

# Blackwater Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

ISSUE 8

Dear Parents and children,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all managed to have a restful and enjoyable Christmas holidays with your families, even though it feels like quite a long time ago now.

It is wonderful to see all the children back to school and starting to get into the Spring rhythm of school and learning. As teachers, we all love the Spring term for it's calm and learning focus. All of our projects have started and you should have received our mind maps of the projects and the knowledge organisers. Please have a look at these and support your children understand the key concepts and vocabulary on the sheet of paper. This information is also on our website following this link: <http://www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk/web/curriculum/385604>

Improving our website is a big focus this term. We have started by the teachers populating information about the different curriculum subjects and how we teach them here at Blackwater. Please take a look and see the different projects and learning opportunities.

Alongside this, I would like to recommend a book per class that will embed the learning at home if you would like to purchase one. This is not at all essential but might be nice to share your child's new learning together:

Wheal Friendly: The Usborne Big Book of Dinosaurs.

Wheal Harmony: An Usborne Flip Book See inside Castles

Wheal Busy: First Encyclopaedia of Seas and Oceans

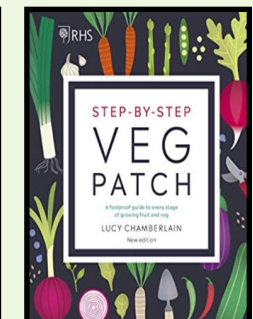
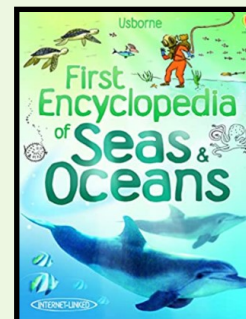
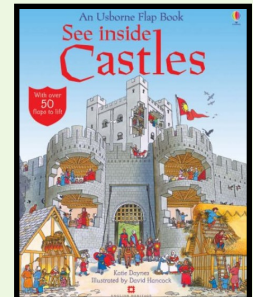
Wheal Luna: Step by Step Veg Patch

We have seen no new COVID cases this half term yet but we are still continuing to stay safe in school. At the end of next week, we will assess whether we continue to ask parents to wear face masks and stay in two bubbles inside. I am also mindful there has been new guidance regarding the 5 day isolation if tested positive to COVID. More details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

We look forward to sharing photos on Facebook and Class Dojo of your child's learning over the next two weeks, it is always such a pleasure to watch them thrive and learn in school.

Stay safe and well,

Mrs Evison

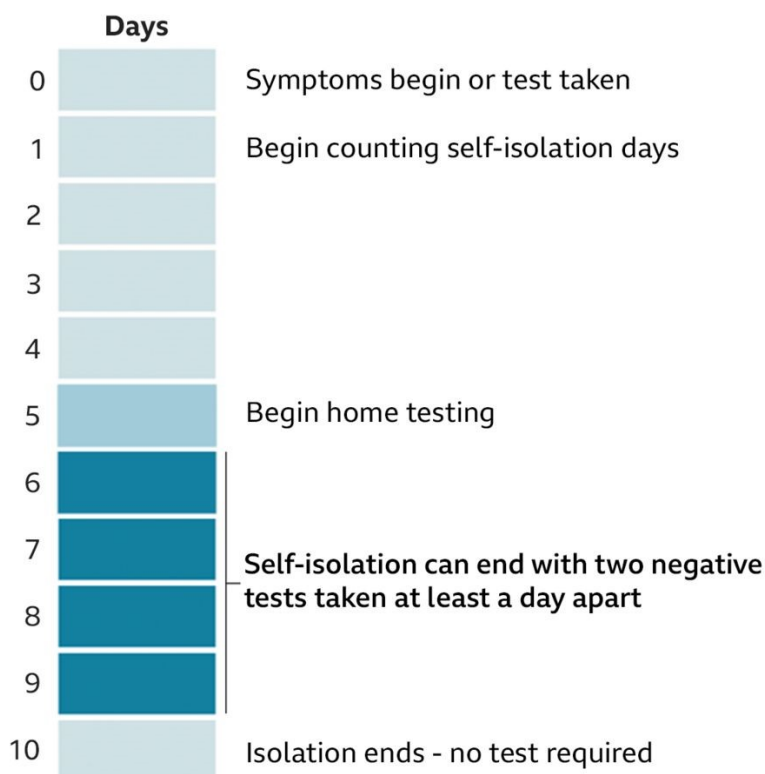


## Dates for the Diary

- ⇒ 4th Feb - Year 4-6 Cross Country Trials
- ⇒ 10th Feb - 7pm at Fox & Hounds Scorrier, Booking advisable. Proceeds go towards Blackwater School
- ⇒ W.b. 14th Feb - School Boor Fair
- ⇒ 18th Feb - end of term - 3:15pm finish

- ⇒ 28th Feb - start of term
- ⇒ 3rd March - World Book Day
- ⇒ 7th - 11th Mar - Science Week
- ⇒ 8th April - end of term - 1pm

