

Blackwater Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2020

ISSUE 2

Dear Parents and children,

Thank you all for another great week for children, staff and parents. We really are very pleased to be back.

The children have all settled in really well and are working hard. Wherever you walk around the school, the classes are fully engaged in their learning and this is reflected in their great efforts and attitudes. This term we are focusing on pride in our work: in our books, our discussions and our presentation. Teachers are taking the time to emphasise this and we can really see it reflected in the project, English and maths work.

Along with their learning, we are reminding children of our HIGH FIVE, which is the basis of our behaviour policy and our high expectations at Blackwater.

We are working hard to support the children back into being social with a whole class of peers again, and learning how to play in the right way at break and lunchtimes.

I am starting my Reflection Room again at lunchtime to give children the time to reflect and restore their understanding if they have made wrong choices during the day. This approach gives children time to talk to me in a calm environment to identify their emotions and recognise what they could have done differently.

We continue to use Facebook as a way to celebrate the children's learning and celebrations during the day, please take a look as I think you will be very impressed!

It is always a pleasure to talk to you at the beginning and the end of the school day - please e-mail if you have any more concerns or queries: head@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk.

Best wishes *Mrs Evison*



Dates for the diary

9th Oct - Harvest Foodbank collection

23rd Oct - last day of term

24th - 1st Nov - HALF TERM

2nd Nov—INSET DAY—School closed to children

3rd Nov - start of the Christmas term.

Community News



BLACKWATER COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



2 pm to 4 pm
Sat. 17th October

**MEETING AT
BLACKWATER VILLAGE HALL**

COME AND JOIN IN A LITTER PICK AND TIDY UP
OUR VILLAGE
ALL CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.

**Helping to keep our village a
safe and pleasant place to live
Hope to see you there!**



WWW.CLEANCORNWALL.ORG



Wellies and Coats

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school at all times and a coat so that they can use the field and wood at times during the school day.



Mini London Marathon

We are excited that next week the children will take part in the mini London marathon where they have to raise

money to run 2.6 miles during the week. The money will be put towards our new 12 metre polytunnel. Not only will it give us an additional space for teaching, we can teach the children the important skills of growing and sustainability. Please spread the word! Our just giving page will be up in the next couple of days.



Bell Tent

Our Bell Tent has arrived!

Thank you again to those families who donated to this exciting cause. Keep your eyes peeled for pictures of it on our Facebook site.

The tent will be timetabled so each class has a day in which they can use it for their learning.

We all can't wait to get in it and start using this magical space!!



Blackwater Projects



Wheal Friendly

Do you want to be friends?

Do you want to be friends? Would you like to play with me? Explore these questions and more in this project about friendship, being kind and working together.

We will learn about: - friendship, being kind, being helpful, cooperation, similarities and differences, people who help us.



Wheal Harmony

Splendid Skies - Finding out about weather and weather stations.

Imagine floating high above land and sea on a bed of clouds, silently sweeping by on a billowing breeze. Back down to earth, let's take a walk outdoors. How do we know what the weather will be like today? Read and write poems and postcards, and, if you don't like today's weather report, why not write your own? Make a weather station to find out more about the weather in your area.



Wheal Busy

Tribal Tales

Take a moment to step outside and stand quietly and still. Turn off all your technology and try to forget the modern world. Imagine this place 5000 years ago. What would you have seen? Head back to prehistoric times to gather berries and hunt down dinner. Unearth ancient objects and visit astonishing mystical monuments that reveal the secrets of an ancient time. Learn how the people of Britain developed over thousands of years, from the Stone Age to the Roman invasion. Work as a tribe to build a seasonal monument to celebrate the coming of spring.



Wheal Luna

Frozen Kingdom

Welcome to the planet's coldest lands. Vast wilds and hostile territories – incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly. Be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight.

Research facts and figures of climate, temperature, habitats and ecosystems, and compose evocative poems about the Northern Lights. Become part of an Antarctic rescue team, braving the elements to rescue terrified passengers from a ship struck by a deadly berg that hides deep beneath the Southern Ocean.



