



DEVORAN NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been an extremely busy week with a lot of wonderful activities going on!

On Wednesday the Year 4 class went to the Eden Project as part of their topic on Rainforests. They had a great time going into the tropical biome and also took part in a workshop to learn how the rainforest could help provide food, shelter and medicines to humans. "I really enjoyed seeing all the tropical trees towering over the other trees" said Amelie. "We enjoyed trying the baobab smoothie – it was delicious!" exclaimed Rosie.

On Thursday we celebrated St Pirans Day as a school and enjoyed taking part in the Trelawney Shout (a mass community singing of the Cornish anthem) as well as feasting on Heidi's scrummy pasties. We even learnt about St Piran too!

Thursday was also World Book Day and the children looked wonderful in their creative costumes! The classes enjoyed sharing their favourite books with one another as well as creating a whole school book in which each class wrote a section. Thank you to Mrs Dodson for organising these fun activities.

Today children from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Music for Youth National Competition in the Recorders Rule ensemble led by Sarah Whomersley. They showed great respect when listening to the other performers and they sounded wonderful as an ensemble. Thank you to Mrs Covey and Mrs Julian for all your hard work with this event.

Don't forget that the PTCA school disco is booked in for Thursday 19 March – please mark the date in your diaries and help us raise even more money. These events really help to raise the vital funds needed to enhance the teaching, learning and resources that give our children the very best education.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Miss Lock



Nits in school

We have a few reported cases of nits in school – particularly in Years 2 and 4. Please take the time to check your child's hair and please ensure that if your child's hair touches their shoulders that it is tied up.



School week commencing 2 March 2020

97.5% - whole school attendance

Attendance Congratulations:

1st place is Year 5 with 100%

2nd place is Year 2 with 99.3%

3rd place is Foundation with 97.8%



Sports Relief – Friday 13 March

During their weekly meeting, Pupil Parliament agreed that the school should mark Sport Relief by everybody coming into school in sports attire of their choice (strictly no jeans). During the day, each class will complete a multi-terrain mile so please wear appropriate footwear.

A suggested donation of £1 for this great cause would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



We are delighted to share with you the news that Mrs Clay is expecting her second child in September 2020. We will keep you informed with updates to staffing plans for the new Academic Year in due course. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Clay!



Eco Committee

I am thrilled to share with you the news that our Eco Committee have been successful in being accredited with the Eco Schools Bronze Award! The children have had to create an action plan, select light monitors as well as start school-wide initiatives to name a few things! Well done Eco Committee – this is a fantastic accreditation to achieve in such a short space of time.

Online safety

Please also refer to the Online Safety newsletter (emailed out to parents and available on our school website) for more information on supporting your child to be safe online.

Government Coronavirus action plan

This week, the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next.

The action plan can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

The document includes:

- what we know about the virus and the disease it causes
- how we have planned for an infectious disease outbreak, such as the current coronavirus outbreak
- the actions we have taken so far in response to the current coronavirus outbreak
- what we are planning to do next, depending upon the course the current coronavirus outbreak takes
- the role the public can play in supporting this response, now and in the future

Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

<https://twitter.com/NHSuk/status/1235112744917049346>

Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials at:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>

Sign up is quick, free and means you will be alerted as more resources are made available.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday we launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

MARCH		
Monday 09-Friday 13		Sports Relief Week – details to follow
Friday 13		Stick at It Drum Assembly Concert – 14.15hrs (Drum Parents) DATE CHANGED TO FRIDAY 20 MARCH
Saturday 14		Polwhele House School Cross Country Races
Monday 09		Swimming – Years 2 & 4
Monday 16		Swimming – Years 2 & 4
Thursday 19		PTCA School Disco – details to follow
Friday 20		NEW DATE Stick at It Drum Assembly Concert – 14.15hrs (Drum Parents)
Saturday 21		Coose Trannack Cross Country Races Devoran Village Spring Flower Show – 2.00pm
Monday 23		Swimming – Years 2 & 4 Rocksteady Easter Concert -14.00-15.00hrs
Tuesday 24		Year 3 Camp Meeting – 14.30hrs Green Power Car Club – Group 3 (1/3)
Friday 27		End of term – pick up 13.30hrs
Monday 30 March to Monday 13 April		Easter Holidays
APRIL		
Tuesday 14		Back to school
Monday 20		Foundation Stage Swimming – details to follow
Tuesday 21		Class Photos Year 5 Parents Camp Meeting – 14.30hrs
Wednesday 22 – Friday 24		Year 3 Carnyorth Camp – details to follow
Monday 27		Foundation Stage Swimming
Tuesday 28		Green Power Car Club – Group 3 (2/3)
MAY		
Friday 01		Class Photos
Friday 08		May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11		Foundation Stage Swimming
Monday 11 – Thursday 14		Year 6 SATS Week
Wednesday 13 – Friday 15		Year 5 Porthpean Camp
Monday 18 – Friday 22		Year 6 London Trip
Monday 18		Foundation Stage Swimming
Tuesday 19		. Year 4 Parents Camp Meeting – 14.30hrs –details to follow . Green Power Car Club – Group 3 (3/3)
Friday 22		. Sports Day – TBC . End of half term – pick up at normal time
Monday 25 – Friday 29		Half Term Holidays
JUNE		
Monday 01		Foundation Stage Swimming

Monday 08		Foundation Stage Swimming
Wednesday 10 – Friday 12		Year 4 Camp Kernow
Tuesday 23		Parent Consultations – 15.30-19.00hrs – details to follow
Thursday 25		Parent Consultations – 15.30-19.00hrs – details to follow
Tuesday 30		Year 6 Penair School Transition Day – details to follow
JULY		
Wednesday 01		Year 6 Penair School Transition Day – details to follow
Friday 17		End of term – pick up 13.30hrs
Monday 20 – Thursday 24		INSET DAYS - No children in school