ayden in Year 6 of Devoran School as part of a poster competition.

This campaign is supported by Feock Parish Council, Devoran Primary School and Cornwall Council

<b>JANUARY</b>		
Monday 20		Swimming – Years 2 & 4
Monday 27		Swimming – Years 2 & 4
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Monday 03		Swimming – Years 2 & 4
Monday 10		Swimming – Years 2 & 4
Friday 14		End of half term – pick up usual time
Monday 17-Friday 20		Half Term Holidays
Monday 24		Swimming – Years 2 & 4
Friday 28		PTCA Race Night – details to follow
<b>MARCH</b>		
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
Thursday 19		PTCA School Disco – details to follow
Monday 23		Swimming – Years 2 & 4 Rocksteady Easter Concert -14.00-15.00hrs
Tuesday 24		Year 3 Camp Meeting – 14.30hrs
Friday 27		End of term – pick up 13.30hrs
Monday 30 March to Monday 13 April		Easter Holidays
<b>APRIL</b>		
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 24		Year 3 Carnyorth Camp – details to follow
Monday 27		Foundation Stage Swimming
<b>MAY</b>		
Friday 01		Class Photos
Friday 08		May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11		Foundation Stage Swimming
Monday 11 – Thursday 14		Year 6 SATS Week
Wednesday 13 – Friday 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 . End of half term – pick up at normal time
Monday 25 – Friday 29		Half Term Holidays
<b>JUNE</b>		

Monday 01	Foundation Stage Swimming
Monday 08	Foundation Stage Swimming
Wednesday 10 – Friday 12	Year 4 Camp Kernow – details to follow
Tuesday 23	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
<b>JULY</b>	
Wednesday 01	Year 6 Penair School Transition Day – details to follow
Friday 17	End of term – pick up 13.30hrs
Monday 20 – Thursday 24	INSET DAYS - No children in school

### Retiring collection for Truro Foodbank at the KS2 Carol Service

Revd Dr Jonathan Rowe has been in contact with Devoran School to say that at the retiring collection at the KS2 Carol Service we raised £102.58 for the Truro Foodbank. This is a great sum that will be a real help to people much less fortunate than ourselves. Jonathan and I would like to pass on our grateful thanks to the parents and children for your generous donations.

### Devoran School doing its bit to tackle the climate emergency!

**ENVIRONMENT COLUMN. SUPPLIED BY THE CORNWALL AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY UNIT**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020 **WEST BRITON 35**

## Creating a Forest for Cornwall – get involved!

**Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

to create more space for nature in towns and villages. Up to £1,000 is available for each eligible project, for example any tree-planting scheme that would be part of our carbon-absorbing Forest for Cornwall.

You also have the opportunity to double your money through Crowdfunder Cornwall. Any Cornwall-based and recognised "not for profit" organisations are eligible to apply.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warns that we have only 12 years to make changes to keep global heating at a maximum of 1.5C. Beyond this, even half a degree's change will worsen the risks of floods, droughts and extreme heatwaves.

Cornwall is not immune to these changes and is particularly vulnerable to flooding and coastal erosion. In response to these concerns, on January 22 last year Cornwall Council declared a climate emergency.

The council committed to preparing a report within six months, outlining how to reduce carbon emissions and work towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030. On July 24, 2019, the cabinet unanimously approved the ambitious plan.

One of our first, large-scale projects is the Forest for Cornwall, which is a great example of finding and applying the most successful natural climate solutions suitable for Cornwall. It will help to maintain, restore and expand important habitats to help nature do what it does best – regulate the climate by absorbing greenhouse gas emissions.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature: "Forests help stabilise the climate. They regulate ecosystems, protect biodiversity, play an integral part in the carbon cycle, support livelihoods and can help drive sustainable growth."

"To maximise the climate benefits of forests, we must keep more forest landscapes intact, manage them more sustainably, and restore more of those landscapes which we have lost."

"Halting the loss and degradation of natural systems and promoting their restoration have the potential to contribute over one-third of the total climate change mitigation scientists say is required by 2030."

Although the UK was once largely covered by trees, just 13% of its land area is now woodland, making it one of Europe's least wooded nations.

A recent report (State of Nature, 2016) highlighted that, over the long term, we have lost 53% of woodland species and a further 11% are threatened with extinction.

Cornwall will play a key part in increasing much-needed forest cover. Through Forest for Cornwall, we are working to reforest 8,000 hectares, or 2%, of the Duchy. It is an ambitious project across many rural and urban sites, not a single area of new forest.

Participation and partnership is essential if we are to achieve its ambitious aims. It involves partners such as the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Nature Partnership, landowners, the forestry sector,

town and parish councils, environmental charities, the NHS, private utilities, local businesses, government bodies, the Cornwall AONB, schools, communities and individuals.

We have already successfully supported some brilliant projects, such as Wildflower and Tree Planting with Devoran School.

This raised £900 in 28 days thanks to the local community and £450 pledged from the council.

As part of a joint project with Devoran School, the Climate Emergency Group and Wellbeing project, these funds were used to plant an overgrown patch of land near the school with wildflowers and local native apple, plum and cherry trees.

The cherries have been chosen as they attract early pollinators. Cornish apples were deliberately chosen and, hopefully, will bear lots of fruit for the community to pick and enjoy.

The annual wildflower beds will be planted by the schoolchildren. Each year, they will collect the seeds, grow new plants and plant them out again in the spring.

If you agree with our Forest for Cornwall mission to fight climate change and want to take part, we'd love to hear from you. For more info, see the Grow Nature toolkit on [www.cornwall.gov.uk/grow-nature](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/grow-nature)

For details of the Seed Fund, visit [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/crowdfunder-cornwall/extra-funding](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/crowdfunder-cornwall/extra-funding) or email [Grow-Nature@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Grow-Nature@cornwall.gov.uk). For more about Forest for Cornwall, contact [forestforcornwall@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:forestforcornwall@cornwall.gov.uk)

**by FEDERICA REITANO**  
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**W**OULD you like to start or contribute to tree-planting activities for our flagship Forest for Cornwall project to help tackle the climate emergency? Do you need that extra bit of cash to make it happen? The Grow Nature Seed Fund can help.

Cornwall Council and Crowdfunder have joined forces to work with you and your community by supporting great ideas to generate environmental growth anywhere in Cornwall and help tackle the effects climate change.

The Grow Nature Seed Fund supports small-scale projects that help

**Planting fruit trees on a piece of land near Devoran School**



**WALK A MONTHLY COLUMN BY SHEILA GOLDSWORTHY**