



# DEVORAN NEWS

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Paradise Park where they even got to meet and stroke Houdini the Penguin!

Our A and B Football teams showed vast improvement in their matches on Monday after school. Both teams worked hard to win the ball and never stopped running. Despite the score lines resulting in two losses, Mr C and Mr Tilley were impressed with the determination and sportsmanship shown by all players.

Some children from Year 5 and 6 enjoyed the Bisi Badminton Festival on Thursday afternoon where they got to learn new skills and even play some competitive games.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and a well-deserved rest.

Best wishes

Miss Lock

**Our sea-themed Donation Day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> was a huge success and we raised £164 for the respective charities.**

**Thank you for your continued support!**



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.**

Keep your eye out for the Falmouth Packet on the 24<sup>th</sup> October where you might see some of our Foundation children in the 'Welcome to Foundation' feature.

School week commencing 15 October

**95.5% - whole school attendance**

**Attendance Congratulations:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place is Year 5 with 97.7%!**

**Year 5 were the only**

**Class above 97%**

**We look forward to seeing you on Monday**

**29<sup>th</sup> October for our Autumn 2 Term**



## Key Dates

### SHARING ASSEMBLIES:

**All assemblies are on Tuesdays at 2:30pm**

30<sup>th</sup> October - Year Six

6<sup>th</sup> November - Year Five

20<sup>th</sup> November - Year Three

27<sup>th</sup> November - Year Two

4<sup>th</sup> December - Year One

11<sup>th</sup> December - Year Four

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS:** (appointments to follow)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

~~Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November~~ changed to

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

City of Lights (Year 6) - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**We have made some additional places available for our Football and Dodgeball clubs. Football is on a Monday after school and Dodgeball is on a Thursday after school. If you would like your child to take part, please go onto ParentPay to register and pay for these.**

Congratulations to Annabelle and Theo who took part in the Truro District Cub's Swimming Gala on Sunday. They are part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Playing Place Cubs pack - and their pack won the gala!



When reporting your child absent on the answerphone, please state the nature of illness. We need to know what the child is ill with in order to code it appropriately on our management system. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lovely morning  
for a Running  
Club! Everyone  
Welcome 😊 Tuesdays  
and Fridays 8:15am  
prompt (KS1 with an adult)





**Are you looking for something to do over half term?**

**Devoran Church is holding a Christmas Card Competition to design the Christmas card that they will send out to the community.**

**Entries must be with Miss Lock by midday on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Thank you for your support, and good luck!**



## Children and Young People at Halloween

Children always enjoy Halloween but it can be a worrying time for parents. Cornwall Council thinks Halloween should be a treat for everyone, so we have produced the following safety tips to help make sure your kids have fun safely!

### Dressing up safely

- Lots of children enjoy making turnip or pumpkin lanterns. If you are making these remember that lanterns should never be made from plastic bottles or other containers.
- Do not allow young children to carry lanterns containing lit candles, use LED ones as a safer option.
- Costumes should not be too long or restrict your child's freedom to move – you don't want any unplanned bumps in the night!
- Some masks can obstruct a child's vision, a potential danger, especially if they are crossing roads. Consider using face paints instead.
- If your kids are going to be outside then make sure they are wearing visible clothing – perhaps you could put reflective tape on their costumes.
- Some costumes – coupled with the excitement of Halloween – can encourage aggressive behaviour. Even fake knives, swords and other costume accessories can hurt or scare people. Make sure your kids understand this and that any potentially dangerous items are made of cardboard or other flexible materials.

### Dressing up - Fire hazard warning

Legislation hasn't changed, some children's Halloween costumes are still extremely dangerous. Children's Halloween costumes are classed as toys which means they don't go through the same fire safety tests regular clothes do. This experiment shows how quickly they ignite, using a simple household lighter.

Halloween costumes and naked flames don't mix. If you do choose to wear a costume or let your a child wear a costume, look for it to be flame retardant and keep away from naked flames as much as possible.

Keep your little ones safe this Halloween avoid using naked flames such as candles, tea lights, bonfires or open fires. To reduce the risk of fire, use LED candles, torches or glow sticks just as spooky but much more safe.

A recent series of the BBC television program 'Watchdog' has shown that some costumes bought from supermarkets are extremely flammable despite passing current fire safety regulations. The episode includes a re-telling of the day Claudia Winkleman's 8 year old daughter's Halloween costume caught fire.

If you need more advice on Halloween goods, contact Trading Standards.

### Top tips for young people at Halloween

- Always be accompanied by an adult when you are trick-or-treating.
- You should only go to houses of people that you know and who are happy for you to call.
- Stay safe, keep to places that you know and are well lit. Do not take short cuts through gardens, alleyways or parks.
- Watch out for traffic - drivers might not see you.
- If you are wearing a mask make sure that you can see where you are going and are aware of your surroundings.
- Carry a torch and a fully charged mobile phone (if you have one).

### Emergency procedures

#### Stop, Drop and Roll

In an emergency where a person's clothing is on fire follow the procedure: Stop, Drop and Roll.

1. Stop the casualty panicking, running around or going outside; any movement or breeze will fan the flames.
2. Drop the casualty to the ground. If possible, wrap them tightly in a fire blanket, or heavy fabric such as a coat, curtain, blanket or rug.
3. Roll the casualty along the ground until the flames have been smothered. Treat any burns and help the casualty to lie down and start cooling the burn as soon as possible.

### Cool, Call and Cover

A good first aid response following a burn or scald can make an enormous difference in recovery time and the severity of scarring. Remember to use the following steps in situations where a burn occurs.

1. **COOL** the burn with running cold tap water for 20 minutes and remove all clothing and jewellery in the area (unless it has melted or firmly stuck to the wound).
2. **CALL** for help - 999, 111 or local GP for advice.
3. **COVER** with cling film or a sterile, non-fluffy dressing or cloth. Make sure the patient is kept warm.

### Having fun safely

The safest way for children to celebrate Halloween is by going to an organised party. Why not hold your own with bobbing for apples, doughnuts on strings and all the other fun and games of Halloween?

- Lots of children like to go trick-or-treating at Halloween. We recommend that they should always go out in groups and younger children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Older children should agree with parents or guardians in advance exactly where they are going and if possible which houses they intend to visit.
- It is likely to be dark outside – make sure they have torches and only walk down well-lit streets.
- If your children have a mobile phone make sure they take it with them and check in at regular intervals to let you know all is well. Agree in advance a time when they will be back home and make sure one of them has a watch.
- Make sure your kids know not to enter anyone's house and not to accept lifts in people's cars.
- Talk through the idea of trick or treat, and make sure your children are aware that some people do not want to be visited on Halloween.

### Safe Treats

- Ask your kids not to eat any sweets or other goodies that they have been given until they get home. Giving them a meal or snack before they go might help them resist temptation!
- Carefully check all the things your kids have been given. Sweets and food that are still in their original wrappers are safest.

### No trick, no treat, no thanks!

If you don't want to be bothered by 'trick or treaters' this Halloween, we would like to suggest that you print this 'No trick, no treat, no thanks' poster, and place it in the front door or window of your home.

We would like to ask people not to call at houses displaying this poster. We are not trying to spoil the fun of Halloween but we would like 'trick or treaters' to recognise that some people, particularly if elderly or vulnerable might be distressed by seeing strangers knocking at their door during the evening.