## How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS

BBC

*These are the new guidelines from Monday for when and how to isolate if you have Covid.*

*Mrs. Weston, our secretary is a real expert on Covid so please ring her on 01872 560570 if you have any questions or worries.*

*We are here for the children but also for our families.*

*Just to remind you that children can come back to school on day 6 **WITH two negative LFT and no fever.***

### Remember—safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Evey Evison (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at [head@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk) or if it is out of school hours, please contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit on 0300 1231 116  
Email: [multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk)

### Term Time Holidays

The DfE have made it clear that school attendance is a national priority post COVID, therefore we are not able to authorise term time holidays and would discourage all parents from taking these. We have extended our June half term so then local family can go on holiday out of national term time to keep the price down.

Please see the website for the yearly calendar: [http://www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk/web/term\\_dates/493060](http://www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk/web/term_dates/493060)

### Coronavirus symptoms

The main symptoms are:

**A high temperature** (hot to the touch on the chest or back)

**OR**

**A new, continuous cough** (coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)

**OR**

**A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** (you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal)

If you or your child have any **ONE** or more of these you must do a LFT as soon as possible and stay at home and do not have visitors until you speak to Track and Trace. **Please ring or email the school office as soon as possible to let us know.**



## 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**.

Download this image onto your phone for **when you might need help**

**Samaritans:** Emotional support to anyone in distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide.  
**116 123**

**Shout:** Text service, free on all major networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere.  
• If you're over 18, text the word SHOUT  
• Under 18s, text YM  
**Text: 85258**

**Cornwall's 24/7 NHS mental health support**  
Call for free, any time day or night if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health. The team behind the 24/7 open access telephone service will listen to you and determine how best to help.  
**0800 038 5300**

**Valued Lives:**  
Supports people who are experiencing mental or emotional distress in Cornwall. Every day, 5.30pm - midnight.  
**01209 901438**

If you, or someone else, is in immediate danger call 999

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealth](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealth)

If you're worried about a child:

**0808 800 5000**  
**help@nspcc.org.uk**  
**www.nspcc.org.uk**

**family action** | **Family Line**  
**0808 802 6666**

**ChildLine**  
**0800 1111**

**0300 123 3393**  
**www.mind.org.uk**  
**mind**  
for better mental health

**citizens advice**  
**0344 411 1444**

**ON YOUR SIDE  
NO MATTER WHAT**  
**0800 58 58 58** **THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT**  
SPIN DOWN | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING UNSTABLY CALM

"It's alright to ask for help"  
**SAMARITANS**  
**116 123**

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

**AT HOME SHOULDN'T MEAN AT RISK**  
**#YOUARENOTALONE**  
FIND SUPPORT AT: [gov.uk/domestic-violence](http://gov.uk/domestic-violence)

**WCWAid**  
West Cornwall Women's Aid  
**01736 367539**  
<https://www.wcwaaid.co.uk/helpline>



# RA

## Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts

Open for submissions  
10 January – 30 March 2022

Find out more and enter  
[royac/youngartists](#)  
[#rayoungartists](#)

# Young Artists' Summer Show 2022

Royal Academy of Arts

Made possible by Robin Hambro

We love embracing all talents here at Blackwater.

Please let us know if there are any children interested in applying to be in this show.

Please speak to Ms. Shuttleworth or Mrs. Sprinkles, our Art Champions, for more information.

Alternatively email Mrs. Weston on [secretary@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk)

## WHEEL FRIENDLY PLEA

Wheal Friendly are putting out a plea for socks, tights and pants.

Also a plea for any unwanted tyres they could use in the garden area.

Donations will be very gratefully received

## HELP NEEDED!

Does anyone have any plastic boxes (like cauliflower plastic farming trays) that we could put in the bottom of our new planters in the playground?

Unfortunately the soil is too heavy for the planters so we are going to try and raise the base level with boxes, and then mix soil and compost together for the top layer. All within a week! If you do have any (or something similar) please pop them into school. Also if you have any spare moments, we would love some help with sorting the planters out so we can get bulbs and plants in them quickly for spring. Thank you in advance





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

## PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

## SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

## FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

## ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

## FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.

## PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to [PlayStation.com](http://PlayStation.com) and search 'family account' for instructions.

## DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

## SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate accounts: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

## SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

## TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console: so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

## INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

## STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.



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## Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Registering a child as eligible for free school meals (as described below) means that your child receives a free meal every day (though they can, of course, bring a packed lunch should they prefer) but there are additional benefits too. Pupil Premium brings more money into the school to help children achieve and learn. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium also receive other benefits (eg contributions towards Key Stage 2 camps and funding to use for uniform, music lessons, trips etc). At some times, there are further benefits for these children such as food vouchers during holiday times where these are given. Please see the Pupil Premium Provision Map in the Pupil Premium section of our website [http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/pupil\\_premium/172518](http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/pupil_premium/172518) or speak to Mrs Gill or Mrs Stacey in the office or contact Mrs Wicks who leads our Pupil Premium provision.

