



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week at school with lots of school visits. On Monday Year 5 enjoyed a great trip to Truro High School to learn about Space and on Thursday Year 6 went to the museum to make links to their Greek topic.

The children have coped really well today despite the wind and rain. Please remind your child to bring a coat in with them whatever the weather. Welly boots are also a useful thing to have in school at all times. As always, please ensure all kit is named.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Donation Day Thursday 18th will be a Sea-themed dress up day!

We will be raising money for Children's Hospice South West and the Urology Foundation.



If your child is currently in **Year Six**, you will need to apply for a place in Year Seven in a secondary school for September 2019. **The deadline for applications is 31 October 2018.**

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you will need to apply for a school place for September 2019. **The deadline for applications is 15 January 2019.**

Stay and Play next Friday will

focus on **music and movement!**

Friday 9 – 10:30



School week commencing 8th October

96.6% - whole school attendance

Attendance Congratulations:

1st place is Year 4 with 99.3%!

Classes with over 97% and above:

Year 4, Foundation and Year 1

Well done Devoran!



Key Dates

SHARING ASSEMBLIES:

All assemblies are on Tuesdays at 2:30pm

30th October - Year Six

6th November – Year Five

20th November – Year Three

27th November – Year Two

4th December – Year One

11th December – Year Four

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: (appointments to follow)

Tuesday 20th November

~~Wednesday 21st November~~ changed to

Thursday 22nd November

City of Lights (Year 6) – Wednesday 21st November

Over the past few weeks I have received a number of letters from various unions, MPs and local schools asking me to send out information regarding the WorthLess? campaign. I am not a lobbyist (and never intend to be), however if you would like to find out more information, I would like to direct you to the letter overleaf which is an update on the funding campaign.



Dear Parent/Carer

The following letter has been written by the f40 group. The f40 group represents the lowest funded education authorities in England including Cornwall where government-set cash allocations for primary and secondary pupils are the lowest in the country.

Update – School Funding Campaign

On Friday 28 September, over 2000 head teachers campaigned for improved school funding at Westminster, London.

Parents overwhelmingly support the need for much improved investment in our schools. As soon as a reply is received from the Chancellor, I will let you know. I am sure everyone will watch with interest to see how he responds to our requests during the Autumn Statement (Budget) on Monday 29 October.

Following recent headlines, Headteachers across the country hope very much that the Government and the Department for Education, in particular, will stop providing parents and the wider public with misleading information about spending on schools. This week's scathing letter (see link below) to the Department of Education from the UK Statistics Authority underlines all of the points that Worth Less? have repeatedly stated to parents over the past three years.

https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20181008_Sir_David_Norgrove_letter_to_SoS_for_Education.pdf

"I am sure you (The Department for Education) share my concerns that instances such as these do not help to promote trust and confidence in official data, and indeed risk undermining them." Sir David Norgrove – Head of the UK Statistics Authority (8/10/18)

Frankly, it is entirely wrong to suggest that Government spending on schools is much higher than in other comparable countries, when the Department for Education tries to include spending made by families on university tuition fees (loans to students) and independent (private) school fees. This adds billions of pounds to headline data but has absolutely no effect on funding received by schools. It is a completely unacceptable way of defending real term cuts.

The Department for Education must now work hard to rebuild trust and credibility. We hope that ministers will apologise unreservedly and put all of their efforts into investing adequately into school funding and supporting much improved recruitment and retention of teachers.

Parents have also asked how they can support the drive for improved funding. In light of this we are able to let you know that parent groups have lobbied parliament (10 October) and there will also be a national day of parental action on 19 October. For more information about 19 October, please search **#parentsteachersunite** on Twitter or Facebook.

I have decided to forward this letter to you with a single goal of ensuring that every school and pupil receive a much better deal in the near future.

Yours sincerely
Victoria Lock
Headteacher