



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been another fun-filled week and there has been great excitement in school as the EYFS and KS1 children have been recording their parts for the Nativity play. I can't wait to see the finished result! There is a lot of information to share with you this week, so I would like to thank you all in advance for taking the time to read through this newsletter.

I am very excited about the Santas on the Run event next Friday 11 December and it is an honour to be able to support Childrens Hospice South West as a school in this way. Keep reading the newsletter for more details!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Tea towels – PTCA

If you ordered a tea towel from the PTCA, your child will be bringing it home today – please check their book bags! Thank you so much to the PTCA for organising this. The tea towels are fantastic and it is such a special keepsake to have your child's self-portrait recorded in this way. If you missed out on ordering and you would now like to purchase one, please let Mrs Andrews know as we do have a few spares.

Wednesday 9 December

On Wednesday, the KS2 children will be recording their parts for the 'Virtual Carol Service'. All children should come in next week in their **school uniform**.

On this occasion, **Year 4 and 6** should bring in their **PE kit to change into** after the recording.

Changing weather!

The weather has certainly changed this week and it is starting to feel a lot colder both in the classrooms as well as outside.

Please ensure that your child brings in a named coat and jumper every day. We would also encourage children to wear vests / thermals underneath their polo shirts / shirts if your child feels the cold – we appreciate that with our best endeavours to keep the classrooms well ventilated, everywhere is feeling cooler.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Sports in School

This week children in Year 3 and 4 took part in a series of football competitions in which the children were able to show off their skills. Lots of children participated in these events and great fun was had by everyone who took part.

The results are as follows:

Year 3	Year 4
Passing in pairs School winner: Devoran Individual winners: Harvey F and Benji D	Passing in pairs School winner: Devoran Individual winners: Elsie B, Holly G, Leo H-M, Imogen M, Esmae S
Dribbling School winner: Devoran and Kea Individual winners: Jude R and Joe S	Dribbling School winner: Devoran Individual winner: Beau H-G
Shooting School winner: Devoran and Kea Individual winners: Florence R and Edie W	Shooting School winner: Devoran Individual winners: Rory B, Leo H-M, Lamorna S, Henry W
Toe taps School winner: Devoran Individual winner: Harvey F	Toe taps School winner: Devoran Individual winner: Imogen M
Overall school winner: Devoran	Overall winner: Devoran

Well done to everyone who took part. We look forward to taking part in the final competition of the year - the Year 3 and 4 athletics challenges next week.

CHRISTMAS INFO

KS2 Christmas Carol Service – save the date!

We are delighted to share with you the news that we will be hosting a 'Virtual Carol Service' on **Tuesday 15 December** at **6pm**. The children in KS2 will pre-record the Carol Service and we ask that our families tune in on this date so that we can still get that sense of community that we all enjoy whilst also singing a few well-known traditional Christmas carols. The whole school community is invited to take part! More information to follow.

Early Finish – Friday 18 December

On Friday 18 December school will finish earlier. The earlier finish times will be:

A-E	13:00
F-J	13:10
K-R	13:20
S-Z	13:30

Christmas Cards in School

We appreciate that children enjoy sending cards to their friends and teachers. In order to allow us to continue this Christmas tradition, children may bring cards in on a Monday and put them in the Christmas post box that will be in their classroom. The cards will then remain in the post box until the Friday at which point they will be distributed. It is really important that children **only bring in cards on a Mondays** to enable enough time for the cards to be quarantined. Thank you for your help with this.

Christmas Lunch / Party Afternoon

On Wednesday 16 December we look forward to our special Christmas Lunch. Please ensure that you have booked a lunch for your child on ParentPay – if you had previously booked, you may need to go back and re-book due to the menu change. We invite all children to come in in their party clothes and a Christmas jumper on this day. Each class will then have a special party afternoon following on from the lunch.

Return date – January 2021

This is advance notice that the **children will return to school** on **Tuesday 5 January 2021** as we are having a staff training INSET day on Monday 4 January. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5 January after a well-deserved rest.