The easiest and quickest way to apply for free school meals is online through the Cornwall Council website but, if you are unable to do this, 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.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent / carer (or the child themselves) 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

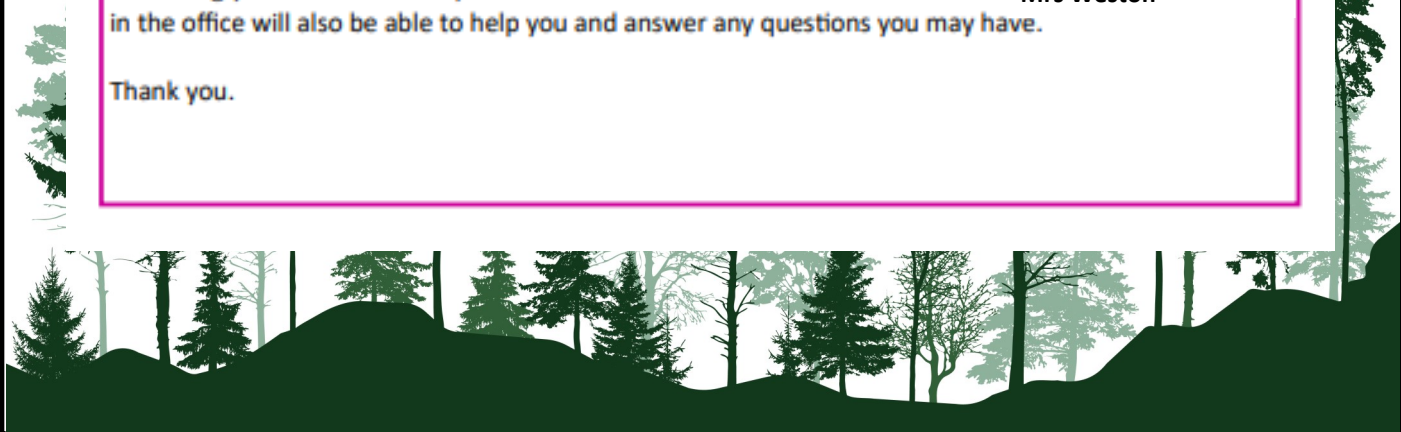
If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits / credits are being claimed:

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

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 entitlement to benefits-related free school meals and it is important to apply for these if you think your child may be eligible.

Registering for free school meals / Pupil Premium is confidential. If you think that your child is eligible, we strongly recommend that you contact Cornwall Council as detailed above. Mrs Weston in the office will also be able to help you and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.



### School Council News

The School Council would like to create a piece of art to put in our foyer from micro plastics from the beach. This is to represent our children's proactive opinions on the importance to taking part in beach cleans. There is a box in the foyer for micro plastics (anything around the size of a 50p piece or smaller) for the children to add to the collection. PLEASE can children go out and clean some beaches this weekend or next to support the environment but also our art work.



### FOBS news

Friends of Blackwater team are looking for any unwanted gifts or donations for a charity bingo evening in aid of Blackwater School. All donations gratefully received. Thank you in advance. Donations in by the end of January to the school office.



### A message from Mrs. Courts:

Dear Parents

Thank you for your contribution towards my awesome send off to retirement. Working with you over the years has been a pleasure. Some of you were children attending Blackwater School when I joined in 1992 and it has been a delight to welcome you back with your wonderful children. Wishing you all good health and happiness.

Love Anne (Mrs Courts)

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!



### Secret Postcards

Check your post! We might have noticed you for amazing learning or behaviour. If so, Mrs. Evison is sending one postcard a week per class to a secret special child each week!

Friday  
7th Jan

### Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Toby H

Wheal Harmony: Eli G

Wheal Busy: Billy TR

Wheal Luna: Riley C

### Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Eleanor

Wheal Harmony: Izzy H

Wheal Busy: Lettie C

Wheal Luna: Yasmin T

Above and  
Beyond

Toby C

Friday  
14th Jan

### Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Robbie G

Wheal Harmony: Kane L

Wheal Busy: Piran W

Wheal Luna: Sophie S

### Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Tamsyn P

Wheal Harmony: Sabian F

Wheal Busy: Holly L

Wheal Luna: William D

Above and  
Beyond

Esme A

Wild Award

Ben G

### 99 Club Certificates

Edie - 22 Club   Ella - Lion Club   Frank - 66 Club   Bonnie - 55 Club   Kye - Hippo Club  
Amelia - Hippo Club   Sophia-22 Club   Poppy - 22 Club   Eve - 22 Club   Freddie - 33 Club

### KIND HANDS

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



### Letters home

Wheal Busy - Carnyorth Residential  
Club letters

The learning process continues until the day you die.

Kirk Douglas

