

# Blackwater Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020

ISSUE 7

Dear Parents and children,

Christmas is coming! We have seen wonderful Christmas events this week as part of our Christmas Calendar and I have been so proud of every single child as they have spread 'Christmas Joy' in their own way.

The Christmas Class Fayres were a great and we are really looking forward to finding out how much we raised for FOBS. Thank you all for donating to the Christmas Jumper fundraising too for Save the Children.

Next week we have the magical reindeers making an appearance at Blackwater in Monday, our very special Christingle on Wednesday virtually, which we will still be making our orange Christingles for the service. Our Silly santa day is happening on Thursday with a fun run! I really can't wait to see all the children dressed up as elves or santas—what a hoot! Finally on Friday, one of our wonderful parents has donated money for the children of Blackwater to see the theatre production of the Mousehole Cat. Kindness from our community again.

Some of you may have seen the government guidance which came out this week saying schools could finish a day earlier if we choose. This comes from a Headteacher wellbeing perspective as, due to Track and Trace responsibilities, we will continue to be on duty though to Christmas Eve. We have decided not to implement this as we all felt it was too late notice and also cancelling part of our lovely Christmas activity week for our children. Our term will finish on Friday 18th December as originally planned.

I very much look forward to our last week of term which will be a Christmas celebration like no other year! We feel that our children deserve a fun last week following the wonderful way they have adapted to our 'new normal'. I remain immensely proud of them all.

Best wishes

Mrs Evison



## Diary Dates

- 14 Dec - Reindeer visiting
- 16 Dec - Christingle
- 18 Dec - finish school at 1pm
- 5 Jan - First day of the Spring term
- 13 Feb - 21 Feb - HALF TERM
- 22 Feb - First day after half term
- 2 April - Easter Holidays



# Blackwater does Christmas

*We don't let something like Covid get in the way of the children having the BEST Christmas with us at Blackwater. Here is what we have in store . . .*

**Monday 14th December . . .** Reindeer visiting our school (Thank you FOBS for funding this).

**Thursday 17th December . . .** Class Christmas tree competition - classes to decorate their trees with recycled decorations. Children can make these at home to bring in as well as in school.

**Thursday 17th December . . .** Silly Santa Day. Children to be given suits to wear for the day to raise money for Children's Hospice South West. Please bring fundraising money on this day to put in their green buckets!

**Thursday 17th December . . .** A short song / poem will be uploaded onto Seesaw / Tapestry for you to enjoy at home.

**Friday 18th December . . .** End of term at 1pm



## Well done!

A big well done to Ellie S, Chloe R, Alex RS and Flora for winning the Wheel Luna Christmas Card competition. These cards are being made to hand out to the community from our children.

## Christmas Decorations to Care Homes

All the children have been busy this week creating pictures, paintings and decorations for three local care homes. I am sure these small festive gifts will brighten up their Christmas. Thank you to the School Council for suggesting it.

# COVID-19

## in your home

Thanks for being Covid-safe at work. But remember coronavirus is also moving from home to home. If anyone in your household has symptoms or tests positive you all need to self-isolate and follow the rules at home to protect each other and stop the virus spreading.

- ✓ **Try to stay 2m apart**
- ✓ **Wash hands frequently**
- ✓ **Avoid sharing objects**  
i.e. cutlery
- ✓ **Clean or disinfect all surfaces**
- ✓ **Keep your spirits up!**



**CORNWALL**  
**COUNCIL**  
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[cornwall.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://cornwall.gov.uk/coronavirus)



## IN TRUE 2020 STLYE & CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PORTHTOWAN PLAYPARK COMMITTEE...

WILL BE SETTING UP OUTDOOR POP UP SHOPS IN THE VILLAGE  
EVERY SATURDAY 10-12 UP TO CHRISTMAS...

CORNISH DRIFTWOOD TREE MOBILES, ILLUMINATED  
RAINBOW BOTTLES, CHRISTMAS CARDS, REUSABLE  
FACEMASKS...AND NEARLY NEW PRELOVED TOY SALE

ALL IN EXCHANGE FOR FUNDRAISING  
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEW SWINGS

COME OVER AND SAY HELLO, HAVE A  
CHAT ABOUT THE PARK AND BUY A TRAIL  
TO FIND SANTA'S PORTHTOWAN ELVES

FOLLOW PORTHTOWAN PLAYPARK ON  
FACEBOOK. WE'LL BE SOMEWHERE NEAR  
PORTHTOWAN SUPER SHOP - LOOK OUT  
FOR THE PIRATE BUNTING!



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMPETITION

**We want Christmas to sparkle even more than usual this year!**

**We are asking our local businesses and our community to come together once again, to create a Cornish Winter Wonderland in St Agnes Parish.**

**So whether you'd like to decorate your front window, your front garden, your porch or even the front of your house, we want to see our Parish celebrating the festive season.**

Spread the cheer throughout the Parish so that families, friends and children can spend December spotting and enjoying everyone's efforts.

Tag us in your decoration photos on Facebook and Instagram with **#stagneschristmas** and you will be entered into a competition for a goody bag filled with prizes from our local businesses, so get decorating! For more information go to **@visitstagnes** on Facebook.

