



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children in Foundation enjoyed their first (and somewhat wet) Mucky Monday which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children in Year 2 this week also enjoyed going outside to hunt for minibeasts and different plant varieties.

At Devoran we do like to get the children outside whatever the weather. Please ensure that your child brings a coat with them to school every day. A light drizzle won't stop us going out especially when the rainbows here are amazing!

Congratulations to the children who represented our school in the swimming gala this week. All children performed brilliantly with first places going to the Year 5 girls, Year 5 boys and Year 6 girls and third place to the Year 6 boys. We are very proud of you all!

You will have received your child's half termly targets today. We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with encouraging your child to complete all homework activities.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Best wishes,

Miss Lock

School week commencing 15th January

93.9% - whole school attendance

**Attendance Congratulations:
1st place is Year 2 with 97.2%**

There are no other classes with 97% and above:
There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment. Whatever the reason, the fact is if your child is absent from school they are missing out on learning time. Our aim is for all children to achieve 100% attendance and arrive on time every day.

Key dates

Monday 22nd and Friday 26th January – 15:30 to 18:00 - Rescheduled Foundation and Year 3 Parent Consultations (see separate letter with time choices)

Wednesday 31st January – City of Lights
February 12th – 16th - Half term

More dates coming your way soon!

Saturday 17th March – Coose Trannack cross country. (More details to follow).

Please remember to book your child's lunch choice in ParentPay every day. You can do this in advance if it is easier to book them in bulk.



On **Tuesday 23rd January** there is a **change to the menu** and the food choices will be of a Mexican theme:

Mexican Chicken OR Mexican bean salsa, served with savoury rice, tortillas and sweetcorn salad.

There will be sopaipillas (mini doughnuts) or fresh fruit salad for pudding!

The change may not appear on the ParentPay website so order the meat or veggie option online and your child will receive the Mexican food listed above!

We are being informed of a number of cases of nits within Key Stage One in particular, please ensure that you check your child's hair and that you administer any treatment that is necessary. All long hair should be tied up at all times.

Information can be found on the following website:

<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>



We understand that children do get ill and there will be times where you are unable to send them to school. Children should not return to school within 48 hours of having had vomiting or diarrhoea.

Punctuality

It is important that your child arrives at school on time every day. Arriving late to school can be unsettling for your child and also disrupts the class and their learning. Early morning learning starts at 8:45 with the school gates closing at 9.00am, children arriving after this time must go to the school office and will be marked as late.

Reporting Absence

Parents/carers are responsible for informing the school of any absence in advance of the start of the school day. When leaving messages on the phone line please confirm your child's name, class and the reason for absence.

Medical Appointments

Where possible all medical appointments should be made out of school hours. When this is not possible the school must be informed in advance and evidence must be provided. Please keep the amount of time missed from school to a minimum. If medical evidence (appointment card / letter) is not provided the school will mark the appointment as unauthorised leave.

Exceptional Leave Request

All requests for leave during school time must be made to the Headteacher in writing. These are rarely authorised, except in exceptional circumstances.

There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

