



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. Chatting with the children this morning at the gate, it looks like they are raring to go for what is always a very busy half term with the excitement of the Christmas term ahead. With that in mind, please keep a look out at the 'Upcoming Dates for Your Diary' as there are lots of events happening during this half term.

We had a super training session on Monday for our INSET day. The focus was on literacy and in particular writing. We have come away with lots of wonderful ideas to help engage children more with their writing and I will be sharing some wonderful writing with you each week in our Newsletter.

Finally, we have received the PE tops we have all been waiting for! The children look splendid and we would like to say thank you to our very own Peter for raising money from his cycle ride and Pavilion Bakeries for sponsoring our PE kit.

Best wishes
Mrs Morris



Year Four children sporting our new PE tops!

House Points Winners

Autumn Term 1



Well done to PENDEEN - please come to school in your team colours on Friday 3 November.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Friday 10 November - PTCA Donation Day

Wednesday 15 November – Pearl of Africa Choir visit to the school and evening performance

Friday 17 November – Children in Need (dress in spots/stripes)

Friday 24 November – PTCA Christmas Jumper Swap

27 November – Year 4 Swimming (2-week block)

Tuesday 5 December – FS/KS1 Nativity Afternoon & Evening Performance Details to follow

Tuesday 5 December – Reindeer Roundup Run (held in school) Details to follow

Wednesday 6 December – FS/KS1 Nativity Afternoon Performance Details to follow

Tuesday 12 December – Whole School Cinema Trip Details to follow

Wednesday 13 – Christmas Lunch (children to wear Christmas Jumpers)

Thursday 14 December – KS2 Carol Service Afternoon & Evening Performance Details to follow

Friday 15 December – End of Term 1.30pm

Swimming News

Following a review of our swimming provision, we have decided that the only year groups swimming this year will be **Years 2, 3 and 4**. There are a number of reasons for this change:

During the last academic year, we suffered a £3,500 shortfall (27% of the total), where payments had not been made for the lessons taken. Unfortunately, and as I am sure you can understand, we are unable to sustain this loss from our already tight budget. The statutory requirement for swimming is for children to be able to swim 25m by the time they reach the end of Year 6. Many of our children are able to do this already and much more. Taking fewer classes swimming also brings us closer in line with other schools in our area.

We will continue to maintain the quality of our swimming provision that we are so very proud of, whilst being mindful of the very difficult financial situation that the cost of living crisis has created.

With the very small minority of children who are yet to reach 25m, we will be making separate arrangements and will contact those parents directly.

Year 4 swimming 27 November – 8 December

Year 3 swimming 22 January – 2 February

Year 5 – Art Gallery



On the last day of the term, Year 3 were invited to visit the Year 5 Art Gallery where they were sharing and celebrating the completion of their Visual Maps made during their Art lessons. The students absorbed and discussed the work, then wrote their thoughts on the review sheets available. Everyone demonstrated such a warm sense of valuing the work on show and gave useful and thoughtful responses, it was a really positive experience for everyone.

Children in Need – Friday 17 November



Please come to school dressed in spots and bring a donation to help us raise money for this fantastic cause.

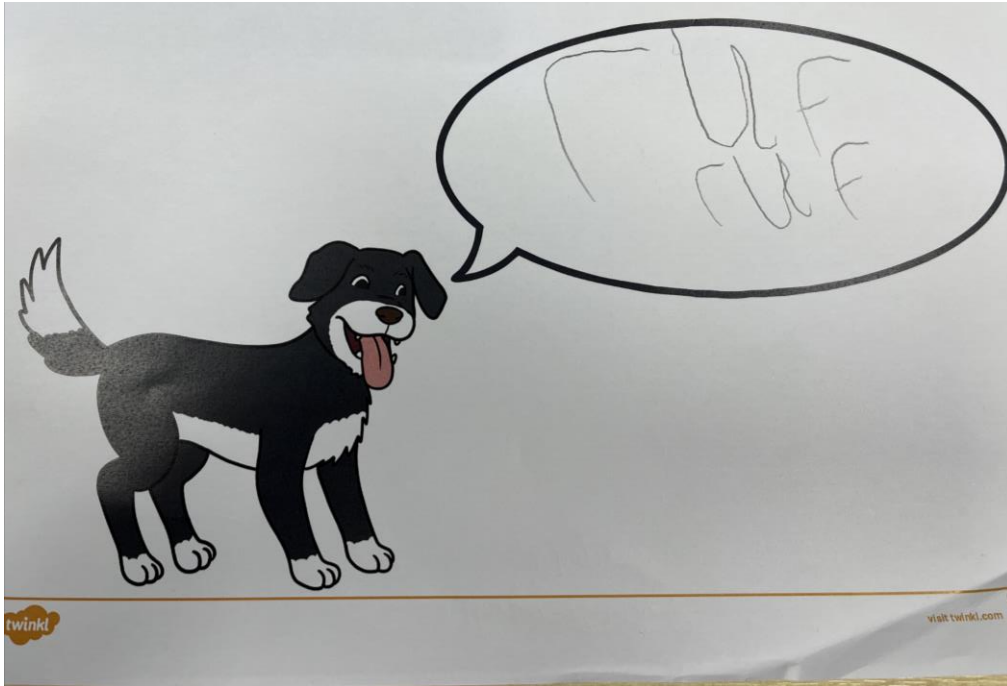
Tuesday 5 December – Reindeer Run



We will be having a fun Reindeer Run to raise money for Cornwall Hospice Care. All children to come to school in their PE kits please.



Rusty and Harper (FS) are
our wonderful writers for
this week!



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.

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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RAINBOW DONATION/NON UNIFORM DAY- FRIDAY 10th November

Please could each child bring in something the colour of their year group and help make the Christmas Fayre raffle hampers. Here are some examples:



PLEASE CAN ALL CHILDREN ALSO BRING IN A DONATION FOR THE BOTTLE TOMBOLA



WE WOULD ALSO LOVE ANY GOOD QUALITY DONATIONS FOR THE TOMBOLA - THANK

YOU SO MUCH - PTCA TEAM

**PEARL OF AFRICA
CHILD CARE**

THE PEARL OF AFRICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR UK TOUR



**SINGING SO
OUR FRIENDS
CAN GO
TO SCHOOL**

Concert held at Devoran School

Wednesday 15 November 2023

6.30pm

Details to follow

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