



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a lovely break over Christmas and a super New Year. The children have settled back into the school routines exceptionally well and are eager to learn! There is a lot to look forward to this coming half term with varied learning experiences including trips and visits to support the curriculum and also an exciting revamp of the reading areas in each classroom.

If you haven't had a chance already, we would be grateful if you could fill in the Homework Questionnaire to help us evaluate our current provision. You will be able to find the link here. Thank you.

Even though the weather is turning colder, we would still like to make the most of our school grounds so please make sure that your child comes to school suitably dressed for being out and about!

Please check out the Online Safety News at the end of this newsletter as there are some useful guides to setting parent controls (especially handy at this time of year as I am sure there are lots of new games that the children have had for Christmas.

Best wishes and have a lovely week
Mrs Morris

The closing date for applications for a reception place closes on 15 January 2024. For more information please see the details at the end of this newsletter.

House Points

Current running total...

Longships	Pendeen	Trevose	Godrevy
137	166	131	156

Congratulations to Pendeen!

Exciting News

Our very own Mrs Andrews has some wonderful news... you may remember that we recently enjoyed a visit from the amazing Pearl of Africa Choir. Whilst they were here, the organisers asked if Mrs Andrews would like to visit the Paul and Molly Foundation in Uganda to strengthen our links with this special charity. This exciting trip will be taking place during half term week and the following week. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Andrews the very best for her visit. In next week's newsletter there will be more details on how we can further support.



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 22 January** – Y3 Swimming (week 1 of 2)
- Monday 5 February** – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 6 February** – Online Safety Day
- Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February** – Half Term
- Tuesday 5 March** – Y6 and FS Height and weight check
- Wednesday 6 March** – Songfest
- Thursday 7 March** – World Book Day and Reading Café
- Monday 11 March** – Cornwall Music Festival
- Saturday 23 March** – Devoran Spring Flower Show
- Thursday 28th March** – End of Term 1.30pm



Sports Messages from Mrs French...

Dance Competition

We went to Richard Lander School for their dance competition on Thursday 7th December. The Year 3 dancers chose a song and came up with their own choreography with the help from three Year 6 children. The children practiced at lunchtime and I heard there was a lot of practice at home- it definitely showed, they did brilliantly! There were a few nerves but no one missed a beat. All the children absolutely shone. There were huge smiles and great dancing moves.

Here is what the children had to say:

'When we arrived, we were nervous and scared. When we saw the other Schools, we weren't sure about dancing but when we started dancing we were smiling and having fun. We got to do some dancing with the Sports Leaders, they taught us amazing dance routines to a Christmas song. There were two schools; Devoran and Threemilestone. Threemilestone did a dance to 'Dance the night' we danced to 'Riptide' and had a lot of fun. All of us were smiling the whole way through.' By Year 6.

This dance was really fun and exciting.

We got to make up a dance and I had fun.

My favourite part was performing it in front of the other school.

I loved it when we got our medals and we danced in front of the judges.

By Year 3



Football

We held the Year 6 vs Year 5 Football match before the end of term. This match is one that the boys have been waiting for and hopefully we can play again. The boys organised their teams and their positions. Both teams played well and there were great shots from both sides with some hard saves. Well done Devoran, some great football.



Bethany (Y5) is our wonderful writer for this week! In Year 5 they have been writing persuasive letters.

Q: Write a persuasive letter.

Dear Councillor,

I hope my monument can be put in the centre of town to remind people about how the Empire Windrush generation. They will remember how their country will not be as great if the carabain countries came over and ~~double~~ the good of their hearts, did. It is only fair if we can try to keep it alive so the newer generation will be just like them.

This letter could convince you to put in where it will be in a good position. It will be made out of marble and also granite which are sturdy materials and are also very beautiful. Like many others it will have some words inscribed on it like the date, Empire Windrush and some notes.

If it is chosen I will be over the moon for my work it will have an impact on the city a good one of course and an amazing opinions came into this. Please get it made!

Yours Sincerely

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to "Screen Time". From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select "Add Child" and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under "Broadcasting", you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however; some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

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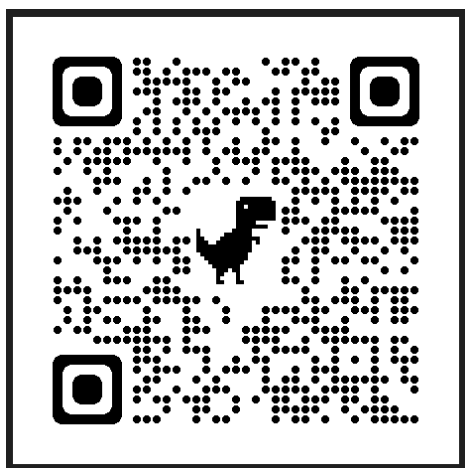
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Please scan this QR code to for information on ways to use ROBLOX safely and how to monitor your child's use in a supportive way.

Parental controls

- Click the **Gear icon** in the upper right corner and click **Settings**
- Select **Parental Controls** in the menu on the left-hand side of the screen
- In the **Parent PIN** section, press the **Toggle** button
- You will be asked to **create and confirm the PIN** for the account PIN, which will need to be entered in order to make any changes.
- When you're done, press **Add**

All parental control settings are protected by the account PIN, which will need to be entered in order to make any changes.

Creating a PIN requires a verified email address. You will be prompted to add and verify your email if the account does not have one.

Experience Guidelines

Experience Guidelines recommends the content suitability of an experience. Age recommendations are grounded in child development research and informed by industry standards. You can use parental controls to manage the age-rated content your child has access to.

