



# DEVORAN NEWS

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to Year Four with their sharing assembly this week – what a wonderful time you had at Camp Kernow! I am very impressed with the new skills you have learnt including tree climbing, archery, community tasks, and natural dying, as well as learning about eco energy.

Year Five took part in the Big Primary Sports Festival today – well done you everyone for being such good ambassadors for the school. Please read Tabby's report of the event below!

I hope that your child has enjoyed taking part in the sponsored read this week. If you can bring the sponsorship monies in from Monday that would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to sharing our grand total with you as soon as we are able.

The PTCA would like to drum up as much support for the Summer Fair as possible. If you are able to spare an hour or a couple of hours to help run a stall, please put your name down via your child's class (sheets are on doors).

Next Friday we will be holding a Donation Day to raise awareness of scoliosis. The theme is green and any monetary donations are welcome. More information can be found on the following pages.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Parent Consultations taking place next week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Please can all parents check your child's lunch choice for Monday please as there has been a change to the menu from a veggie pit to a cheese toastie. Thank you in advance

Today our Year Five took part in the Big Primary Sports Festival at Penair School. Our class competed against four other amazing schools in a variety of fun athletic activities including cross country, problem solving, table tennis, jumping, cycling and football. Ending with a multi-school tug of war finale! As usual, Devoran School had so much fun and we are very proud of everyone for taking part. We would love to come to this event every single year!

Report by Tabby Morris

### HANDi Paediatric App

On the next page is some information about the HANDi App that helps with diagnosis for many common symptoms of ill health in young children. It is being promoted by the Paediatric Team at the RCH Treliske and is something all parents should find useful.



A while ago, the Cornish Caretaker performed to our KS2 children. There was a competition to design a plaque about your local Cornish hero and we are thrilled to say that George Lenney who won the competition with his design. Congratulations George!



School week commencing 17 June

97.2% - whole school attendance

**Attendance Congratulations:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place is Year 2 with 99.3%!**

Well done to Year Foundation, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 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 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

**18 October 2020 – INSET DAY (no children)**

20-23 July 2020 - INSET DAYS

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

Please note that on Friday 20 December 2019, Friday 27 March 2020 and Friday 17 July 2020 we will finish school at 13:30.

# Big Primary Sports Festival 21 June 2019

## Year Five



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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!**