



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,


I could not have wished for a better first half term as the new Headteacher at Devoran School. The children, staff and parents have all made me feel so welcome and I am really excited about the direction the school is heading.

This week saw two school trips take place; Year 1 went to Paradise Park and saw incredible birds and Year 6 went to do a beach-clean at Swanpool and then wandered over to Gyllyngvase to investigate Rock-pools and even found an actual message in a bottle which we believe has come all the way from Spain! The behaviour of the children on both visits was outstanding – thank you Devoran children.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term and I look forward to seeing you all back and raring to go on Monday 30th October.

Miss Lock

October is traditionally the month where schools celebrate Black History across the world. Devoran are going to be celebrating Black History on our return from half term. We will be welcoming in an artist to work with all our children to create their very own African mask on the Monday and then on Tuesday the children will be learning a series of traditional dances using the masks. Thank you so much to the PTCA who have made these wonderful enrichment opportunities happen by funding these events.

On Wednesday, the KS2 children will go down to the Village Hall in the afternoon to watch an African film that  Carn to Cove are providing us with.

On this day, if you have children in KS1 and KS2, please collect your KS1 child first (and promptly) in order for you to then make your way to the village hall to collect your KS2 child and sample some African delicacies also provided by Carn to Cove!

Key Stage Two Christmas production

A few parents have asked me why there is no KS2 production this year. There is going to be a KS2 production, but in the Summer term. This was a decision made by the whole teaching staff before my arrival and one which is fully supported by myself. Instead, KS2 are going to team up with Devoran Pre-School to join their Christmas Nativity event where we will be preparing Christmas carols to accompany the little children as they make the journey from the Methodist church, to Devoran church and finally the Pre-school, where juice, mulled wine and mince pies will be served. I am looking forward to making more community links and also continuing our strong relationship with the Pre-school.

Thank you so much to everyone that attended our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan this morning. It was lovely to see so many parents / carers turn up to find out a bit more about the PTCA and all the future events we are planning.

We look forward to meeting more of you at our future evening meeting. Date TBC!

Week commencing 13th October

96.1% - whole school attendance

**Attendance Congratulations:
1st place is Year 4 with 97.7%**

Classes with over 97% and above:



**Year Foundation, Year 4 and
Year 5. Well done to these
classes!**

Key dates

Monday 30th October - Year 6 sharing assembly

Thursday 2nd November - PTA Monster Mash Disco
17:30 – 18:15 for KS1 and Foundation / 18:30 – 19:30 for KS2

Tuesday 7th November – Year 5 sharing assembly

Tuesday 14th November – Year 4 sharing assembly

Tuesday 21st November – Year 3 sharing assembly

Tuesday 28th November – Year 2 sharing assembly

Tuesday 5th December – Year 1 sharing assembly

Friday 1st December 15:30 – 17:30 - Christmas Fayre

Monday 11th December – 14:00 - EYFS / KS1 Nativity

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Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch and
Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 12th December – 14:00 - EYFS / KS1 Nativity

Thursday 14th December – 17:00 – KS2 Carol Service
joint with Pre-school

Today the children had a very special visitor come into the school in the shape of Katie's teaching aid Midnight – a Labrador mascot. The children learnt about the needs of a dog and the types of food they like to eat. The children also learnt about how to keep safe when around dogs by always asking the owner if it is ok to pet a dog and also what to do if they are every scared by a dog. Please remember that dogs are not allowed anywhere on our school site with the exception of guide dogs.



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Opportunity**Education**

Devoran School Hosting visiting Chinese students in 2018

Dear parent/carer,

Devoran School is excited to announce that it plans to host a group of visiting students from China in 2018.

The visit will provide Devoran students with an opportunity to broaden their perspectives of the world while building their intercultural communication skills and developing their global mindsets. Throughout the visit pupils will be introduced to Chinese culture and will be able to build friendships with students from the other side of the world.

Hosting a student

Friendly families are sought to welcome the visiting Chinese students into their homes, which can be rewarding and exciting for the whole family.

For safeguarding purposes, families must be able to host two visiting students. Host families will receive a small payment to cover any expenses incurred as a result of the visit.

Information presentation

The visit is being facilitated by Opportunity Education, a business based in Southampton that works with schools across the south of England to provide opportunities for Chinese cultural exchange and immersion.

Families that may be interested in hosting are invited to attend a brief presentation by Opportunity Education, which will be held on **6th November in the school hall at 6pm**. This 30-minute presentation, followed by an opportunity to ask questions, will provide further information about the exchange and what hosting a Chinese student would involve.

To register your interest, please email homestay@opportunity-education.com.

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Wednesday 1st November Celebration African Menu



Senegalese Lemon Chicken
or
Vegetable Tagine

Rice and Peas
Cucumber and Mango Salad
African Flat Bread

South Africa Banana Cake
Fresh Fruit