



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

What a jam-packed week! It started with a lovely guitar concert on Monday in which the children played their favourite songs to a friendly audience. The children did really well and it was lovely to hear how well they have progressed across the terms.

Myles and Morley in Year 5 have been working very hard on a child-version of our School Prospectus. You can find a link to the prospectus on our [website](#). The inspiration for them doing this came from an ICT lesson – well done boys for showing such lovely initiative and for writing such lovely things about our school!

I will leave it with you to peruse the rest of the newsletter at your leisure for more amazing events and opportunities.

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Update from the Anti-bullying Ambassadors

Our Anti-bullying Ambassadors have been busy this term, designing new T-shirts that they will wear at break and lunchtimes. The Ambassadors felt that 'Playground Buddies' would be a great way to help anyone who feels like they may need some support at playtimes. It could be that they need help to talk to an adult about something, they may not have anyone to play with or they might need to report an incident and feel unsure how to do this - the Playground Buddies will be there to help!

Last week, the Ambassadors also delivered a presentation in Assembly, unveiling their new T-shirts to the whole school and also sharing their newly-designed anti-bullying posters that will be displayed around the school. There will be more information to come about these in the new school year, so keep a look out!

Well done Anti-bullying Ambassadors, what a jam-packed and productive term. You have achieved so much and you should be very proud of yourselves!

The Big Sing

Last Monday our choir had a fabulous day at The Hall for Cornwall as part of The Big Sing. The Hall for Cornwall was pretty much full! Our choir had a prime spot at the front of the top balcony. The choir were fabulous and Isla was selected to go on the stage and sing with other children!

A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who drove the children to the event and also to Mrs Roskilly who supported throughout the event, not forgetting to say an enormous thank you to Ms Varnish for teaching the children the songs and for running our choir this term!



Year Three Camp

Year Three had an incredible residential this year; the experience of Geevor Mine was fantastic and made even better by being serenaded on the way back to the coach by Mark on the accordion! The children were panning for gold and minerals for hours and we hear that the children have even taken to doing this on their weekends they enjoyed it so much!

The night in school was a huge success and the children really enjoyed their free time playing on the field and of course the pizzas!

The tour around The Lost Gardens of Heligan was delightful; we all tackled the rope bridge, observed nature and explored this through the medium of art and had a lovely picnic in the grounds.

A huge thank you to Mrs Morris, Mr Griggs and Miss Inkpen for making the camp so memorable and special for the children and a thank you also to Mrs Tippett who has done a phenomenal job in organising it all. Finally, a massive well done to our Year Three children who all did so well; we hope you have made memories that you will cherish for years to come.



Devoran Summer Festival

What a turnout we had on Saturday for the much anticipated Devoran Summer Festival!

The weather behaved and we had so much fun listening to some great music from our amazing choir, fabulous recorder players and of course, from the band Blue River.

There were so many stalls to keep everyone entertained; Tombola, Buzz Wire Challenge, Splat the Rat, Nerf Target, Guess the Name of the Teddy, Pick a Lolly, Sweet Stalls, Bottle Tombola, visits from the police and the coastguard, not to mention 3 bouncy castles plus many more stalls! The BBQ and beer tent also seemed to go down a treat!

I am sure you will all agree that there was a lovely atmosphere on Saturday and there really was something for everyone.

I would like to thank you all for turning up to make the day so much fun.

An enormous thank you needs to go to The PTCA core team, namely Kathryn

Brooker and Sam Reid who worked incredibly hard in the run up to the event, organising planning meetings late into (many) evenings to make sure that everything was planned to the last detail to make the Festival as successful as it was. Of course, as well as the core team, there have been a huge number of other parents who form part of the PTCA who

helped enormously on the day with the set up (especially John Brooker) closedown, collecting items, creating signs, gathering raffle prizes, running stalls to name a few of the tasks required to run an event like this! These events mean such a lot to our Devoran community and I really enjoyed seeing so many of our old, current and new families enjoying the afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who turned up to join in with the event and for giving so generously through the token, band or cash systems that the PTCA had in place. We can't wait to share the 'grand total' with you all soon.

I would also like to thank Roan Spring from the Punchbowl and Ladle who did a marvellous job of sourcing all the drinks for the Festival as well as running the drinks tent on the day. The Scouts also did a brilliant job of cooking the food – thank you to all the Scout team, particularly Sam Allen, for your help setting up and for running the tent all day along with the other Scout leaders.



Sporting News

Devoran School Show Jumping

The Show Jumping team had a very good day; Ella came 3rd overall in her class, and the Devoran Diamonds team won 3rd in the gymkhana games. Lily's joint team got 4th. Everyone had a good round and we are super proud of them all.

Names of the Show Jumping Team and their ponies:

Charlie and Chester

Ella and Izzy

Harriet and Saffy

Isabella and Noodles

Lily and Puff

Charlie - "It was fun but challenging to remember the course and getting around it!"

Ella - "It was fun to spend the day with the ponies and represent the school"

Harriet - "It really enjoyed doing the jumping - I managed to jump 12 jumps at 40cm!"

Isabella - "It was really fun despite my pony being quite challenging to ride as he kept moving cones and rearing!"

Lily - "Puff loved to jump and she went really fast, but didn't like being separated from Noodles!"



