



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to Year Six in your Sharing Assembly this week. It was wonderful to hear your lovely writing and explore what you have learnt about World War II over the past term. After hearing one of the songs, we are already looking forward to your Year Six Performance that will take place in the last week of term. The dates of the performances are 16 and 17 July, venue to follow.

This afternoon 12 of our Year Five students participated in a Tennis Festival at Penair School. The Penair Sports Leaders created many games which tested our students' coordination, agility, accuracy, balance and strength. All players were extremely successful and enjoyed taking part. Well done for excellent sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

Year Four have had a wonderful time at Camp Kernow this week. This is a zero emissions, off grid camp and there really is nothing else like it! The children have done some technical tree climbing, archery, community tasks such as harvesting, cooking, cleaning as well as a wild wood walk with bat detectors, camp fire cabaret to name a few of the activities. Thank you very much to Mrs Sydenham for organising it and also thanks to Mr Tilley, Mrs Covey and Miss Date for also going on the trip.

Thank you for all your marvellous donations for the PTCA Summer Fayre. Please feel free to keep the donations coming in so that we can make up lots of different hampers in preparation for the Summer Fair on Saturday 29 June. If you are available to help, please let the school office know.

You will see on the next pages that we are also going to hold another Donation Day in order to show our support for Oliver in Year Five who has been diagnosed with scoliosis. More information can be found on the next few pages.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Lock



Is your child starting school or moving to Secondary School in September? Please see the next page for some really useful information on moving to a new setting and how best to support your child with this important transition period.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Jax Caruana, Year Three who was selected to play for Benfica football club (Portugal) in a tournament last weekend. Despite playing in high temperatures and not speaking the lingo, Jax scored 4 goals for the team. We are very proud of this amazing achievement Jax. Well done!



School week commencing 10 June

96.8% - whole school attendance

Attendance Congratulations:

1st place is Year 3 with 99.3%!

Well done to Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 who all had over 97% attendance this week.

Key Dates

Wednesday 26 June – Parent Consultations Y1-6

Thursday 27 June – Parent Consultations Y1-6
(3:30-6:30pm both days – book via eSchools)

Friday 19 July – term finishes at 1:30pm

INSET DAYS (no children) – Monday 22 –
Thursday 25 July

Other dates

Tuesday 18 June – Year Four Sharing Assembly
(2:30pm)

Tuesday 2 July – Year Foundation Assembly
(2:30pm)

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

Friday 28 June – Donation Day – wear green

Saturday 29 June - Summer Fair 11:00-4pm

Monday 15 July - Rocksteady Concert 14:15

TERM DATES 2019-2020

4 September Children in school

20-23 July **2020** INSET DAYS

17 July 2020 **END OF TERM (for children)**

There will be one more INSET day that is yet to be set. We will inform you of this as soon as we are able.



Transition information

Getting Ready to Start Primary School



Starting primary school is an important step which can be both exciting and a little bit scary for you and your child.

As parents and carers, preparing for this change and making sure that your child has a good start at school can feel difficult, but there are many ways in which we can help our children – and ourselves – feel ready.

Click on the following link for more information on how best to support your child:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/what-we-do/parent-carer-resources/getting-ready-to-start-primary-school.aspx>

Getting Ready to Start Secondary or High School



Starting secondary or high school can be both exciting and a little bit scary for you and your child.

As parents and carers, preparing for this change and making sure that your child feels able to take the step from primary school can feel difficult.

However, there are many ways in which we can help our children – and ourselves – feel ready.

Click on the following link for more information on how best to support your child:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/what-we-do/parent-carer-resources/ready-for-secondaryhigh-school.aspx>

We understand that transitions between every year group are important for all children to ensure that they leave for the summer feeling excited about the year ahead. We will be having a Transition Afternoon on Thursday 4 July in which our children will meet their new teacher in preparation for September. We will arrange for Meet the Teacher events for parents to take place in the first few weeks of September.



Oliver has been diagnosed with Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis. This is a curvature of the spine with no known cause. Due to his age (10) he has still got lots of growing to do. It is during this time that the curvature is likely to rapidly increase. Oliver's curve measures a Cobb angle of 45.8 degrees. His consultant in Exeter has indicated that his curve is very likely to progress and therefore he would very likely require a full spinal fusion operation within a few years. During this time the NHS would be able to provide a brace which would be worn for around 22 hours per day which may only be able to hold the curve and prevent it from progressing. We'd also be under a 'watch and wait' system until Oliver was big enough to be operated on.

After extensive research into other options that are available the family have decided that they want to pursue a private treatment option whilst they are in this limbo period. This involves visiting a clinic in London (London Orthotic Consultancy) on a frequent basis to meet with a Schroth Physiotherapist and Orthotist. They would arrange for Oliver to have a Gensingen brace which is a three dimensional over-corrective brace which has a proven track record of reducing scoliosis curvatures and spinal rotations. Alongside this he would receive specialist Schroth physiotherapy which works on postural alignment and awareness complimenting the brace technology. There is a very good chance that with this intensive treatment he may even be able to avoid spinal fusion surgery in the near future, however there are no guarantees.

The funds we would like to raise would be to help towards costs of the Gensingen brace and the consultancy fees. This is likely to be ongoing as he grows and needs bigger braces. Any funds raised in addition we would like to donate to Scoliosis Association UK.

For more information on 'Oliver's Scoliosis Journey', please go to the following Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wonkywarrior/>

To make a donation to this worthy cause, you can also go to Oliver's gofundme link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/olivers-scoliosis-journey>

Devoran School will be holding a Donation Day on Friday 28 June in order to raise the vital funds needed to help Oliver with getting the best brace possible.

The theme is: wear anything green!