



18 December 2020

DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the restrictions we have faced throughout this term, I am so delighted that we have been able to keep the Christmas festivities going throughout. The Christmas tree that was kindly donated by Sarah Seddon has been a real feature by our gate and we have loved all the decorations that the children have made and brought in to hang on it.

This certainly has been a term like no other, and I am so proud of the way the children have shown such resilience and strength on their return to school after a really challenging Summer Term. This wouldn't have been possible without the brute determination, passion and focus of our staff who have worked tirelessly to create welcoming classrooms (albeit sitting in rows) as well as reassuring our children and creating engaging lessons that are ready to go online at any given moment. Every moment in school is a learning opportunity and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Devoran Team for their continued support, resilience and commitment to the children. I would also like to thank each and every one of you for your kind words, support and understanding; the amount of communication we have had to send your way has been overwhelming at times, and I am so grateful for your positive, proactive response to the actions we have taken during these times.

On behalf of the whole Devoran Team, I would like to thank you all for your well wishes, Christmas cards, emails and gifts that have been given over the last few days; your generosity is really quite overwhelming and I know that everyone is exceedingly grateful.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas whatever you are doing. Here's to a happy and healthy 2021 for you all!

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Fundraising for the school

You will be aware that over the past few weeks we have been raising funds for the school through the Guess The Name Of The Teddy and also by selling hats. The hats were very kindly knitted and donated by Holly from Foundation Stage's Granny – they are just beautiful and they have raised an incredibly £80 for the school! We still have a few more to sell and the PTCA have very kindly said that they would be selling them from their Facebook page – keep your eyes peeled! The Name The Teddy also raised an incredible £100. Thank you to everyone who entered!

Return date – January 2021

We really look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 5 January 2021**.

Important information – COVID-19 symptoms reporting up to (and including Christmas Eve)

Please email me if your child develops symptoms linked to COVID-19 and / or if your child is going for a COVID-19 test. The address you should use is: victorialock@devoranschool.co.uk

I will need to know:

- 1) Date of the onset of symptoms
- 2) What symptom/s your child has
- 3) When your child is going for a test
- 4) If you have consulted with 119 / 111 helplines

If you are unsure if your child should be having a test or not, feel free to email me. I will be checking my emails throughout this time. 119 is also a very helpful line that you can also ring for advice.

Please don't wait for the result of the test to let me know. I need to know if any child is going for a test or if they develop symptoms for test and trace purposes.

If you don't hear from me, consider that all is well and no further action needed from anyone apart from to enjoy the Christmas break!

Sports in School

Last week the children in Year 3 and 4 took part in an athletics challenge.
The results are as follows:

Year 3	Year 4
Speed bounce School winner: Joint Kea and Devoran	
Standing long jump School winner: Devoran Individual winner: Agnes	Standing long jump School winner: Devoran Individual winner: Frank
10 x 10 run School winner: Devoran Individual winners: Milo, Ellie, Elpie	
Chest push School winner: Devoran Individual: Ben A, Harvey, Euan	

We would like to thank Nicola Hinton from Penair School for organising the virtual competitions at this time. The children have really enjoyed taking part and it has been great to keep the competitions going despite not being able to compete in person against other schools.

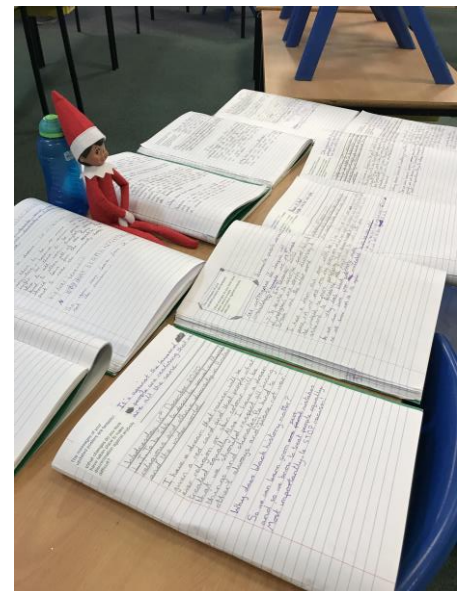
Elf Watch 2020

Our elf has had great fun this week!