These are our new projects for this term. How lucky are the children! As parents, you should have received a topic map of what your child is learning this term and also our new 'Knowledge organisers'. Please use these with your children to help them remember key knowledge and facts about their topic.

Reading at Blackwater

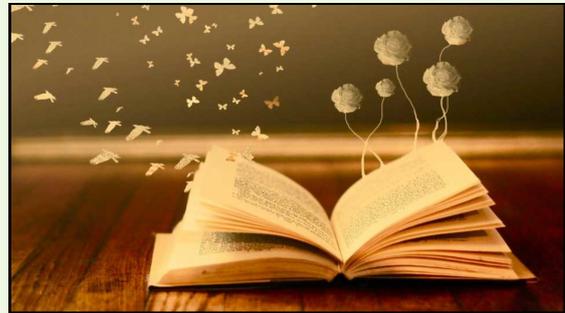


*It has been proven, through intensive international academic research, that the greatest indicator of future life success is **children's ability to read for pleasure.***

*Therefore at Blackwater we are committed to ensuring that all our children learn **to read fluently, with understanding, and are passionate about reading,** so that they have the greatest chance of success in the future.*

We place a high priority on reading as we believe it is the cornerstone to all learning. We provide opportunities for our children to read across the curriculum and to deepen their knowledge in other subjects by reading non-fiction books.

*At Blackwater, we all understand that cognitively there is no reason why a child can't learn to read and to enjoy reading. We also understand that barriers exist for some children. **We believe in all of our children, no excuses are made on their behalf. High expectation drives our passion for reading.***



From this term, each child will have two reading books to take home.

1. The first book will be at your child's ability and they can read this independently.
2. The second book is their 'challenge book' in which they have chosen this for enjoyment. It is often more challenging for them so please support them by reading the trickier words with them.

To improve fluency, children should be reading out aloud to an adult four times a week with either book.

Our wonderful staff will be checking your child's reading record once a week. Our expectations are that your child will read four times a week to support their reading progress.



We know that life is very busy but it is so important for their learning that they read regularly.

The teachers are really happy to talk to you about this further.

We are missing quite a few of our reading books. Please can you have a look to see if there are any at home from last term.

Thank you



To stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), you should try to avoid close contact with anyone you do not live with.

This is called social distancing.

Stay at home as much as possible.

It's very important to stay at home as much as possible.

There are only a few specific reasons to leave your home, including:

- for work, if you cannot work from home
- going to shops to get things like food and medicine, or to collect things you've ordered
- to exercise or spend time outdoors
- for any medical reason, to donate blood, avoid injury or illness, escape risk of harm, provide care or help a vulnerable person.

When outside your home, it's important to try to stay 2 metres (3 steps) away from anyone you do not live with.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



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



"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

116 123



NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE

AT HOME SHOULDN'T MEAN AT RISK

#YOUARENOTALONE

FIND SUPPORT AT: gov.uk/domestic-abuse



New School Council Members

Well done to all children who will be representing their year groups! Reception: Sophia K

Year 1: Arthur

Year 2: Esme

Year 3: Jan R

Year 4: Harrison A

Year 5: Aaron

Year 6: Molly



Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Kane

Wheal Harmony: Esme

Wheal Busy: Amelia V

Wheal Luna: William D

Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly:

Wheal Harmony: Lillie-Mae

Wheal Busy: Jo R

Wheal Luna: Toby H

Above and Beyond

Sophia K

Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Immy T

Wheal Harmony: Arthur H-S

Wheal Busy: Jan R

Wheal Luna: Rowan V

Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Jacob C

Wheal Harmony: Thomas

Wheal Busy: Archie J

Wheal Luna: Ellie S

Above and Beyond

Callum J

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

Class project details

Mini London Marathon

Blackwater Tuck Shop

You might have noticed that we have our wonderful new tuck shop in the playground. In time, this will be run by the Year 6 children as an opportunity to learn about managing a business.

For now, there will be a tuck shop crate in each classroom for children to purchase items at 50p each (please bring correct change) at break times.

Thank you Ms. Shuttleworth

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” — W.B.

Yeats

