



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week we had the Image Theatre come into school to do a performance of The Gentle Giant. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone – well done to all of our mini performers too! Thank you very much to the PTCA who fund this wonderful event as a treat for our children every year. We have included some photos on the next few pages of this for you to look at.

Last Friday, some of our children took part in a Recorders Rule Concert at Truro School. Mrs Covey and Mrs Julian have worked tremendously hard with our recorder groups to get them ready for this exciting event and the children performed to an exceptionally high standard. Thank you so much to Mrs Covey and Mrs Julian for all of your hard work – you are wonderful!

On Monday we invited Eliot Design and Build Ltd into our school to speak to our children about building and about being safe around construction sites. They are currently building a development at Carnon Downs, so it was interesting to learn about builds in our local area.

Year Six took part in a WWII experience day on Tuesday where they engaged in a series of activities and got to look at artefacts from this period in history. It was an interesting and informative day for everyone. Thank you Mrs Dodson for organising it! Please see the photos on the next pages.

Congratulations to our Foundation children who took part in their Sharing Assembly this week. You clearly have such a wonderful time in Foundation Stage and we loved hearing about all of the fun things you get up to. Your songs are so catchy!

Thank you to all the children for taking part in the Sponsored Read. We raised over £1,100 in sponsorship which has resulted in us being given £1,800 of books for our school. This is going to make such a difference to us as we continue to improve the number and range of books on offer to our children to help us develop our childrens love of reading across the school.

Today, some children from Year Three and Four represented Devoran School at Penair School in a Tennis Festival. The Sports Leaders challenged their coordination, agility, strength and accuracy in a variety of tennis fun-filled games. Well done to these children for being great ambassadors for our school.

On Wednesday, the day finally came where the Year Five children got to go to Predannick Airfield to take part in the Greenpower Goblin Car Race Day. The children have worked exceptionally hard through their enterprise project and after school clubs amongst other areas of their learning to prepare for this day. I was incredibly impressed with the team building that was evident on the day and with the comradery that the children displayed. Every child had an important role on the day to make us a really successful team which resulted in us winning the 'Spirit of Greenpower Award'. We are absolutely thrilled with receiving this accolade and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr West for all of his help with the Goblin car, as well as thanking Mr Tilley and Mr Morse for running the club and organising this experience for our children.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Fair on Saturday. It was a huge success and the atmosphere was wonderful. The PTCA will be in touch to reveal the total money raised in due course. To everyone who is a part of the PTCA – thank you for all of your hard work in organising this event. I know you worked exceedingly hard and I am incredibly grateful. Please see overleaf for some photos of the fair as well as a list of prize winners! If you would still like to buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our wonderful hampers, please come to the school office.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Miss Lock

School week commencing 1 July 2019

97.1% - whole school attendance

Attendance Congratulations:

1st place is Year 3 with 99.3%!

Well done to Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 who had over 97% attendance this week.

Key Dates

Friday 19 July – term finishes at 1:30pm

Other dates

Tuesday 9 July – Year Five Sharing Assembly (2:30pm)

Monday 15 July - Rocksteady Concert 14:15

Tuesday 16 July – Year 6 Performance

Wednesday 17 July – Year 6 Performance

Thursday 18 July – Tie Handover Ceremony (Y5 and 6) 10:30am

Please remember to book your child's school dinners by logging into Parent Pay and booking on. Even if your child is in EYFS / KS1, you still need to book for your dinner, but you won't be charged.

Also, we are holding an African music workshop on **Monday**. We are asking for each child to make a **£1 voluntary donation** to help raise funds for this great opportunity. You can pay this on Parent Pay. Thank you in advance!

Year Four have been learning a lot about sustainability and how we can all do our bit for the environment. On Monday, the children monitored the amount of waste that was collected in a single lunch time. This week, the children have written a plan for the school on how we can all try and do our bit to reduce the amount of single-use plastic that we use. Please read the next page for a request and challenge from our Year Four cohort!

TERM DATES 2019-2020

4 September - Children in school

18 October 2020 – INSET DAY (no children)

20-23 July 2020 - INSET DAYS

17 July 2020 -END OF TERM (for children)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term, year 4 have been exploring coasts and the problems surrounding plastic pollution. On Monday lunchtime, we collected the rubbish from all the packed lunches and are writing to inform you about the astonishing amount of waste produced each day at Devoran School.

From only 64 lunch boxes, we were shocked to find 339 items of waste were produced in total. In particular, our surprise was the fact that over a third of the waste was single-use plastic. When you consider how plastic bottles alone take up to 500 years to decompose, we know we have a problem.

This waste ends up in the ground and in our beautiful Cornish rivers and oceans. An unbelievable 60 truckloads of waste are going into the planets' oceans every hour! Plastic is even now turning up in our diet due to fish eating micro-plastics!

So what is the solution?

Year 4 researched alternatives and here's what we found:

- Try getting a bamboo lunchbox.
- Use reusable containers.
- Wrap your sandwiches in reusable cloths!
- Bring your water in a reusable bottle.
- Buy bigger packs of food and take only what you need each day, instead of using food individually wrapped.

Year 4 now challenges all packed lunches to reduce this number of single use plastic. This Monday 8th July, Year 4 will again be collecting our packed lunch waste before counting it and comparing the difference. Thank you for caring.

Yours sincerely,

Year 4



PTCA Summer Fair



Prize winners:

Welly Wanging

Adult – 31 metres – Ross Champion

Child – 18.6 metres – Eli Lockwood

Name the Bear

Mrs Covey – Name: Bourneville

How many sweets in the jar (426)

Miss Lock (2 sweets away!)

Guess the weight of the cake

Kerry Watson – 2.9kg

Win the Gin

Simon Dodd



Image Theatre – The Gentle Giant 2019





WWII experience DAY – Year Six





Greenpower Goblin Car Race Day 2019