Elf Watch 2020

Our elf appeared in Devoran School overnight on Monday 30 November and was found in the early hours of 1 December camped out in our Christmas tree! The elf has enjoyed exploring the school so far and is finding some amazing learning that has taken place throughout the school to share with everyone. Please go to the school Class Dojo page to watch the daily video update!



Year Six Image Poetry on display that the children also created art for.



On the left we can see some beautiful Diva lamps that the children in Foundation made as part of their learning around Divali.

On the right are some fantastic cards that the Year 5 children have made and written to give out to members of our community.



NEXT WEEK!

Christmas Tree Decorations

Thank you to all the families that have made a Christmas decoration for the tree. If you would like to make an outdoor decoration for us to hang on the tree, please feel free to hand it to Miss Lock on the gate.

Christmas Santas on the Run – Childrens Hospice South West

On **Friday 11 December**, we are asking all children to come into school in their PE kits and take part in a sponsored 1km fun-run. This will be an inclusive event, very much aimed at working as a team to run a short distance in the hope of raising some money for Childrens Hospice South West. More information can be found on the next page of the newsletter and the sponsorship form will be attached to the newsletter email should you wish to ask people to sponsor your child.

We appreciate that times are hard, so please don't feel pressured into bringing in sponsorship money; the raising awareness for this important cause means as much as any money that we collect and we hope that children will have fun along the way.



Raise festive cheer in your Christmas gear!

Friday 11th December

All classes will be completing a 1K course on our school grounds.

PE kits must worn and why not see if you have any festive headwear in your house:

Santa hat

Reindeer antlers

Tinsel

Please do not go out and buy anything just for this event; you can run as you are!

No coloured hair spray or snow spray to be worn.

A Voluntary donation bucket will be on the gate at the start and end of the day to support **Children's Hospice South West** and if you would like to ask people to sponsor you, a sponsorship form is attached.

Community Christmas Events

Appealing to you and your schools families to join The Fishermen's Mission in a dose of Christmas spirit in a family friendly charity Zoom event on the 5th December.

During this event, taking place from 12pm for 1 hour, children will be able to meet Santa, as well as real reindeer and watch a Christmas craft by blogger Georgia Coote. Tickets cost £2 per household so a family can all sit at one laptop for that cost. This small donation will go towards helping us as a charity to provide vital pastoral, financial and emotional care to fishermen all around the UK who may be struggling with bereavement among other difficulties.

Here's the link - <https://fishmishmarket.org.uk/shop/fishmish-meet-santa/>



Enrichment club opportunity – Primary Age Children

The Youth Sport Trust have taken the step to deliver a free virtual after school club as part of a national response to the second lockdown. The 30-minute club will take place at 5pm each weekday and be led by a different member of the YST's athlete mentor network, including sessions from the world no.1 female inline skater and 10-time British Champion Jenna Downing. The After School Sport Club will then run for five weeks until December 18 and children and young people can take part live by visiting our YouTube channel

- <http://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust>

Aimed mainly at primary-aged children, a different theme has been assigned for each day of the club - Adventure Monday, Tuesday Play, Wild Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Fun Friday. The YST hope that this will provide support, capacity and inspiration to sit alongside the other great work and offers that are available for schools and children and young people to engage in.



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Community Christmas Events

A number of partners have come together to create an activity booklet for children, young people and families in Cornwall. The booklet is packed full of activity ideas for families to carry out including low cost crafts and recipes and will be shared across our social media platforms.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/coronavirus-advice-for-children-and-families/doing-december-differently/>

We are aware, however, that many families may not have the contents readily available in their home or be able to afford to purchase items to create crafts and to be able to do the activities included in the booklet. To provide equality and to support more families to be able to access and participate together throughout the month of December, we have worked with partners to put together December craft packs which will include a printed version of the activity booklet and materials to participate in the activities inside.

If you would like to receive one of these resource packs, please contact Miss Lock and we will arrange this for you. Otherwise, please download the activity booklet and have fun!



FREE activity book

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/coronavirus-advice-for-children-and-families/doing-december-differently/>



Carbon Neutral Cornwall Youth Ambassadors

<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/carbon-neutral-cornwall-youth-ambassador-network>

It's thirty-one years since the United Nations formerly adopted the treaty known as Rights of The Child, and this World Children's Day, we are celebrating by asking young people in Cornwall to help shape our future.

