

# Blackwater Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020

ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and children,

It has been an absolute delight to welcome the children back to school this term. As we enter this new academic year and reflect on the previous one, we are all looking forward to some green shoots of recovery and a return to something more familiar. Our children, as always, have amazed and delighted us on their return, with their positive attitudes, their resilience and their ability to adapt to situations none of us could have anticipated. We know that there are many challenges ahead for all of us but your support for our school and the measures we are all adapting to, has been much appreciated in this first full week back.

For all of our children, the start of a new year with a new classroom and teacher can often make us a little nervous. For our new Reception children, they have made a wonderful start and we are so proud of them all. I would like to extend a special warm Blackwater welcome to all of our new starters in the Reception class and their families: Artie, Jacob, Isabelle, Toby, Addy, Sophia, Oliver, Kane, Bodhi, Indy, Immy, Casey, Tegan and Ella, also welcome Joe and Bella from the older year groups.

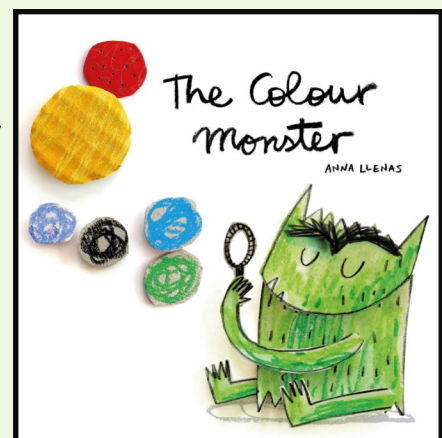
Can I also welcome our two new members of staff: Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Patel who will be working in Wheal Busy and Wheal Harmony.

All the children returned over the last week with smiles and laughter in the classrooms and around the school. Blackwater is a happy place to be.

Over this week and next week, the children are focusing on mental wellbeing and recognising their own emotions. We are using the book the 'Colour Monster' to explain these feelings and what we can do to help ourselves. Already we can see the difference in the children's understanding and in turn, their behaviour and support for each other.

Thanks again for your support—it has been a really positive start to the term and it is, as ever, down to the whole community working together and supporting each other.

Best wishes *Mrs Evison*



# Community News



Young People Cornwall

**BLACKWATER & MOUNT HAWKE**  
**SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES**  
AGES 8-16YRS

Wednesday 9th 5-7pm  
sports and games  
Mt Hawke park

Wednesday 16th 5-7pm  
Backwoods cooking  
(marshmallows and sausages over the firepit)  
Blackwater park

Wednesday 23rd 5-7pm  
arts and crafts  
mt hawke methodist church

Wednesday 30th 6.30-8.30  
outdoor film  
Blackwater school

**Free!**

**Booking only**  
limited spaces!  
activities follow current  
government covid guidance

contact Cath: 07422505598  
catherine.hendy@ypc.org.uk  
FB @Mount Hawke youth club  
@Blackwatervillage,

Have you seen that there will be an outdoor film night at our school on Wednesday 30th September. Please follow the link for more information.

## P.E. Tops

Back in the Spring term, we asked local businesses to donate some money towards the school to help the children feel proud of themselves and their school. We were so lucky with the support we were given by everyone and raised enough money to:



- ⇒ buy a new PE top for all children.
- ⇒ Buy new sports kits for children who are competing.
- ⇒ Buy a class set of caps to protect the children from the sun when out on trips.

Your child will bring a PE top home with them today. Please write their names in so you don't lose them.

## Thank you

Have you noticed how amazing the school is looking? I firstly have to thank the staff for working so hard to make it so creative and inspiring for the children.

I would also like to thank **MRS MORRIS** for her amazing sewing skills by making us wonderful canvas drapes for the hall.

Can I thank the **CORNWALL SHED COMPANY** for donating a free base to our new tuck shop in the playground.

Finally I would like to thank **MR CLARKE** for giving up his time to put the tuck shop shed up over the Summer holidays.



