



10 October 2022

DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen the start of the sporting events which has been lovely to see. On Monday we had our first Y6 boys and girls football league match. The children played brilliantly and a parent had this to say about the game: "Huge well done to the Devoran and St Agnes boys and girls football team. I thought all four teams played the game with great skill and fairness. I know the results did not go Devoran's way but there was a huge amount of positives to take from both games. Well done St Agnes. Thank you Mrs French and Mr Tilley for giving the children the opportunity. Hopefully that'll be the first of many the Year 6 teams get to play."

Mrs French has also shared the following news: The boys played their second match of the league on Thursday, against Mount Hawke, another very strong team. They didn't give up and got stronger throughout the game. Well done boys we are all looking forward to the next game. The Year 5 boys also played their first friendly game against Mount Hawke. It was a very competitive game and it was unfortunate that we didn't come away with a draw or even a win, all the boys came off the pitch smiling and looking forward to our next game.

Year 6 also had a great day on Friday as they completed their Sports Leaders day at Penair School. The children modelled the Devoran Way throughout and we look forward to seeing them supporting our other classes in other sporting events throughout the year.

I hope you all have a lovely week

Best wishes

Miss Lock



Fun at Gardening Club

The children are having a lovely time in Gardening Club at the moment as they start to prepare the beds at the bottom of the school drive. It will be lovely to get this area back up to scratch and we are very grateful to be engaging with the community to help us with this area too!

Teacher Training

Last Thursday you may have noticed that we had a large number of supply teachers in school. Our teachers attended some training delivered by Chris Moyes on 'The Fundamentals of High Impact Teaching'. We pride ourselves on giving our children the very best and much like we say to the children, we are all constantly learning. The teachers enjoyed the opportunity to reflect on their own practice, celebrating the things that they already do brilliantly as well as considering other ways of teaching to make the highest impact on our children.



After School Clubs

This is a polite reminder that all After School Enrichment Clubs finish at 4:15pm.



Penair Meeting for Y6 Parents and Children

Our Year Six Parents and children are invited to a meeting with members of Penair School on **Thursday 20 October at 3:15pm**. The meeting will take place in the Year 6 classroom at Devoran School and will be a good opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have about the transition to secondary.

Keyboards for sale

For Sale - Limited availability

Yamaha keyboard - PSR E213

Keyboard with detachable music stand (without adapter) for sale.

Payment can be made via ParentPay

Adapters can be purchased via Ebay or Amazon priced £6-£10

Please contact Mrs Tippett if you have any questions.



Harvest Festival!

This Friday we are going to go down to Devoran Church for our Harvest Festival. We kindly ask that, if you are able, that your child brings in an item to give to the Truro Foodbank. We will be dropping off the donations after our Harvest Service. Truro Foodbank are currently in need of:



Tinned fruit

Tinned meat

Instant coffee

Laundry powder / liquid

Toilet Rolls

Be careful when opening your car doors!

It is wonderful to see so many families coming to school on their bikes and scooters. We know that the mornings are very busy with traffic congestion on the road leading up to the school and we want to ensure that we keep everyone safe. We would like to remind all drivers to check their mirrors before opening car doors to avoid any accidents. Below demonstrates a really useful way of keeping all road users safe using a method called the Dutch Reach:

What is the Dutch Reach?

The Dutch Reach is a simple change of habit to help you open your car door safely. Instead of using the hand closest to the door, it means reaching across to open the door with the hand furthest from the door - your left hand if you're the driver. This naturally turns your body towards the window, helping you spot approaching cyclists.

Why do the Dutch Reach?

Every year, over 500 people across England, Wales and Scotland are injured because someone opens a car door into their path - and these are just the injuries which are reported to police - many more are never reported. If we want more people cycling more safely, we need everyone to make this simple technique an everyday habit.

The Dutch Reach is hopefully being introduced into the Highway Code this Autumn. More information can be found [here](#).



The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2022**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2023

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: **School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY**

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on **0800 587 8191**



Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2023**

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

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Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

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Submit your application by 31 October 2022

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

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Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2023.** **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.