

# Blackwater Newsletter



Friday 10th September 2021

ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and children,

A very warm welcome back to a new school year and what a great first week back we have had. All the children have arrived back at school looking really smart, keen and eager to learn. A very special welcome to the new children that have joined this week and thank you to the friendly and caring children in their classes that have helped them to settle in. This week the children have been finding all about their new projects:

**Wheal Friendly: Tell me a Story**

**Wheal Harmony: Memory Box**

**Wheal Busy: I am Warrior**

**Wheal Luna: Fallen Fields**

## Attendance

### Autumn term

#### Week 1

Whole School: 96%

Wheal Friendly: 98%

Wheal Harmony: 99%

Wheal Busy: 96%

Wheal Luna: 94%

**Well done Busy for winning the attendance Monkey this week!**



You should be receiving your project information sheet, along with the knowledge organiser and welcome to the class letter. Please help your children by learning the information on the Knowledge organiser, which will in turn support them to embrace the project much more.

I will share the School Development Plan in the next newsletter but **READING** is our main priority this year, with the new system in Key Stage Two called Accelerated Reader, being brought in over the Summer. We are so excited to get started and get all children reading consistently again. We listened to your views and Wheal Friendly and Harmony will go back to physical reading records this term, whilst Wheal Busy and Luna will stay on the Go Read Virtual reading record. We look forward to teaching your child to read at school whilst they immerse themselves in exciting stories at home.

Next week, we look forward to Luna taking part in 'Street Skating' and Busy children having a go at 'Archery', along with the exciting learning in between. My door is always open if you have any questions or queries about the school, our practices and the learning. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Stay safe and well, Mrs Evison

## Dates for the Diary




- ⇒ 13th Sept - Luna team building
- ⇒ 14th Sept - Busy team building
- ⇒ 17th Sept - Busy Royal Cornwall
- ⇒ 13th Oct - Harvest Festival

- ⇒ 21st Oct - End of term
- ⇒ 2nd Nov - start of the Christmas term
- ⇒ 16th / 17th Nov - Parents Evening

# Our Blackwater Computer APPs



We have certainly had a lot of different computer applications over the last 18 months

APP	Role
	<p><u>PARENT PAY</u></p> <p>Our cater, Autograph, use Parent Pay as a way of ordering and paying for school lunches.</p>
	<p><u>SCHOOL GATEWAY</u></p> <p>This is the app that we use to pay for trips, camps, school uniform, snack money, anything related to our school that is not lunches.</p>
	<p><u>TAPESTRY</u></p> <p>We use this app to communicate with our parents in Nursery and Reception. The staff in Wheal Friendly will take photos of the children learning but also post messages on there about events and home learning.</p>
	<p><u>CLASS DOJO</u></p> <p>We use this app to communicate with our parents in Year 1 to Year 6. We will use this if any child has to isolate and work from home. Equally if any children would like to share any events from home, they can upload photos on here.</p>
	<p><u>SPELLING SHED</u></p> <p>All the children (Year 1 upwards) are given spellings to practice on a weekly basis. This is done at school but they are linked to Spelling Shed for them to practice at home. All children will have a spelling quiz on a Friday.</p>
	<p><u>NUMBOTS AND TT ROCKSTARS</u></p> <p>As we know, fluency of number bonds and times table is the foundation of mathematics at Primary School. These two apps support this fluency in a fun and exciting way.</p>
	<p><u>GO READ</u></p> <p>This is an app that is an online reading record. This is just for KS2 (Wheal Busy and Luna). Parents / children log their reading each evening for the staff to check in the morning.</p>

We are going to continue to ask children to come in in P.E. uniform on their P.E. day. We found that the children prefer this, as well as the staff. Can we make sure that the children continue to look smart and wear the correct P.E. kit with a school jumper.

The days are as follows:

Wheal Friendly: Monday

Wheal Harmony: Monday

Wheal Busy: Wednesday

Wheal Luna: Wednesday

## P.E. Uniform



## Would you like to be a Governor?

We are currently looking for two new governors to join our amazing team. A parent governor and a community governor with an interest in finance.

Governors play a key role in the school.

The Governing Body is made up of parents, staff and other members of the community. Every half term, the Governing Body meets to support the work of the school, and together with the headteacher is responsible for making sure that the school provides an excellent standard of education for pupils.

**GET  
INVOLVED!**

### Coats and Wellington Boots

As the seasons change and the weather becomes colder and wetter, can I remind parents that ALL children need a coat and wellington boots in at all times. This is so we can be out as much as possible at break and lunch as well as in lesson time. We have enough wet weather onesies but the children are welcome to bring their own if they prefer.

Thank you





*Please read the information below regarding Free School Meals entitlement. Can I remind you that school benefits, as well as the family, when you sign up. Thank you*



### **Free School Meals**

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 this page carefully to find out if you are now eligible.

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. Please make sure that your phone will accept calls from a private / withheld number.

NB All 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.

However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an underlying entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals. Please ensure that you check this and apply if appropriate, even if your child is in one of these year groups, because of the additional benefits (eg food vouchers during holiday times where these are given by the Government).

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if their parent / carer (or the child themselves in their own right), receives any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed:

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and / or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you think that your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we strongly recommend that you contact Cornwall Council as detailed above.

Well done to these children for showing excellent behaviour and learning attitudes. We are proud of you!

You will wear our star badges for the week, sit on the star table at lunch this week and then have a hot chocolate with Mrs. Evison on Monday!



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### Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Robbie G

Wheal Harmony: Elliot B

Wheal Busy: Charlie L

Wheal Luna: Sophie E

### Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Angus A

Wheal Harmony: Casey V

Wheal Busy: Rowan L

Wheal Luna: Bradley

### Above and Beyond

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### KIND HANDS

These children's names will be displayed on our kindness tree in the foyer. Well done!

Lucas By Emily S

Harley G Amelia V

Milo G Riley C



### Letters home

Wheal Luna Team Building day

Wheal Busy Team Building day

Busy Royal Cornwall Trip

### Thank you

To all the families who arrived on time this week at 8:45am. It is so brilliant to have all the children ready for their learning at 9am. Our lovely late book for parents to sign will be out from next week to log attendance. We love happy children ready to learn!

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world." - Malala Yousafzai

