

Blackwater Newsletter

Friday 5th February 2020

ISSUE 12

Dear Parents and children,

I hope that those of you at home are continuing to enjoy our remote learning, including the assemblies. It must be wonderful to be able to see all your classmates together again! It has been brilliant in Key Stage Two to introduce the live tutorials in the afternoons for English and Maths, these will continue to grow and develop over the coming weeks. Wheel Harmony's live tutorials will start next week with Ms. Shuttleworth's return. The added changes of the paper packs going out earlier and web link on the Seesaw accounts have been successful and we have had positive comments how this has helped organise the home learning. Our home learning engagement is up from 76% at the start of the lockdown to 96% now, which is amazing! You parents are really doing an amazing job. Please continue to give us feedback if you can think of any other additional ideas during this time.

We are looking forward to the last week of term next week, with a NO SCREEN WEDNESDAY. We hope you join us in some of the activities to take a break from the computer / iPad.

There is no further news on the Government's plans for 8th March yet. They have stated that schools will receive two weeks' notice of their plans which will give us the time to plan effectively. As soon as we have any further information, I will share our plans with the parents.

I have started to see signs of Spring with the daffodils starting to appear and the days becoming that little bit longer. I read last night that by the end of February, the sun won't set until 5:41pm, by the end of March it will be 7:37pm and April will be 8:30pm. If you are anything like me, I use the outdoors after school to support my own mental wellbeing, as well as my children's. There are brighter days ahead.

We have started to get a trickle of donations for our waterproofs, we hope to hear that your children will be helping out around the house and the garden this weekend.

Just a reminder that we are closed over half term (13th Feb - 21st Feb) for Key workers and remote learning. It will be a great week to relax, recharge and reconnect with our families again.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Stay safe and well,

Mrs Evison



No Screen Day

We are really looking forward to joining in with you our no screen day next Wednesday. We hope you manage to have a go at four of these activities. Which ones will you choose? Please post your activities on Seesaw / Tapestry, we look forward to seeing them.

Blackwater Community Primary School NO SCREEN DAY



On Wednesday 10th February, we want to give the children (and you) a day away from their screens. Therefore we have split the day into four sections. We would like you to choose four activities from the ones suggested for your learning for the day. We are encouraging you to complete these activities together as a family (so siblings can choose the same one and work together. We would love to see your activities on Tapestry / Seesaw. Good luck!

 Maker Hour	Make the tallest tower out of objects in your house.	Create a hide me stone, go for a walk and hide it for someone to find.	Have a family bake off and judge whose is best.	Draw a picture on a cereal box and cut it out to make a jigsaw.	Build a den or a fort (inside or out).	Make a boat that will float in the bath. Whose will float the longest?
 Fitness Hour	Make up a fitness routine - Joe Wicks style.	Make an obstacle course either inside or outside.	Teach your family a dance.	Hold an indoor disco, with your family's favourite tunes and dance in your kitchen.	Go for a walk and discuss what you see, hear, smell and taste.	Touch every wall in your house. Time how long it takes you, can you improve?
 Genius Hour	Share and read your favourite books with each other.	Write and perform a play script involving your family.	Learn a magic trick to perform.	Learn to read / spell 5 new words and teach someone else in your family.	Draw a detailed family portrait including any pets.	Play Kim's game (memory game with a tray of objects).
 Zen Hour	Help someone in your house (wash the pots, tidy your rooms, take the dog out).	Look through old family photo albums and chat about who people are.	Research and practice some yoga poses.	Have a joke competition. Who can tell the funniest joke?	Play a board game or do a jigsaw together.	Listen to some music together. Share your favourite songs and artists.
 Eco Hour	Go outside and do a litter pick - either just down your road or on the beach.	Can you make a poster about recycling - why is it important.	Plan out what vegetables to grow in your garden, or at school.	Go for a bike ride around your local area.	Can you think of 5 things you could do as a family to become more environmentally friendly?	Learn about climate change. What can we do to help?

**NOT TODAY,
KIDS**

**citizens
advice**

0344 411 1444

**ON YOUR SIDE
NO MATTER WHAT**

0800 58 58 58 THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT

SPM-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.



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

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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

Thank you to everyone who has started to donate to our BOB A JOB. We are excited to see what you have been doing at home! Please follow this link for how to donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/blackwaterschoolbobajob>



W.B.
1st Feb

Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Immy T

Wheal Harmony: Izzy T

Wheal Busy: Saffron

Wheal Luna: Liam F

Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Griff T

Wheal Harmony: Billy T-R

Wheal Busy: Piran

Wheal Luna: Aiden W

Above and Beyond

Ella W

Bodhi M

KIND HANDS

Thomas R Oliver S

William D Elliot B

Tommy J Karenza J

Ethan D Ellie S

Well done to these children for showing excellent behaviour and learning attitudes. We are proud of you! Your certificate will be in the remote learning pack box on Monday at 10am along with a hot chocolate cone for you to enjoy at home.

Letters home

Letter from the
Governors

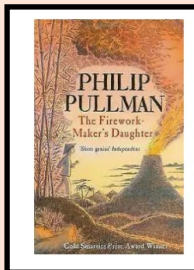
Bob a Job link

Mrs. Watkins' return

Home learning packs

The Firework Maker's Daughter

Do any families have a copy of this that they would like to donate to the school? Wheal Busy are reading this as their class read after half term. Please let us know if you do!



WELL DONE TO :

- ⇒ Casey V - passed the Hippo Club
- ⇒ Archie J - passed the 33 Club
- ⇒ Emily S - passed the 33 Club
- ⇒ Frank T - passed the 44 Club
- ⇒ Rowan V - passed the 44 Club
- ⇒ Piran W - passed the 44 Club
- ⇒ Sophie S - passed the 44 Club
- ⇒ Bradley L - passed the 55 Club
- ⇒ Aaron B—passed the 55 Club
- ⇒ Riley C - passed the 66 Club
- ⇒ Flora M—passed the 66 Club
- ⇒ Amelie B - passed the 88 Club
- ⇒ Morwenna S - passed the 99 Club

Pen Licences awarded to: Sophie S, Blake L, Lettie C and Saffron.

Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.

—Charles Swindoll

