

# Blackwater Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2019

ISSUE 7

## Attendance

W.B: 2nd December 2019

Wheal Friendly	92%
Wheal Harmony	93%
Wheal Busy	93%
Wheal Luna	96%

W.B: 9th December 2019

Wheal Friendly	87%
Wheal Harmony	92%
Wheal Busy	91%
Wheal Luna	90%

## Dates for the diary

18th Dec - Christmas concert 1:45pm and 6:30pm

20th Dec - End of term 2pm

7th Jan - First day back after Christmas.

9th Jan—Busy and Luna visit Plymouth Aquarium.

14th Jan - Cornish Pirates rugby start training Luna.

7th Feb - Numbers Day!

11th - 12th Feb - Parent's Evening

14th Feb - End of half term

Dear Parents and children,

We are all feeling very festive here. The annual Christingle service was extremely special with the children behaving wonderfully, with such respect.

Thank you all for coming to our Christmas Fayre, what a turn out and a record breaking amount of money raised.

Wheal Luna and Harmony have had their showcase days, which have been so successful. Both teams worked extremely hard to prepare and make it happen, a special thank you to them. The children looked so proud of their work and it really gave them such a sense of purpose for their work.

Tickets should have been delivered through satchel post to our Christmas Performance at St Agnes Parish Church. Please drop any spare ones to Mrs. Courts so then others can use them. I am looking forward to seeing all the children proudly perform next week. As a reminder, you are very welcome to photograph and film your children's events as long as this media is for personal use only.

Thank you to the parents who attended our 'outdoor environment' meeting. It was a great session to clarify our vision. Please pop into the hall as you bring your children in as one of the displays explains our plans.

Finally Merry Christmas and have a wonderful relaxing break. Thank you all for your continued support over my first term at Blackwater. I have truly loved it and looking forward to many more.

Best wishes

Mrs Evison

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The school council have been focusing their attention on musical instruments this week.

Through asking their classes, they would like to have more music lessons. The children audited the amount of instruments we have in the school and are now in the process of deciding which ones we should buy.

The school council wanted to ask if anyone has any old instruments at home, we would love to have them!



Don't forget to book your child's lunch through

Parent Pay

## Clubs

3:15pm - 4:15pm

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

## **BUSY BEES**

Children will be able to access our child care service all next week. The last session will be Thursday 19th December.



## Christmas Fayre

*The Christmas Fayre made a whopping*

**£1320**

*What an impressive amount. A special thank you to our F.O.B.S. team for organising the event and working so hard throughout.*

*Thank you also for coming and supporting this exciting fayre. We hope it helped you kick off the festive season.*



A special thank you to some Grandparents of Blackwater who donated over £100 at the Christmas Fayre.

It was very kind of you and the funds will all go towards a worthy cause.

THE GREAT BRITISH  
BAKE OFF

**APPLICATIONS ARE  
NOW OPEN!**

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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2020**



## UNDER 12'S... CHRISTMAS DISCO!

FUNDRAISER FOR 'MOLLY AND PAUL  
CHILDCARE' HELPING ORPHANED  
CHILDREN IN UGANDA



Sunday 8th December

3:30-4:30

Porthtowan Village Hall, TR4 8AD

£5 entry fee includes crisps and drink!

**Run by Saffy Elliott & Sylvie Morrison**

Any enquiries call 07950772698.

We hope to see you there!

# Blackwater School Parent Survey

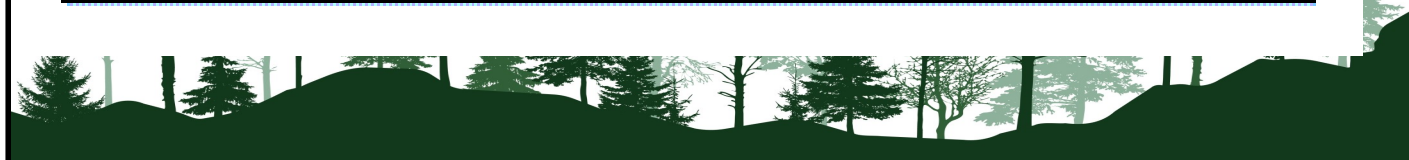


Autumn 2019 - 44 responses

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
My child is happy at this school.	82%	16%	0%	0%	2%
My child feels safe at this school.	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%
The school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved.	59%	39%	0%	0%	2%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%
The school has high expectations for my child.	66%	32%	0%	0%	2%
My child does well at this school.	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	78%	18%	2%	0%	2%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	71%	25%	2%	0%	2%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	71%	23%	2%	0%	4%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	64%	36%	0%	0%	0%
We have a productive and positive relationship with staff.	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%

	Yes	No
My child has been bullied at school	16%	84%
My child has special educational needs	9%	91%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	100%	0%

