

Blackwater Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020

ISSUE 5

Dear Parents and children,

It was a real honour to see all of our Remembrance celebrations taking place throughout the school. Even though we were in our own bubbles, we all took part in the two minute silence on Wednesday as a school community. If you follow our Facebook page, you will see some of our Year 6 children reading poetry and explaining about the day.

We continue to see good behaviour for learning throughout the school. I absolutely love popping into the classroom and seeing the learning taking place. Our teachers are so skilled at making the children feel safe and ready for learning, the children fly! There is a top leader in education called Mary Myatt, who writes powerfully about how if children are in a high challenge, low threat environment, they thrive and progress well. This rings true at Blackwater as the children take risks and push their learning because the classrooms are nurturing, calm and encouraging to all.

As a staff team, we decided that we would like to celebrate the children's successes more and from today, we will be using an APP called Classroom Dojo to do this. The children can collect virtual dojos (points) for fantastic learning, effort, or showing us one of our high five (safe, responsible, respectful, achieving and determined). They will also get a dojo every time they read at home and complete their home learning weekly.

Our school council will be deciding the rewards for certain milestones. What this space for (I can imagine) some creative ideas!



Thank you to all of our families who have kept to our rigorous new systems to keep the children and staff safe. We still have not had a covid case in school and one of the silver linings to this situation is that there are minimal bugs going around therefore our attendance has been amazing! I had a visit from the Educational Welfare Service yesterday to monitor our attendance and systems and he said it is the best attendance he has seen in a school yet this term!

We look forward to talking to all parents next week at parents evening. I am available all week to if you have additional questions / queries about anything.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Evison

Dates for the diary

W.b. 16th Nov - Virtual Parents Evening

9th Dec—Christmas Banquet (smart dress)

11th Dec - Christmas Jumper day

14th Dec—Reindeer visit

17th Dec - Silly Santa day

18th Dec - Last day of term—1pm finish



Truro
OUR
GREAT
LITTLE
Festive
CITY

18th Nov **Virtual Christmas Lights Switch-on**
See visitruro.org.uk for more information

From 3rd Dec **Truro Farmers Market**

From 5th Dec **Jack's Frosty Stories** by Coppice Theatre*

From 9th Dec **Wednesday Late Night Shopping**

*Booking essential

Space to Shop visitruro.org.uk @visitruro

Main shopping streets traffic free at peak times
Activities subject to government lockdown restrictions lifting
Brought to you by Visit Truro and Truro BID



Community NEWS

Thank you to everyone
who donated to our
Harvest Foodbank.

A Big

THANK YOU



BLACKWATER SCHOOL

for supporting Truro Foodbank at harvest 2020.

**Especially in these covid times your donation really helps
to make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.**

Truro foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.



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99 Club

We continue to embed the importance of number bonds and times tables to make all of our children amazing mathematicians.

We continue to test the children on these on a Friday through the 99 Club. From this week, we will be sending the tests home so you can support your child practice them.

If they succeed, they receive a badge and also a certificate in assembly!

For extra copies to practice, please follow this link on our website: <http://www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk/web/mathematics/385851>

Reading at home

Now we have the dojo reward system in place, we really want to celebrate the children for reading at home. Our expectation at Blackwater is that they complete four reads during the week, where they read to an adult for 10 minutes or more.

Please look at how we teach reading at our school through our reading strategy:

<http://www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk/web/reading/511215>



Whole Class Reading

After Christmas, we will be starting a new way of reading for pleasure called 'Whole Class Reading'. We would like to read a class novel each term with the children that links to their project. The only difference is that we would like each child to have a book. This method of reading as a class collectively is proven to improve children's progress. As you can imagine, four sets of books per term is quite an expensive investment (but worth it!).

We will let you know in the next newsletter which books we will be looking for.

The more that you
READ,
the more things
you will **KNOW**

The more
LEARN,
more
that you
THE places
you'll go

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0344 411 1444

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0800 58 58 58 THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT

5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS

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LIVING
MISERABLY
CALM



If you have any concerns or worries, you can always speak / email us at Blackwater. We are here for all the families in Blackwater.



COVID-19 isolation may cause tensions to rise and domestic abuse to increase. Help is available.



NHS

Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust has its own Out of Hours telephone support provided by Support Matters Cornwall. This service operates from 5pm to 9am on weekdays and 24 hours a day at weekends and bank holidays. The service is open to all patients (aged 16+) under the care of the Trust's mental health services. Support can be delivered over the telephone, via text, email or web chat. Call free on **0800 001 4330**.

This is an unusual time and we are conscious that some people and families will be finding it difficult. We have included some helpline numbers on this page in case anyone finds them useful.

0300 123 3393

mind
for better mental health

"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

116 123

ChildLine
0800 1111

family
action | Family
Line
0808 802 6666

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE

HM Government

**AT HOME
SHOULDN'T
MEAN
AT RISK**

#YOUARENOTALONE

FIND SUPPORT AT:
gov.uk/domestic-abuse

The children are taking part in the 'Silly Santa Fun Run' this year in aid of Cornwall Hospice on the 17th December.

We will be handing out the fundraising forms next week and the costumes the week after for you to tailor (if needed) for your child. We are going to have fun!



W.B.

2nd Nov

Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Jacob C

Wheal Harmony: Orla J

Wheal Busy: Kodi T

Wheal Luna: Ben K

Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Casey V

Wheal Harmony: Poppy S

Wheal Busy: Archie S

Wheal Luna: Kayden E

Above and Beyond

Freddie B

W.B.

9th Nov

Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Isabelle C

Wheal Harmony: Lillie Mae W

Wheal Busy: Piran W

Wheal Luna: Mike C

Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Sophia K

Wheal Harmony: Izzy H

Wheal Busy: Lucas B

Wheal Luna: William D

Above and Beyond

Jan R

Well done to these children for showing excellent behaviour and learning attitudes. We are proud of you! We hope you enjoy your: certificate, lanyard to wear for the week and a hot chocolate on Monday with Mrs. Evison in the bell tent!

Letters home

Remote Learning Plan

Parent's Evening update

Luna Eden Project Trip

School Council News

The school council did a fantastic job at being interviewed by Mrs. Bisson, one of our governors. They spoke very articulately about their education at Blackwater, giving an honest opinion on what they enjoy about school and how they would like it improved.

After meeting this week, they have chosen addition Christmas activities to make sure we all have a special time this season. These include: art to a local care home, making Christmas decorations, possible visit from the big man and

'Education breeds confidence, confidence breeds hope, hope breeds peace.' Confucius