The Elf had great fun in the kitchen preparing the Christmas cupcakes!

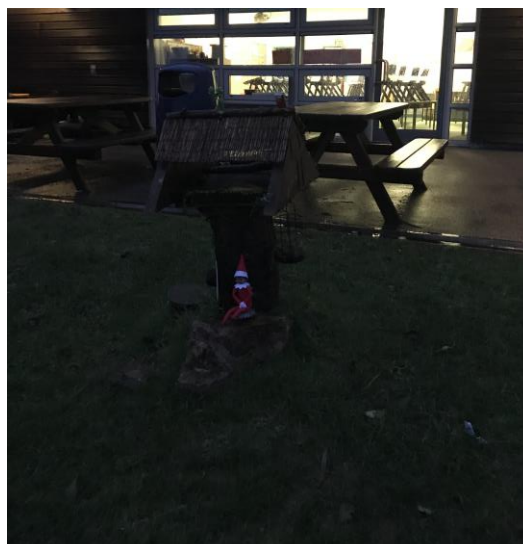
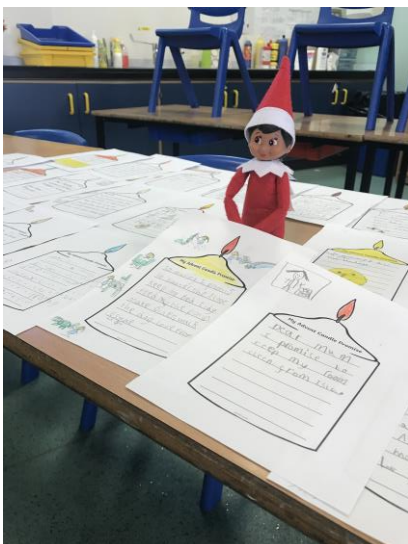
The Elf loved the Year 5 writing this week and learnt a lot about diversity, racial equality and black history.



The Year 2 children wrote some amazing promises that the Elf found – I wonder how many promises will be kept over Christmas?...!

The Elf trying to shelter from the rain today underneath the bird table!

Look at these amazing hats and teddy that the Elf found – he looks super cosy!





OUR GREAT LITTLE *Festive* CITY

From 2nd Dec **Wednesday Late Night Shopping until 9pm**

From 2nd Dec **Truro Farmers Market On Lemon Quay**

From 5th Dec **Jack's Frosty Stories by Coppice Theatre***

Spot **illuminated reindeer** in over 80 shop windows and see the **Cathedral Christmas Light** on Trafalgar roundabout

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Jack's Frosty Stories

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Shows at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm (1hr)

Dec 5 & 12 Union Place, Truro

Dec 19 Boscawen Street, Truro

Dec 20 Accessible (indoor show) Pydar Pop-Up, Truro

Dec 21 & 22 Boscawen Street, Truro

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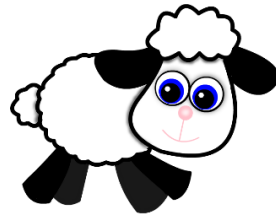
This show is made possible thanks to the kind support of
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Come and join our Sheep Trail

The sheep will be around the village of Devoran from Friday 18th Dec at 10.00 to Sunday 20th Dec at 15.00.



Over the weekend follow the map to see where the sheep are and write their names down on the form.

Come to Devoran Village Hall between 15.00 and 16.00 on Sunday 20th to get a bag of Messy Church crafts.

Bring your completed list of sheep names or however many you have found to get a little extra treat.

Colour in the picture and read the story

This is a family activity,

Please take your parents with you because there are roads to cross and we want to keep you safe.

Maps can be found in the church porch and in the Parish office.