



29 April 2022

DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely break and that you enjoyed the holiday?

We have had a brilliant week back in school. The highlight for us has to be returning to whole school assemblies and seeing the children all playing outside with one another. We have created a Reading Zone as well as a Mindful Colouring Zone in the playground for children to access and they have been really well used this week! We are so proud of our school community and the children have really enjoyed coming back together again. This afternoon, we also started our Reading Roundabout in which our children get to share stories with another class. This is another great way that we are demonstrating our passion for reading across the school and I know that the classes really enjoyed this too.

On Thursday, our KS2 children enjoyed a science performance from the Coppice Theatre company called Science Adventures: The Power Pickle show. Year Four and Five then took part in a workshop based around renewable electricity.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the Bank Holiday Monday.

Best wishes

Miss Lock



Youth Speaks – District Competition

As you are aware, our Year Six children won the local round of the Youth Speaks Competition. Our entry was then entered into the next round and we are delighted to share with you that our Year Six children have been awarded **first place** in the Rotary Youth Speaks district competition. There were 12 teams in total in the competition from all over Devon and Cornwall. The judges said *“Many congratulations to the children. They have done exceptionally well and the judges were unanimous in their decision that Devoran should be awarded first place”*. Congratulations to Cassia, Eli and Jess on this incredible achievement. We are all so proud of you!

Headlice in school

We have a few reported cases of headlice in school – particularly in Year 1. Please take the time to check your child's hair and please ensure that if your child's hair touches their shoulders that it is tied up.



Year 5/6 Hockey at Penair

Devoran did brilliantly at the hockey tournament on 1st April. We had two teams competing, both teams gelled together really well, despite not having played much hockey. Both teams were great ambassadors for the school, displaying great listening skills and team spirit. We are really proud of each of them. Out of 6 teams, Devoran came 1st and 2nd. Super star hockey players – you are amazing!

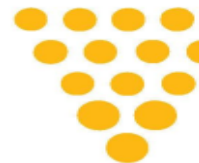


Free online courses for parents

As part of our work with the Parent Engagement Framework, we are delighted to be working alongside Cornwall Council and the Adult Education team are now offering a free online course for parents in keeping up with their children's maths and English. Here is the information about the sessions should you wish to sign up:



Adult
Education



Your local Link into Learning

For parents and carers of primary-age children

Helping you to help your child
Helping you to gain confidence
Helping you to learn new skills

Why not enrol on a short course?

Keeping Up with the Children in English and Maths

Being held at: **Online course**

On: **Friday mornings 10 – 11:30am**
for 6 weeks starting 13th May

Fun, informal sessions with tips, ideas and activities to help you support your child's learning and development, flexible and responsive to your needs.

To enrol:

This is an Adult Education course for adults only. For more information, text, ring or email Vicki on 07968 992495 or vicki.salvidge@cornwall-acl.ac.uk. You must enrol to join – we will send you course information including how to access the online sessions when you enrol.

It's easy to apply online today
www.cornwall.gov.uk/adultlearning
Call **0300 1231 117** Local charges apply





Family Learning – Keeping Up with the Children in English and Maths

About this course

This is a 6-week online course for parents and carers (including grandparents, aunts, uncles etc) of primary-age children. Discussions and activities will be informal and fun with the emphasis on ways to support your child's learning and development.

Sessions will run on Fridays 13th, 20th and 27th May; 10th, 17th and 24th June from 10am until 11:30am. Enrolment will be for all 6 sessions.

Before joining this course

You will enrol as part of an Adult Education course. You can talk to one of the family learning tutors before the course: Vicki Salvidge on 07968 992495 or Chris Bevington on 07483 319945. You will need to access a laptop or other suitable device for viewing and interacting online, and we will use Microsoft Teams to run the sessions. You will not have to download this application (although you can if you want to) as an invitation can be sent to you. You will be enrolled on a Moodle portal as part of the course and there you will have access to resources and information.

What will I learn?

You will pick up ideas about supporting your child's learning and development by enjoying some chat based around simple, fun activities. Among other things, we will discuss reading with our children, helping with homework, methods in maths, how to encourage writing skills, details of grammar and punctuation – all depending on the needs of the group.

How will I learn?

Activities will be easy to access, making use of everyday objects and resources. You will be able to chat, share ideas and ask questions; follow-up information on

specific ideas such as reading or numeracy skills will be available. The sessions will focus on practical tasks that adults and children can share and work together on.

Assessment methods

There is no formal assessment on this course; rather, assessment will be recorded on a simple learning journey to show how you engage and enjoy; what you have learnt about learning or about your child or yourself; and how confident you feel participating in an online group learning activity. This will be recorded electronically on our Moodle portal.

What do I need to have with me?

Sessions are online and there will be breaks so you can be flexible about refreshments etc. You will want access to pen and paper in case you want to make notes. A comfortable seat, open mind and a cup of tea might be enough!

What next?

Your tutors will talk with you as the course progresses about any other needs you have educationally, whether that be supporting your child or finding a course for yourself.

Don't worry!

We know that enrolling on any course can be daunting, but especially when it is online and you can't meet everyone in the room. The first session will be a gentle introduction with a chance to chat, find out more about the course and each other, and try out the technology. Don't forget, you can speak to the family learning tutors to find out more.



Devoran Wraparound Newsletter

This Week's News

(29/04/2022)

It's been a great first week back making the most of the sunshine outside, we even enjoyed our first ice lollies of the season!

The children have been working really hard on producing their self-portraits which are looking fabulous! We will share them with you once we have all completed them.

Next week the children will be planning and bringing home their giant sunflower seeds for our growing competition and will also see the start of our

GREAT SKIPPING CHALLENGE!

Drop off and Collection

Please can we remind everyone that drop off and collection for all children is at the doors at the back of the school hall.

ParentPay Reminders

ParentPay will send out automatic reminders today for any outstanding amounts on Wraparound accounts. If everyone could please check and clear any payments owing it would be very much appreciated. Any problems please contact me on emmafoden@devoranschool.co.uk or pop round to the hall doors and I will be happy to help you.

Thank You.

Late Collection

As of the **28th March** 2022 any children who are not collected from the school gate by 3:15pm without contact from parents/ carers will be added to the Wraparound Register and will incur the first session charge of £4.

Warmer Weather

Now the weather is starting to warm up and we are spending much of our time outside can we ask everyone to start thinking about sun protection for the children. Each child will need a sunhat/cap, water bottle and sun cream available in school. This can be sent in each day or you can provide **NAMED** ones that we will keep in the Wraparound cupboard if this is easier. We know you will understand the importance of this and appreciate your help in making sure the children are prepared for their outside activities.

Have a lovely long Weekend. See you Tuesday.

Photo Gallery

