



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been filled with a lot of activities in all classes!

Four children from Year 5 went to Penair School to take part in a Mini Maths Challenge on Monday. It sounds like a lot of fun was had by all.

Year 3 had a fabulous visit to King Edward Mine on Wednesday and learnt a lot about mining in the local area.

Thank you to the children who performed in a Mini Woodwind Assembly this week – you performed with such confidence and impressed us all.

On Thursday 16 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the TRLC Games. The morning involved QuadKid activities and a handball tournament. After lunch there was a series of multi-skills challenges. Devoran showed all the qualities of the TRLC; Teamwork, Respect, Leadership and Competition. We are all very proud of you – especially for your resilience throughout handball; you picked it up very quickly and showed great teamwork.

Today Foundation enjoyed a wonderful time at the beach with the Pre-School children and had lots of fun exploring rock pools. Years 5 and 6 also took part in a Chemistry Masterclass hosted by the National Space Academy.

Congratulations to Bella, Archie, Sophie K, Vincent, Maddie and Noah who have all been selected as our first House Captains. We are still in the process of recruiting a boy house captain for Godrevy and a girl captain for Pendeen, so please encourage your child to apply if they are in Year 5! I look forward to seeing you all at our Year 6 performances on Tuesday / Wednesday evenings next week. Please get your tickets from the school office!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Lock

It has been noticed that some children are starting to wear patterned socks to school. Please remind your children that socks must be plain grey (white for summer dresses). Hair-wear should also be subtle and in school colours. Thank you for your support in ensuring our children look smart and that they are wearing the correct uniform at all times.

Well done to all the children who entered the PTCA Rock Painting competition at the Summer Fayre. It was a tough competition to judge, but the winners are Jacob Johnson - Yr1 - KS1 and Amelia Lanyon - Yr6 - KS2



School week commencing 9th July

95.2% - whole school attendance

**Attendance Congratulations:
1st place is Year 4 with 98.3%**

There are no other classes with over 97% this week. Let's go for 97% or over for each class in our final week of school!

Key dates

Tuesday 17th July – Year Six School Play

Wednesday 18th July – Year Six School Play

Thursday 19th July – Y6 to Y5 Tie handover and official Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10:30-11:30am

Friday 20th July – End of School at **13:30**

Monday 23rd July – Staff INSET

Tuesday 24th July – Staff INSET

Wednesday 5th September – Children return to school (new Foundation intake is different)

Academic Year 2018-2019 INSET DAYS – (No children in school):-

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Wednesday 24th July 2019

Thursday 25th July 2019

STAFF NEWS



On Thursday we say goodbye to Mrs James who has been covering in Year 3 in Miss Cleaver's absence and on Friday we will be saying goodbye to Miss Starmore and to Mrs Orford. Miss Starmore has been covering Miss J's maternity leave in Foundation and Mrs Orford has been teaching in Year 2 since January. Thank you all for your continued support. You will be missed!

Thank you also goes out to Miss Fenton who has been with us the past term in Year 4 as a SCITT (School Centered Initial Teacher Training) student. Miss Fenton is going to start her first teaching post at Kennall Vale school in September and we wish her every success.

Changes to swimming lessons at Devoran School

We have managed to change the time of our swimming sessions and these will now take place within the school day on **Monday mornings** between **10am-11am**.

The children will continue to travel to and from the pool by coach and will return in time for lunch.

In order to get the optimum results, **Year 1 and 3** will swim for 10 sessions in the **Autumn Term** starting on 24th September and **Year 2 and 4** will swim for 10 sessions in the **Spring Term** starting on 14th January.

We will continue to need parent help, both in and out of the water, to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the sessions. As the majority of next years Year 5 are able to swim a distance of at least 25m competently, confidently and proficiently and are able to use a range of strokes effectively, we will be looking to provide a water based activity for the Year 5s to take part in during the summer term. There will also be the continued opportunity to take part in inter-school galas.

Well done to everyone who has come to Running Club over the past year; we had great fun today in our fancy dress! Running club literally couldn't run (!!) without all the parent volunteers – thank you to everyone who has supported us with this brilliant club over the year and well done to all our runners.



Congratulations to our first House Captains!



E-SAFETY NEWS



This is to bring to your attention a warning issued recently regarding a popular cooperative survival game called 'Fortnite'. Please take the time to review the warning and information about the game as many children in school are either playing or aware of its existence.

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way.

Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic.

To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above** due to 'mild violence', although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still log on easily.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is **free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It's coming to Android soon.

It has about 45 million monthly users worldwide including the England football team, who reportedly played it in their World Cup downtime.

What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about the:

- 1) **Communication between players:** a chat function allows players to talk to each other either over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying
- 2) **In-app purchases:** players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for your character and better-looking weapons (otherwise known as 'skins')
- 3) **Addictive nature of the game:** anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play, or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long. Some commentators attribute this to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and the game is different every time you play, keeping it fresh

What safety options are available to parents?

Use the parental controls on the gaming device

Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**.

Visit the website 'ask about games' for links to detailed instructions on the device your child uses – the site covers Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch.

[Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls)

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The battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes. When trying to limit your child's screen time, make the most of this natural stopping point. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20 minute increments.

Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they know this feature exists, and encourage them to use the options below if they encounter someone who is offensive or inappropriate.

You can disable the voice chat function in the game if you:

- 1) Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand-side of the screen), then choose the 'cog' icon
- 2) Select the 'audio' tab
- 3) You should be able to turn off 'voice chat' by tapping the arrows next to it

You can also 'mute' individual players in the game by:

- Pausing the game
- Hovering over the player you wish to mute
- Selecting the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

You or your child can report players who make them uncomfortable using the in-game feedback tool (located in the main menu).

You can also use the 'support' section of the Epic Games site (the makers of Fortnite). You're asked to select the platform you play the game on, the game mode you're playing, and then you can select 'report player'. You can provide more detail such as the player's name, and attach a screenshot.

[Support, Epic Games](https://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/emails/new?b_id=9729&q=email+us)

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What else can I do?**Further tips**

- 1) Download and play the game to help you understand it
- 2) Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them
- 3) Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly to look for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

More sources of support

Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together [5 top tips to manage children's screen time](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/).

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The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety.

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Additionally, the charity NSPCC has warned that the text messaging system in the game **cannot** be disabled.

The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents. You can call their free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or [make an appointment](https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator) with an O2 Guru in an O2 store.

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Sources for this factsheet

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