Together for Families, part of Cornwall Council, are launching the **Carbon Neutral Youth Ambassadors Network** which aims to give young people an opportunity to talk directly with policy makers at the council and wider afield.

The Carbon Neutral Cornwall (CNC) Youth Ambassador Network will also be used to share ideas, get involved in regional and national campaigns, discuss new initiatives and to learn about the opportunities available in the green energy sector.

The CNC Youth Ambassador Network aims to give young people of all ages the opportunity to:

- Share their ideas with other young people and be supported to take actions forward
- Get involved in regional and national campaigns and competitions
- Discuss and learn about issues that matter to them including green careers
- Give young people the opportunity to talk and be listened to by decision makers in the council and wider, and
- Be recognized for their efforts.

If you would like to become a Carbon Neutral Cornwall Youth Ambassador please click on the link below:

[Join the Carbon Neutral Cornwall Youth Ambassadors Network](https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/carbon-neutral-cornwall-youth-ambassador-network)

Carbon Neutral Youth Ambassador Network

We are launching our ambassador network for young people of all ages.

Young people can join as an individual or as an eco-group.

The aims of the group will be decided and built by the group but initially the network will aim to:

- Share ideas with other young people
- Get involved in regional and national campaigns
- Discuss and learn about climate issues, including green careers;
- Have the opportunity to talk and be listened to by decision makers in the council and wider;
- Be recognized for your efforts.



If you would like to be involved- [register here](#)
Or contact: carbonneutral.education@cornwall.gov.uk

Childcare Survey 2020

A key part of our childcare and early years duties is ensuring that families can access good quality childcare where and when they need it. We have now launched our Childcare Survey 2020 for families of children up to age 14 (or 18 for children with disabilities) to let us know their needs and experiences in this area. The survey should only take ten minutes to complete and can be found at the link below:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs-and-childcare/childcare-sufficiency/>

We would be grateful if you could share the survey with your pupils' families and any networks you have.

Anyone completing the survey can also choose to enter a prize draw to win one of several fantastic family activities generously donated by local businesses and attractions!

The survey closes on Sunday 20 December 2020.



Cricket Christmas Camp



Why?

Time filler between Xmas and
New Year or new cricket
pressies to try out?

A great opportunity to have
the kids entertained with
Cricket!

Who?

Children
School
Years
4-8

Cost?

£25
per child
per day

What?

Hardball
Bring your own
equipment!
Clean and Covid-
Ready

When?

29-30
December
10am - 3pm

Where?

Cricket Centre
College Way
Truro
TR1 3XX

BOOK HERE!

[https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/
youth/holiday-camps](https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/youth/holiday-camps)

Email for more info!



admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk



Cornwall Cricket



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Cricket Christmas Camp



Why?

Last minute Christmas shopping in Truro?

A great opportunity to have the kids entertained with Cricket!

When?

22-23

December
10am - 3pm

Cost?

£20

per child
per day

Who?

**Children
School
Years
1-5**

What?

Softball

All equipment
provided!
Cleaned and Covid-
Ready

Where?
Cricket Centre
College Way,
Truro
TR1 3XX

BOOK HERE!

<https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/youth/holiday-camps>

Email for more info!



admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk



Cornwall Cricket



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HM Government



TIER 1

MEDIUM ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY 	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS 	RETAIL 	WORK AND BUSINESS 
Maximum of six indoors or outdoors, apart from with members of a single household or support bubble.	Venues must be table service only. They must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION 	INDOOR LEISURE 	ACCOMMODATION 	PERSONAL CARE 
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open.	Open.	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS 	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 	ENTERTAINMENT 	PLACES OF WORSHIP 
Permitted with household, support bubble, or up to 6 people.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.	Open.	Open, but cannot interact with more than six people.
TRAVELLING 	EXERCISE 	RESIDENTIAL CARE 	LARGE EVENTS 
Walk or cycle if possible, plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid travelling into a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but must follow the rule of six indoors. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 4000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste
Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



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SPACE