

DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

30 children took part in the Coose Trannack cross country event last Saturday. Thank you to all runners and supporters who came out despite the freezing temperatures! Every child completed the race and we are proud of each and every one of them. Every runner ended up contributing to the whole school entry which led us to winning the shield! Thank you to Mrs Evans for organising the event and for taking time out of her Saturday morning to be there.

The Flower Show was a huge success on Saturday and it was wonderful to see so many parents and children entering a range of categories. Thank you to all the teachers who worked with the children to create the fabulous art work and for Mrs Emblin and Mrs Morris who took time on Friday afternoon to display all the work in the village hall.

Thank you to those parents who came to Parent Forum on Tuesday. The minutes of the meeting will be on our school website once they have been ratified.

Year 1 had a fabulous time at the Falmouth Art Gallery where they linked with their literacy learning on traditional tales and looked at some paintings linked to this genre.

Year 3 had a lovely afternoon at the Hall for Cornwall listening to the Cornwall Youth Orchestra performing in the Ten Pieces Concert. It was lovely to hear young musicians performing

Good luck to the Year 6 girls football against St Mary's on Tuesday. This is taking part at school and kick-off is at 3:30pm – supporters are welcome!

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes, Miss Lock

Sugar Smart Cornwall – Survey The Cornwall Council Public Health team are conducting a survey to find out more about your views on sugar. Please click on the following link and take part in the <u>sugar survey</u>. Survey closes Midnight on Friday 30th March 2018.



Sport Relief - Friday 23rd March

The Sports Leaders and Donation Day Leaders took every class out to walk / jog / run a mile as a way of raising awareness for Sport Relief.

Every class showed resilience and team spirit and had great fun along the way.

In total we raised £332.50 which included the £162 raised from sale of the stress balls.

Thank you to all the children, parents and carers for your generosity for this worthwhile cause.

School week commencing 19th March

96.2% - whole school attendance
Attendance Congratulations:

1st place is Year Foundation
with 99%

Apart from Foundation, there are no classes with over 97% and above

Key dates

29th March – Easter Cream Tea and Hat Parade Cream tea from 1:15, Hat Parade from 1:40pm School will finish at 14:15 on this day (March 29th)

Monday 23rd April – Alternative Sports Fayre
Tuesday 1st May –Foundation sharing assembly
Tuesday 8th May - Year One sharing assembly
Tuesday 15th May-Year Three sharing assembly
Tuesday 12th June- Year Six sharing assembly
Tuesday 19th June - Year Five sharing assembly
Tuesday 26th June - Year Two sharing assembly
Tuesday 10th July - Year Four sharing assembly
Wednesday 18th July at 10am — Year Six
Leavers assembly (Year Six parents invited)
Thursday 19th July at 10:30am — Year Five and
Six tie handover ceremony (Year Five and Six parents invited)

At the Parent Forum, it was requested that we share more dates with you. We are currently working on this and hope to share this with you in the Summer Term.

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to share with you the news that Mrs Grocott is expecting her second child. We will keep you informed with plans for staffing for September in due course whilst Mrs Grocott is on Maternity leave.

Mrs Hudson is going to be leaving us at the end of this term to pursue other roles and hobbies. Mrs Hudson will be sorely missed by the children and staff at Devoran as she has been an integral part of the school, leading our Student Council from strength to strength. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Hudson all the best for the future.

DEVORAN MUSIC NEWS

As a keen musician myself, I have been driven to finding ways to encourage music making both in and out of the school. Mrs Covey does a fantastic job of leading and encouraging the children who are learning the recorder on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, Mrs Sydenham led our newlyfounded Choir to perform in SongFest at the Hall for Cornwall with huge success, and the children who participated in the Cornwall Music Festival performed exceptionally well. Sarah Seddon has also invited us down to perform twice at the Community 'Meet and Eat' event which is a wonderful opportunity for the children to perform in front of a friendly audience.

Education Hub

Some parents have been asking for more information about Music Provision at Devoran School. Music is taught as part of the curriculum Cornwall Music coverage in all year groups. EYFS and KS1 focus on learning the fundamentals of music-making and this year, in KS2, every class is learning an instrument as part of a First Access project through the Cornwall Music Education Hub. Year 3 are learning the Ocarina, Year 4 the Ukulele, Year 5 (will be learning) djembe drums and Year 6 the cornet!

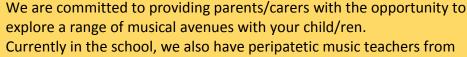
Below is some more information about the other optional music-making opportunities that are open to your child within the school.



All of the children experienced another awesome Rocksteady workshop this week and you will have received a letter home giving you information about enrolling your child/ren. This music opportunity is open for all children from Foundation to Year Six!

If you would like any more information regarding Rocksteady, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me as I have worked closely with Rocksteady in a number of schools.

Devoran School are very proud to be the first school in Cornwall to provide this unique opportunity to parents and children, which has a strong focus on developing self-esteem and understanding the value of teamwork in a fun and engaging manner.



the Cornwall Music Service Trust offering a range of instrument tuition

- Violin
- Woodwind (Flute and Clarinet)
- Brass (Trombone and Trumpet and Cornet)
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Drums (to be contacted separately on tim@stick-at-it.com

To find out more information about the availability and cost of these lessons, please speak to the Cornwall Music Service Trust on 01872 246043 or email admin@cornwallmusicservicetrust.org Generally, the children start learning these instruments from Year 3, but it does depend on the teacher / instrument.

