The school dealt with bullying quickly and effectively. (8 responses)	0%	63%	37%	0%	0%
The school gives me the SEND support they need to succeed. (4 responses)	50%	25%	25%	0%	0%





# Blackwater School Parent Survey



Autumn 2019

## Parents Comments

There were lots of wonderful comments, here are just a few:

- 'Great teachers, thanks for all your hard work and dedication.'
- 'I'm very proud that my children attend Blackwater, the staff are all fantastic'
- 'I have recommended the school to other parents, Very professional.'
- 'We are so happy with both our children's experiences at Blackwater.'
- 'We are really happy with the recent changes to improve the school, and the ideas going forward.'
- 'The staff take the time to work with the families to have a strong link between home and school.'

And others that made us think:

- 'Would like to see more opportunities for music perhaps.'
- 'My child is very competitive and enjoys taking part in sporting competitions, would there be any more opportunity for this?'
- 'What is happening with the play equipment? Can we develop this?'

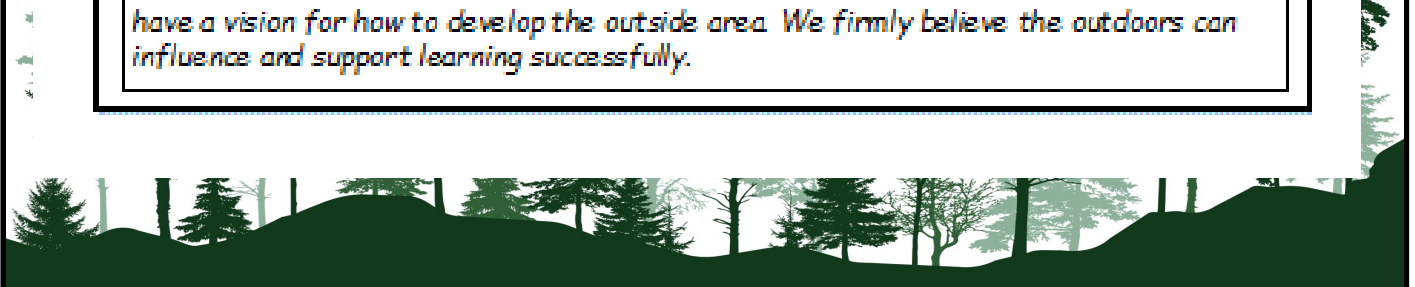
## How we are acting on this?

**Behaviour** - This came out the lowest of our 'Strongest Agree' category and although all agreed with the school promoting good behaviour, this has still been a focus this term. We have put in place: an updated Behaviour Policy, high five expectations, new reward system, reflection room.

**Bullying** - We are aware that a few children and parents are worried about bullying in school. As part of our new curriculum, this will be covered in a manner of ways, including through specific teaching of PSHE, E-safety and our Thrive approach. We will also take part in an Anti-Bullying day each year.

**Wider Personal Development** - Each term, we are trying to introduce exciting and challenging clubs and experiences. Music is now being taught through a new scheme called Charanga and have offered peripatetic lessons. Each term, classes will have a project based approach to their learning with a WOW day and a Showcase day to support the whole child.

**Outdoor environment** - Through meetings with children, staff and parents, we now have a vision for how to develop the outside area. We firmly believe the outdoors can influence and support learning successfully.



### New Staff Members

You might have noticed that we have two new members of staff this week. I would like to welcome Mr. Antonio, who is working in Wheal Harmony in the afternoons and also Mr. Russell, who is working in Wheal Luna for two afternoons a week. Both of which, we are really excited to welcome into our school family.

W.B.  
2nd Dec

#### Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Kye N

Wheal Harmony: Fin P

Wheal Busy: Ben K

Wheal Luna: Chloe R

#### Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Toby C

Wheal Harmony: Rowan L

Wheal Busy: Morwenna S

Wheal Luna: William R

#### Above and Beyond

Holly L

W.B.  
9th Dec

#### Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Arthur H-S

Wheal Harmony: Callum J

Wheal Busy: Aiden W

Wheal Luna: Michael C

#### Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Arty A

Wheal Harmony: Jan R

Wheal Busy: Sophie S

Wheal Luna: Senan T

#### Above and Beyond

Poppy S

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

Luna and Busy Aquarium Letter

Pupil Computing Letter

Christmas tickets

#### Perranporth Plastic Free Farmers Market

Sunday 22nd December from 1.40pm-4.30pm in the Perranporth Memorial Hall and will be a great one for families as we have a local Santa with us (£1 incl. gift), live Christmassy music, lots of festive food including all you need for a locally produced Christmas dinner and wonderful craft stalls for last minute gift ideas - all plastic free of course!



"If people did not do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done."

Ludwig Wittgenstein