You are all wonderful!





# Covid Precautions

Thank you to all the parents for being so understanding about the changes we have made to school to support the children's safety during this time. Our biggest changes have been: a robust approach to hand washing in all classrooms, classes staying in bubbles where possible throughout the day, enhanced cleaning arrangements and changes to the start and end of the day.

Please be reassured that we have the right systems in place and continue to take advice from Public Health England and follow all the guidance provided by the Department of Education, NHS and Public Health.

Here is a flow chart which helps you understand the process of what happens when we have a suspected case or a confirmed case in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions .

## Information for parents and carers on suspected COVID-19 (coronavirus) in a child

### WHEN TO SUSPECT COVID-19 IN YOUR CHILD:

if they develop symptoms of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**Do not** send your child to school or childcare setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting

If your child develops symptoms at the childcare setting, they will be separated from others, and will **be sent home**

If your child (or anyone in your household) has symptoms they must arrange a test **as soon as possible** and isolate at home for **10 days** from date of onset of symptoms (or until they receive a negative result). Everyone else in the household who does not have symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days (or until the symptomatic household member receives a negative result)

Arrange for a coronavirus test for anyone in your household with symptoms either online via [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call NHS testing line on 119. The test must be done within **five days** of when symptoms start. Ensure you know who to contact with the results in the school/childcare setting if the results are received outside usual working hours.

You will be offered a test at your closest drive-through centre. This is the quickest option. A parent or carer will need to perform the test on children under 12 years old. If you don't drive, you can request a home test kit. **Do not** get a taxi or public transport to the test centre

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message)

#### NEGATIVE

Child/staff member can return to setting once well, unless they are a contact of a case, when they will need to complete 14 days self-isolation

If your child is identified as having been in contact with a confirmed case, they will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have had a negative test result. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, arrange testing and follow the flowchart above

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

#### POSITIVE

Inform the school or childcare setting as soon as possible even if outside opening hours. The child's close contacts within the school will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days

Ensure the child who has tested positive completes the **10 day** isolation period (from date of onset of symptom)\*. Household members without symptoms should complete 14 days isolation

NHS Test & Trace will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited

\*If the child is a confirmed case they can return to the childcare setting/school after 10 days. If they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait until 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If the child does not develop symptoms, but lives in a household with someone who has tested positive, they can return to setting after completing 14 days self-isolation at home



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"



116 123



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



FIND SUPPORT AT:  
[gov.uk/domestic-abuse](http://gov.uk/domestic-abuse)



## Blackwater High Five of Expectations

1. Safe
2. Respectful
3. Responsible
4. Determined

5. Achieving

This term, we are continuing to strive for high expectations for ALL children. Through class discussions and teaching, we are reminding all children of our High Five expectations that we should see at all times. The children have been fantastic with this and shown us nothing but wonderful behaviour.



W.B.  
7th Sept

### Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: A Monday surprise!

Wheal Harmony: Freddie B

Wheal Busy: Jamie B

Wheal Luna: Alex R-P

### Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: A Monday surprise!

Wheal Harmony: Joe A

Wheal Busy: Bella B

Wheal Luna: Michael C

### Above and Beyond

Harrison A

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

Ziggy Letter (all year groups)

Wheal Busy trip letter

KS2 After School Club Letter

Welcome to your class letters

Afternoon snack letter

School menu

### Home Learning

From next week, if any children are off school for precautionary measures due to Covid, our wonderful teachers have a plan for you to continue your learning at home. Similar to during lockdown, this will involve:

- ⇒ a weekly home learning plan including links and resources to support.
- ⇒ Continued use of Tapestry and Seesaw as a method of communicating and celebrating home learning.
- ⇒ Monday and Friday assemblies to be accessed through TEAMS at home.

If your child is off, Mrs. Evison will contact you and send you all the links you need.

*Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow* Anthony J. D'Angelo