Roblox Premium

Roblox has a monthly subscription service called Roblox Premium. It gives you access to features including buying, selling, and trading items, as well as increased revenue share on all sales in your games. Roblox revenue generated from your own creations that are not owned by Roblox can be converted into currency.

If you have Roblox Premium, you will receive a monthly Roblox deposit and have the icon below next to your account name.

What are Robux and how are they used?

Robux are Roblox's in-game currency and can be used to purchase in-game upgrades or avatar accessories. You can earn or purchase Robux by:

- Receiving a lump sum allowance as a **Roblox Premium** member
- Purchasing Robux from the **Robux page**

Be careful making purchases, as they can quickly add up.

1 Beware of third-party sites that offer things like "free" or cheap Robux.

These scams attempt to hack your account and obtain personal information or Robux.

Useful resources

Roblox:
To learn about safety features, please visit <https://corp.roblox.com/safety-creativity-resources>

UK Safer Internet Centre:
saferinternet.org.uk

Report Harmful Content:
report-harmful-content.com

SWGFL:
swgfl.org.uk

This checklist is for the desktop version of Roblox. This leaflet was created by SWGFL as part of the UK Safer Internet Centre in collaboration with Roblox. Pick up a copy of this checklist along with other online safety materials on the SWGFL Score: swgflscore.com

ROBLOX

Privacy & Safety Checklist

What is Roblox?

Roblox is home to millions of immersive experiences, from gaming to social hangouts, to concerts, sports, fashion shows, education, and entertainment. Roblox is built by a global community of millions of developers and creators using Roblox tools and technology.

Chat & privacy

All chat on Roblox is filtered to prevent inappropriate content, behaviour, and personally identifiable information from being visible on the site. This covers both private and public communications.

Players aged 13+ have the ability to use more words and phrases than younger players.

Age Verification

Age Verification is a new feature that was introduced for testing in 2023. Age Verification will allow you to access age-appropriate content such as experiences for people 17 and up.

Chat & interaction settings

- Click the **Gear icon** in the upper right corner and click **Settings**
- On the right hand side of the **Settings** page click the **Privacy** option
- Here you can adjust the **Contact Settings** and **Other Settings**
- Players aged 12 and under can select either **Friends** or **No-one**, while players aged 13+ have additional interaction options
- Enabling **Account Restrictions** provides access to content that is appropriate for all audiences. Additionally, **Communication Settings** will be set to **Off**

Voice Chat

Chat with voice allows eligible 13+ users to communicate using their voice in Roblox experiences. You can opt into Chat with voice by visiting the Settings page.

Reporting a game

To report an entire game:

- Go to the **About** page for the game you wish to report
- In the lower right-hand corner of the **Description** box, click the red **Report Abuse** button

The **Report Abuse** button is in the same place on both the desktop and mobile versions.

Reporting abuse in-game

Using the Report Abuse feature in a game will send information directly to Roblox. To report abuse from another user:

- Click on the **Menu** button in the top-left of the screen
- Click the **Flag icon** next to a user's name, or click the tab at the top of the menu and select which user to report
- Click on the **Type of Abuse** drop-down menu to select the inappropriate action
- Enter details in the **Short Description** box
- Click **Submit** to finalise

Reporting chat on the website

To report that made by another user:

- Click the **Gear icon** in the upper right corner of the chat window

- Click the **three dots** next to the user name and select **Report**
- Press the red **Report** button
- Fill out the report form
- Click the **Report Abuse** button to submit

Blocking users in-game

- Click on **[your username]** in the upper-right corner of the game screen
- Click the user on the **Player List/Leaderboard**
- Select **Block User**

You can also choose to **Unblock** them or **Report Abuse** directly from this menu as well.

Blocked users are indicated by a circle with a line through it next to their username.

Welcome to our Devoran School Library



We are opening our library after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:20pm—4:00pm for our families to come and borrow a book to enjoy at home.

Our librarians look forward to welcoming you.

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New! Children get to work towards an official,
exam-free Ofqual regulated music qualification!

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The start of the new academic year is a great time to begin Rocksteady lessons. Your child can enjoy the magic of music by learning to play in their very own band through weekly in-school rock and pop lessons. It's the perfect chance to learn **new musical skills, while having fun along the way**. Parents often find that Rocksteady lessons also boost **children's confidence, wellbeing, life skills and even academic achievement**.

Your child will progress through the Rocksteady curriculum and collect up to 300 different musicianship, performance and instrument skills along the way.

Here's what you need to know:

- Lessons are held during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments are provided, so it's **inclusive and accessible**.
- Your child can choose from **vocals, keyboard, drums, bass, or electric guitar** (subject to availability). They'll join their bandmates for a weekly 30-minute lesson, where they'll learn some of their favourite songs.
- You can proudly watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing you and their friends just how far they have come. You can also **follow their musical journey** in your **Parent Timeline** for regular updates on their progress and occasional photos or videos of them in lessons.
- Loved and trusted by thousands of schools, lessons are taught by experienced professional musicians, who make music education fun. Your child's band leader will **support and inspire** your child while making sure they progress at their own pace.
- Your child will become either a **Mini Rocker** (Reception to Year 2), **Rock Hero** (Year 3 and Year 4) or a **Rock Icon** (Year 5 and Year 6). Children can also work towards an exam-free Ofqual regulated music qualification accredited by Trinity College London at no extra cost.
- It's **hassle free** with a **money back guarantee** for the first month. You can **cancel at any time**.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Selecting different instrument options will also give you the best chance of getting a place.

For more details on availability and cost, visit rocksteadymusicschool.com and find your school on the sign up page or call **0330 113 0330**.



The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2024**

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2024 for
that child by the deadline
of **15 January 2024**.



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system

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