

# Blackwater Newsletter



Friday 1st November 2019

ISSUE 3

## Attendance

W.B: 14th October 2019

Wheal Friendly	94%
Wheal Harmony	98%
Wheal Busy	97%
Wheal Luna	94%

W.B: 28th October 2019

Wheal Friendly	98%
Wheal Harmony	99%
Wheal Busy	99%
Wheal Luna	92%

## Dates for the diary

7th Nov - FOBS Winter Disco

12th Nov - FOBS Meeting

14th Nov - Sponsored Bounce

15th Nov - Non uniform for Children in Need

20th Nov - City of Lights for Wheal Luna

22nd Nov - Non uniform day for FOBS

29th Nov - Wheal Busy Showcase

Dear Parents and children,

Welcome back to all of our families to the Christmas Term. I hope you had a well rested break and now ready for another exciting, learning filled eight weeks!

The teachers have so much in store, including our showcase days that will celebrate the children's learning this term. I, for one, have been very impressed with what they have achieved so far.

We are continuing to improve our communication with you, and hopefully the Autumn term dates will support this. To ensure that we gain all permission slips and payment slips back, we have decided to go back to paper post for some letters. We do hope this will help you.

Our move towards the eSchools platform for emails, attendance, calendar updates and texting is now in full swing. Please pop into school, or email me if you haven't yet been able to log onto the eSchools App, I will be able to sort it out straight away.

Best wishes

Mrs Evison

## New School Council News

After taste testing some delicious flapjacks, the School Council have decided to offer some locally handmade snacks (from Rustic Cakes) at break-time using zero plastic.

These delicious healthy treats will be available at breaktimes for 50p each. They are looking forward to introducing other healthy snacks during the coming weeks.

Well done team!

## Clubs

3:15pm - 4:15pm

**Monday** - Dance (Y3-6)

**Tuesday**—STEM (Y3-6)

**Tuesday**—STEM (YR-2)

**Tuesday**—Well-being Club (All)

**Wednesday** - Football (All)

**Thursday** - Cross Country (Y2-6)

**Thursday** - Eco Club—cancelled due to Disco



## This Year's Camps

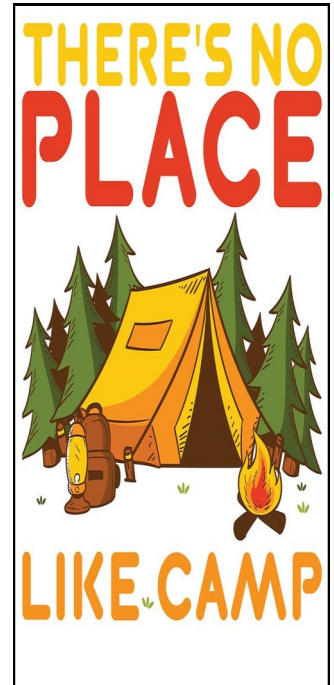
**Wheal Friendly** - Mrs. Keane will be creating a **Camp Day** at school, complete with tents, campfires and songs. The children will have a fantastic camp day, right here, in Blackwater School.

**Wheal Harmony** - Ms. Shuttleworth will be taking the Year 1 /2 children to **Carnyorth Centre** near St Just. It will be a fantastic opportunity for children to have their first taste of camp in a warm, cosy old school house.

**Wheal Busy** - Mrs. Burton will be taking the Year 3 /4 children to **Woodlands Farm Camp** near Truro. They will experience a night time beaver walk, cheese and bread making, survival skills and cooking on a fire. Sounds amazing!

**Wheal Luna** - Mrs. Watkins will be taking the Year 5/6 children to **London!** The children will be partaking in lots of exciting activities in our capital city. I really can't wait to join them!

We are letting you know nice and early to give you plenty of time to save for these trips. We hope this helps give more children the opportunity to partake in these memorable activities.



## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is at **97.33%**, which is above the national average so well done to all those families that continued to come into school so far this term. I will be supporting parents and families in the coming weeks whose attendance has fallen below 90% to ensure that the children have the best possible opportunity to succeed at school.

