



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are in the final week of the academic year! This year has been full of a lot of successes and opportunities for children across all year groups. We continue to be amazed by the positive, reflective and resilient children that we have in our school who continue to wow us when representing the school at the various events across the year.

There is a lot to celebrate at this juncture – lots of which is covered in the Newsletter below. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for your ongoing support whether that is helping in the classroom, volunteering on school trips, offering lifts to events, supporting the PTCA, reading every day with your child/ren – we couldn't do these things without you!

I would also like to thank the entire Devoran Team for all their hard work over the year in providing your child/ren with the very best opportunities.

We say a fond farewell to our brilliant Year 6 children. They have continued to make us so proud this year and their performance of Matilda last week was the icing on the cake. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. We wish our Year 6 children the very best for the next chapter – keep shining bright Year 6!

We also say a huge thank you and goodbye to Mrs Austin-Smith who has been working in Year 5 this half term having previously tutored our Year 6 children and supported wonderfully with our production of Matilda. We will miss you Mrs Austin-Smith! Thank you for everything you have done for our children at Devoran throughout your time with us.

We hope that you all have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you and the children back in school on Wednesday 4 September.

Best wishes
Miss Lock

PTCA Summer Festival

It was wonderful to see so many families attending the PTCA Summer Festival on Saturday. The weather was glorious and there were so many fun things to do. The food was delicious and the drinks were refreshing! It was lovely to hear the recorders perform on stage and the choir also sounded angelic.

Thanks to your generous donations, token sales and refreshment purchases, the PTCA have made a profit of £1,700 which is incredible.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Kathryn Brooker, Sam Reid, Lauren Mesropians and Jess Gibson for all their hard work in organising, coordinating and setting up for this event – we are incredibly grateful for all the hard work you put in to the various PTCA events throughout the year to help raise money that feeds directly into opportunities for our children.

Our second thanks goes to all the parents and Devoran Team who manned stalls and helped to set up and tidy up on Saturday – your support really does make such a difference.

Our final thank you must go to the wonderful Claire Kerrison who worked tirelessly on Saturday on the BBQ stand. Claire has supported many, many PTCA events over the years and with Freya in her last few days of Year 6, we felt it important to celebrate and recognise all the hard work that Claire has put in over the years. Thank you for everything Claire!



The PTCA would love to increase the numbers so that we could get representatives from each year group. If you would be interested in finding out more about the PTCA and what it entails, please do get in touch with Kathryn Brooker via the school office.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Receive Their Online Safety Badge!

Well done to Ella Y, Oliver, Elsie, Lyla, Roary, Joseph, Ella P, Joe, Morley and Vivi who have worked really hard this year as our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. They have spent all year working towards earning their Online Safety Badge, hosting assemblies, running a whole school survey and creating a new online safety poster. Finally, they designed and ran a Challenge Day for the whole school and it was a huge success! The Ambassadors have successfully earned their Online Safety Badge and we are so proud of all of their hard work! Well done!



Here is a good resource that we wanted to share with our families for over the Summer holidays :)

[Digital Family Agreement \(lgfl.net\)](https://www.lgfl.net)

School Show Jumping

The team came 5th for tack and turnout and in the show jumping Ella placed 2nd and Harriet placed 6th individually. Lily came 10th in Jumping 50cm which was fantastic. Overall, the team placed 9th which is a great result in a strong field. Congratulations to Lily, Ella, Issy and Harriet on this super achievement.

“Puff refused to jump but I still had a lot of fun and managed a few jumps. Sometimes ponies are just like that!” Issy
“It was really fun” Lily



Skills Builder

We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that we have been successful in our application to be a part of the Skills Builder Accelerator Programme 2024-2025. This is a programme that brings together 700 + schools, colleges, employers and impact-led organisations around common approach to building eight essential skills. These are highly transferable skills that set people up for future success and unlock learning in the classroom.



We look forward to sharing more information about this with you next term!



Woodwind Recital

Last Tuesday we were treated to a woodwind recital by the peripatetic woodwind music teacher Mrs Bingham and two of her students Henry and Jacob.

Henry and Jacob performed a series of songs on the saxophone and then Mrs Bingham treated us to some music on the flute, followed by the clarinet!

If you are interested in your child learning a woodwind instrument and your child will be in Year 3 or above from September, please contact Mrs Andrews and we can support you with the next steps to get your child enrolled.



Uniform for the New Academic Year

We know that over the summer you may well require new uniform in preparation for September. Please take this opportunity to make yourselves familiar with the **uniform policy** which can be found on our [website](#).

Please note that school shoes should be **black, polishable shoes** (no trainers, canvas shoes, boots or open toed sandals). For PE days, we do not mind the colour of the trainers. We know that some shops sell trainer-type school shoes, so please make sure that you familiarise yourself with the policy before purchasing new shoes.

For PE tops, PE jumpers and school jumpers, you are able to purchase these from Keywear in Truro:

E: keywearuniforms@gmail.com

T: 01872 242233 | M: 07894150003

W: www.keywearuniforms.co.uk

We understand that the summer is often a time where children like to experiment with various hairstyles. Please note that tracks in hair must be removed before our return to school and no hair dye / nail varnish is permitted.

Thank you for your support in helping us to adhere to this policy.

ParentPay debt

Please can all families check the ParentPay accounts to ensure that all **school dinners have been paid for** (Chartwells). Devoran School will still willingly and gratefully accept money for outstanding trips, visits and residentials that are still outstanding. School budgets are at crisis point and we just can't sustain the debt of non-payment for trips and visits. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.



Matilda

Last week our Year 6 children amazed us all with their musicality and their 'West-End worthy' performance of Matilda. We were so impressed with each and every one of you. Two sell-out shows is no mean feat and you performed with such energy, maturity and confidence. We can't wait for the video to be released! Congratulations to everyone involved – what a show!



Matilda



Rocksteady

Yesterday we enjoyed some awesome performances from our Rockstars who have been learning instruments as part of a band set up through their Rocksteady lessons. The performances were fantastic, and you have clearly made such progress this year. A huge thank you to our band leader Jordan for doing such great work with our bands. We look forward to more gigs in the next academic year!



Ex-Pupil comes to speak about Geology with the Year 5 children

Last week we were lucky to have an ex-Devoran pupil come to speak to the Y5 children about geology. Cameron Robbins is studying geology at university and he spoke to the children about careers that a degree in geology could lead to as well as showing the children some interesting rocks and minerals as well as fossils that he had brought in to show to the children.



Year 6 Girls County Cricket Finals

We headed to Mount Ambrose on Thursday 11th July for the Year 6 Girls County Cricket Finals.

The girls were exceptional; they all played their very best and showed great cricket skills. The teamwork and encouragement was great to see. We got lots of wickets and some great catches - the batting skills were great with lots of 4s. We won all our games and are now County Champions! All the girls got medals and we have another cricket trophy for the school cabinet. I am so pleased for the girls - they absolutely deserve it and a great way to finish their school year at Devoran.

This is what the team had to say:

"We are County Champions! We all had an awesome time, we tried our hardest and we all had lots of fun. The weather was great, we all cheered each other on and worked well as a team. We didn't expect to win but we did. Thank you to Mrs French and Mr best for being our coaches and the parents who drove us. We are all so happy"