Sporting News

Rounders Tournament

We went to Penair on Friday to take part in a Rounders Tournament.

The Sport Leaders went through some rounders skills with the children before we went into 3 games.

The children did amazingly and grew with confidence throughout the afternoon. We had a mixed team of Year's 4, 5 and 6 and they all worked together really well as a team and represented Devoran brilliantly. Jesse from Year 4 was voted the best player in all 3 games and at the presentation got given a medal as the only person to have done this. Jesse said he couldn't have done it without his team especially Jacob from Yr 6 as they both worked really well together during the games and between them got lots of children out.

This is what the children said:

We all enjoyed it, we played really well as a team. We won 2 games and lost 1 and did well. It was really fun and there was good sportsmanship.

Yr 4- Jesse, Artie

Yr 5- Seren, Freya, Ramina

Yr 6 - Jessica, Poppy, Jacob, Lleyton, Henry.



Sporting News

The Year 6 Girls Cricket

The Year 6 girls went to Mount Ambrose Cricket Club on Wednesday for the County Cricket Finals. This was their last competition to represent Devoran School and they did us all proud. They showed determination as they thought they were going to lose the first game, but instead they made a great come back and won the game! Their cricket skills have improved immensely and their team work and sportmanship has made us proud. The girls did brilliantly on Wednesday and came runners up County Champions. Well done girls!

Here is what they had to say:

“On Wednesday our Year 6 girls had a great time at the cricket. We played 4 games against other schools. We had a great experience and overall, we came second and we got medals! It was fun; our favourite game was against St Hilary because we felt they had great sportmanship”.



Need help to manage
behaviour, tantrums
and meltdowns?

Want to
understand your
child's

Behaviour's feel
out of control?

Want to help your
child understand
their own feelings?

Emotion Coaching can help!

What is Emotion Coaching?

Emotion coaching draws on **neuropsychology and attachment theory** to help you understand children's emotions and their behaviour. It is a **relational approach** based on building positive relationships through **empathy, attunement, understanding and respect**. This is something you will have already been doing through VIG.

The training supports parents and carers to;

- Understand the key principles underlying emotion coaching.
- Develop an understanding of different parenting styles and reflect on their style.
- Develop skills in using emotion coaching.

Evidence Based Approach

Research shows that Emotion Coaching:

- Helps children to calm down and better understand their emotions.
- Helps children to regulate, improve and take ownership of their behaviour.
- Helps adults to be more sensitive to children's needs.
- Helps create more consistent responses to children's behaviour.
- Helps adults to feel more 'in control' during tricky situations.
- Helps promote positive relationships

Interested?

You can watch 5 videos on Emotion Coaching developed by two Educational Psychologists. These introduce Emotion Coaching and guide you on how to use Emotion Coaching with your children. Google 'Emotion Coaching Cornwall' or click on the link:

[Emotion Coaching | Care and Support in Cornwall](#)



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

OR

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

Throughout the **summer holidays**. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, competitions and videos.
- Keep up-to-date! [Follow @SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

Reading Challenge continued:

What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks."*

Girl, aged 12+

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well."*

Parent/carer of 6-7-year-old boy

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before."*

Parent/carer of 8-9-year-old girl

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy, the challenge helps make reading **fun**."*

Parent/carer of 6-7-year-old boy

*"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him **more confident in himself** and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection."*

Parent/carer of 10-11-year-old boy

Free Lifesaving E-book

Author Ellie Jackson from Looe, Cornwall has launched her latest book all about water safety for children. Ellie sadly lost her younger brother 6 years ago in a drowning accident and understands first-hand how important it is to stay safe on the water. She is releasing her new book, Sami's Beach Rescue, for FREE, to all schools to help save children's lives. The book follows the true story of a young boy who finds himself out of his depth in the water and remembers the Float to Live message whilst he waits for rescue.

As with all the Wild Tribe Heroes books, the story is gently told with beautiful illustrations and has important safety information at the end of the story. The book aims to encourage children to have fun in the water and stay safe.

The book is available as a free download and is accompanied by full teaching resources, PowerPoint, reading guide and curriculum maps for each primary key stage. Great to read as an assembly or in classrooms, at home or at school, the book is fully supported by the RNLI, RLSS and Swim Safe.

Visit www.wildtribeheroes.com/sami to get your copy of Sami's Beach Rescue to inspire your children and hopefully save lives.



The image is a composite graphic. On the left, a portrait of author Ellie Jackson, a smiling woman with brown hair, wearing a colorful patterned top, is shown against a background of the sea. Below her portrait is a wooden surface displaying several Wild Tribe Heroes books, including 'Duke's Lucky Escape!', 'Nelson's Dangerous Dive', 'Hazel's Tangled Tale', 'Buddy's Rainforest Rescue', 'Winter's Icy Adventure', 'Sunny's Blazing Battle', 'Ziggy's Dinosaur Rescue', and 'Ocean Plastic'. A small white teddy bear is also on the wood. On the right, the cover of 'Sami's Beach Rescue' is shown, featuring a red and white lifebuoy with the title in blue and white text. The cover art depicts a beach scene with children playing in the water and a boy on the sand. Below the book cover, a blue banner contains the text: **FREE LIFE-SAVING EBOOK**, **Download your copy**, and the website www.wildtribeheroes.com/sami.

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