

Blackwater Newsletter

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Dear Parents and children,

The sunshine was much needed and welcomed this week as more children started to return to school. With our bubbles increasing in size, we are continuing to follow the government guidance of keeping groups of children (bubbles) separate and being rigorous about hand washing. We are now full up in our KS2 Key Worker group and are using all spaces in the school with other bubbles. As much as we would love to invite more children back to school, this is not going to be possible for the rest of the term.

Following the recent daily briefing, I am really excited to be planning for ALL children to return to school in September. I am sure there will still be some measures in place to keep us safe (e.g. whole class bubbles, hand washing) but we are hoping to welcome all children back with open arms. More details to come following government guidance.

Our first day of the Autumn Term is Thursday 3rd September, where we are going to ask children to return to their 2019/2020 classroom for two days of team building, nurture based activities to create a sense of closure from these strange times that we have had. On Monday 7th September, they will officially go up into their next year group for the fresh start everyone needs.

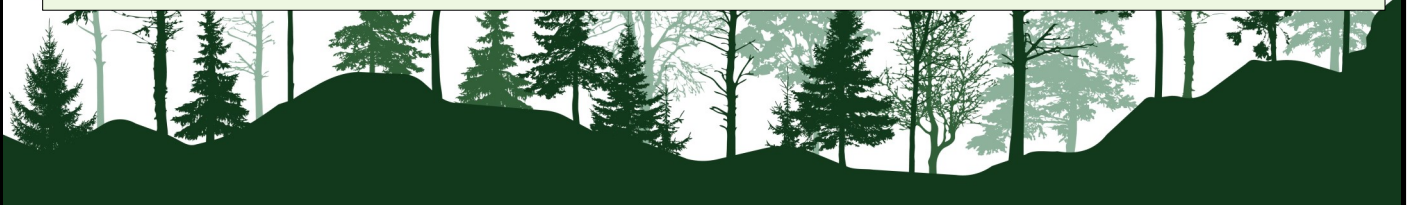
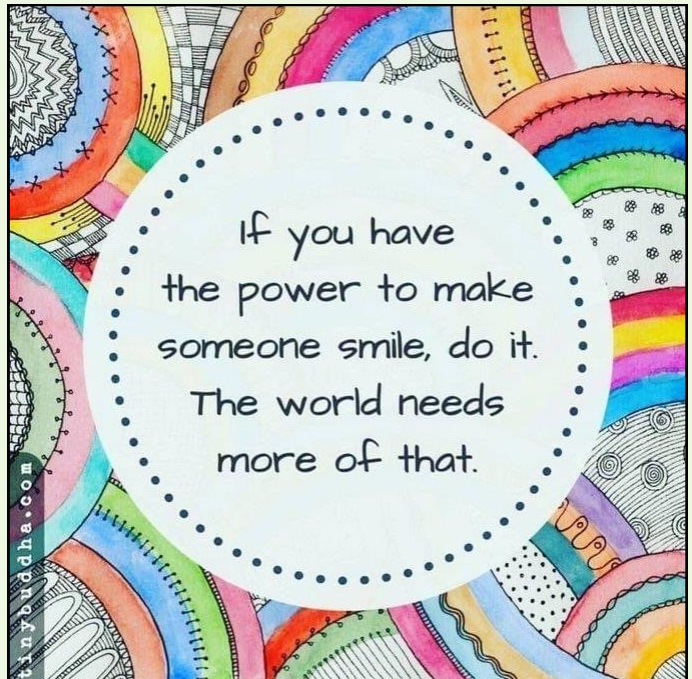
A huge thank you to all children (and grown ups) who took part in the Cornwall School Games this week. It was such a pleasure to see children, in and out of school take part and have fun. I thought I was particularly good at throwing the volleyball from behind my back to catch in front! As we all know, being outdoors and partaking in physical exercises has huge benefits to mental wellbeing. From phone calls with your teachers, looking on Seesaw and Tapestry, it is clear to see you also feel as strongly about it as we do.

Looking forward to seeing all your art creations next week for our art feature week!

We are grateful for your continued support for our school and will continue to keep you informed of any changes as quickly as possible.

Best wishes

Mrs Evison



How to do wildlife yoga

wildlife
watch



You will need

- Some indoor or outdoor space
- A yoga mat (ideally)

What to do

You can make your yoga session a bit more 'wild' by trying out some of our wildlife poses!

Make sure to warm up and stretch properly when starting yoga, and always be careful to give yourself plenty of space.



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www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

Free School Meals Vouchers

At this time, many families may find themselves eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium who previously did not meet the criteria. Please read below to find out whether you are eligible. I am also attaching our Pupil Premium Parent Guide alongside today's newsletter to provide you more information.

Cornwall Council are continuing to process new applications for Free School Meals. Please ensure that you read the eligibility criteria before applying and complete the online application form if you are eligible.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

Postal applications are currently not being accepted but, if you are unable to apply online, you can call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298 and a member of the team will call you back to complete the application over the phone.

NB All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed. Whilst schools are closed to some pupils during the current Covid-19 pandemic, schools are not required to provide meals or vouchers to Key Stage 1 children to those who are not attending.

If you think that your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we strongly recommend that you contact Cornwall Council as in the parent guide.

We are really pleased that the government have extended the FSM vouchers over the summer holidays. These will be coming to you in the coming weeks.



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"



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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



FIND SUPPORT AT:
gov.uk/domestic-abuse



Make your own Worry Dolls

The idea originated from Guatemala, you can make worry dolls to help children sleep at night, They can express their worries to a doll and place it under the pillow before going to sleep.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Stars of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Freddie - for settling back into school so well and loving the ice cream theme.

Wheal Harmony: Archie J - for amazing Seesaw posts this week, especially this beautiful poem about his dog Roo.

Wheal Busy: Kodi T - for his brilliant attitude this week and reading very well to Ziggy.

Wheal Luna: Evan M - for always finding opportunities to learn and collaborate.

Above and Beyond

Perran and Harrison Atkins - for being amazing at their home learning ALL the time, absolutely above and beyond!

Each star will get a special certificate flying into the inbox of their parent's email.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