Tag us **#stagneschristmas** by 20th Dec to enter!



# Meet the Governors

Janine Bisson



I am a keen advocate for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

I currently work as the STEM Project Coordinator for Cornwall Council bringing awareness of the opportunities for learning within STEM but also developing careers guidance for young people.

A key interest for me is considering which groups of young people are underrepresented within STEM and how we can work to address this imbalance. I have over 10 years' experience working with young people through teaching Science and Environmental Education.

I am passionate about the environment, I feel strongly that it is important to work with young people to provide opportunities for them to take positive action for their environment.

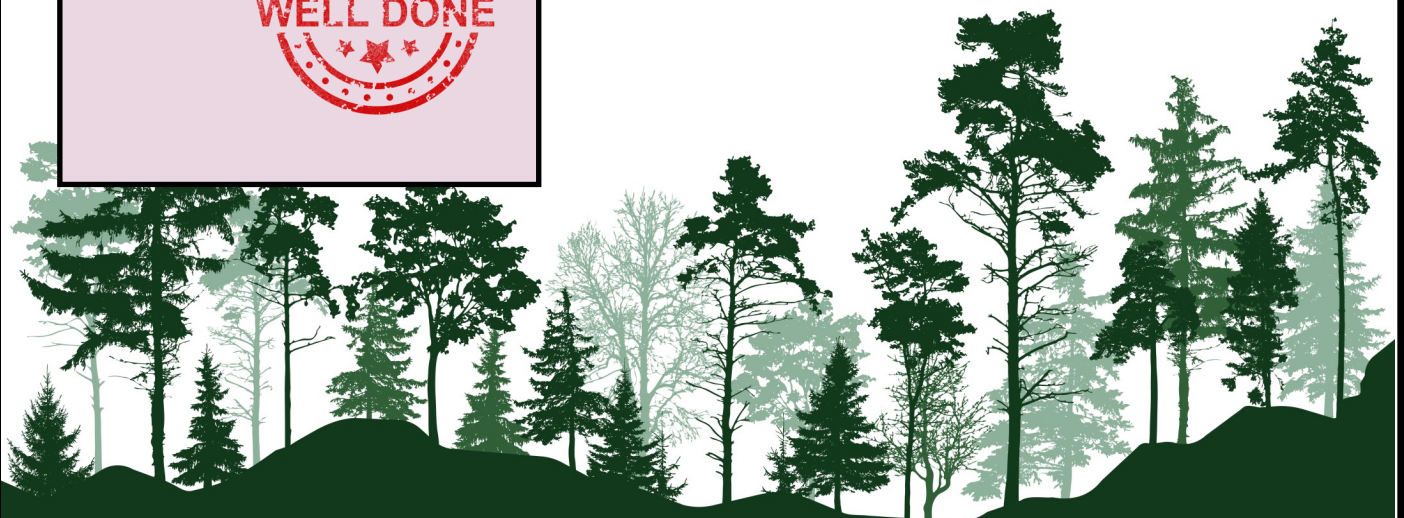
Well done to Ellie S  
for winning the  
Plymouth Argyle -  
Beat Bullying poster  
competition.



## Community Spirit News

Bradley L delivered 250 Christmas leaflets  
around the village on Saturday afternoon.  
On the light switch at 5pm yesterday the  
boys had a special mention by Pete Mitchell  
our local councillor.

WELL DONE!





**citizens  
advice**

0344 411 1444

**ON YOUR SIDE  
NO MATTER WHAT**

0800 58 58 58 THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT

5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS

CAMPAIGN AGAINST 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.

Who can help me?  
We can

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

**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

HM Government

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



#YOUARENOTALONE

FIND SUPPORT AT:  
gov.uk/domestic-abuse

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE**  
**0808 2000 247**  
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



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

Please let me know if there are any problems with the costumes or you need different sizes.

We have lots of spares!



### Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Indy R  
Wheal Harmony: Oscar B  
Wheal Busy: Sophie S  
Wheal Luna: Layla S

### Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Oliver L  
Wheal Harmony: Izzie T  
Wheal Busy: Tommy J  
Wheal Luna: Sophie E

### Above and Beyond

Yasmin T



### Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Elliot B  
Wheal Harmony: Ronnie E  
Wheal Busy: Fin P  
Wheal Luna: Llogen M

### Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Toby H  
Wheal Harmony: Kye N  
Wheal Busy: Saffron  
Wheal Luna: Pippa D

### Above and Beyond

Bodhi 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

Last day of term (all)  
Falconry (Luna)  
Language at school (Luna)  
Breakfast and After School Club (all)  
Exeter Research project (all)  
Silly Santa costume's (all)

## A BIG THANK YOU

A very sincere thank you to St Agnes Parish for accepting our grant proposal to be able to afford new whiteboards in the classroom. They are all very tired and stopped being interactive a while ago and we had therefore asked the Parish for a donation towards these costs. They have agreed a donation of £2200.

**WOW! We are blown away, again, by the kindness and generosity of our community.**

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." **Albert Einstein**