Our school gates open at 8:45am and we would love to see more children in at this time rather than closer to 8:55am. The teachers work hard to make sure the start of the day is calm and settled, setting the children up to succeed for the rest of the day.

Thank you for your continued support with this.



# F.O.B.S. News!



## WINTER DISCO

Reminder of timings: Wheal Friendly and Harmony: 3:15 - 4:15pm

Wheal Busy and Luna: 4:15 - 5:15pm.

The first disco will exit out of Wheal Luna's classroom to ease congestion. Busy Bees will still be on, as well as Cross Country Club however Eco Club is cancelled.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please can we have the order forms back by Tuesday 5th November first thing, thank you.

## BAGS TO SCHOOL

Bags are going home this week and the collection will be on Thursday 7th November in the morning, please bring bags in that morning if you have a donation.



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### Pearl of Africa Children's Choir Concert

**Date:** Monday 4th November 6.30 - 8.30pm

**Venue:** Richard Lander School Main Hall

Dear Parents/Carers,

All families of Richard Lander School's partner Primary schools are warmly invited to an evening concert where the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir will be putting on a spectacular performance of African song and dance.

On Monday 4th November, Richard Lander will once again be visited by the acclaimed choir, which is made up of mainly orphaned children who attend the Molly and Paul Childcare Schools in Uganda. The choir only visits Cornwall once every two years as part of their fundraising tour, which throughout the course of its 10 weeks raises funds for a British registered charity that in turn directly supports the schools in Uganda, providing education, clothing and homes for around 2000 children who would not otherwise be able to attend school.

Admission is free and there will be a voluntary contribution at the end - this is how funds are raised during the tour. There will also be a sale of African arts, crafts and jewellery during the interval - an opportunity to buy those early Christmas presents perhaps.

Richard Lander School has very close links with the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir. Our staff and students have visited the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation schools for the last ten years, working with schools and orphans in the area from which the choir is drawn and we are currently planning our 2020 trip. Richard Lander has also hosted the choir several times and choir members are staying with parents of students visiting Uganda while they are in Cornwall, so it is a cause very close to the school.

If any parent/carer would like to know more about the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir, please visit the POACC website: <http://www.pearlof africa.org.uk/> or view the video made while Richard Lander students were working with the choir in July 2017 on Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZHAVV\\_RpLg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZHAVV_RpLg)

Steve Mulcahy

Headteacher



## HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for someone who can make a long cushion seat for our new learning intervention room. We are very happy to buy the materials, we just need someone to make it. Please let us know if anyone is interested!

Thank you

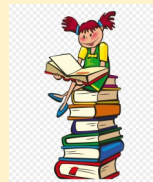
Be the best you can be





# PARENT READER HELPERS

We are always on the look out for parents / grandparents who would like to hear our children read. Please pop in / email if you can spare 10 minutes of your day. Thank you



W.B.  
14th Oct

## Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Nella F  
Wheal Harmony: Oliver S  
Wheal Busy: Louis G  
Wheal Luna: Elliot A

## Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Oscar B  
Wheal Harmony: Saffron J  
Wheal Busy: Flora M  
Wheal Luna: George C



W.B.  
28th Oct

## Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Orla J  
Wheal Harmony: Jago C  
Wheal Busy: Yasmin T  
Wheal Luna: Jessica B

## Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Immy T  
Wheal Harmony: Thomas R  
Wheal Busy: Lucas B  
Wheal Luna: Eloise N

### Above and Beyond Certificate

Emily Smith

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Ben Knight

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, seat on the star table and a hot chocolate on Monday with Mrs. Evison!

### Letters home

Wheal Busy Camp  
Winter FOBS Disco  
Dates for the Christmas Term  
Play area ideas  
Health Questionnaire

## NEW ECO MOTTO

The Eco Club would like the school to design a new motto for our school. It has to be a small sentence or phase that summarises our want to support the environment. Please give your entries to Mrs. Keane by Thursday 14th November.



'The best way to predict the future is to create it.'

Abraham Lincoln

