

Blackwater Newsletter

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Dear Parents and children,

I hope you have all had a good second week back to the Summer term, whether in school or at home. It has been a pleasure to welcome more children back to Blackwater, it almost feels normal again seeing all those smiling faces in their classroom bubbles.

We continue to follow the government's guidance supporting how to keep safe the adults and children safe in school. We are so lucky with our amazing grounds and green spaces, much of the learning is based outdoors.

Today we have a parent's survey coming out to ask you about how we can support you further with home learning. We would like to be there for all children, at home and in school. If you could fill it out by next Friday, this should give us more ideas and be guided by your thoughts of how we can improve this provision. Please follow this link for the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NTFDPB5>

It is very likely that, during the ongoing changes we face, children will need additional support to express and understand their own anxieties and feelings. How children perceive this time in lockdown will vary dependent on their age and cognitive understanding, with one common factor, the feeling of frustration. These feelings of confusion can be very challenging and possibly frightening for children leaving them feeling overwhelmed. These feelings often come out in physical or verbal behaviour. We have a mantra at our school that behaviour is only communication, these children are only trying to convey something to us and we need to take the time to understand what they are trying to say. This week I have attached three documents which will help you work through these feelings and worried with your child.

There are other places that you can go for support and advice including the NHS every mind matters website: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>.

The NSPCC are offering support and advice if you feel your child is struggling with their mental health and anxiety due to the Coronavirus.

More information and advice can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

And finally there is our school community. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's emotional behaviour or wellbeing, please let us know. Ms. Vaughan has her weekly Mindfulness packs sent out each week (please ask if you would like one). There will be things we can do to try and help and support you.

Best wishes

Mrs Evison

Little
things
make Big
Days

Secondary Transition

As circumstances are somewhat different this year, our local secondary schools have been getting in touch with families individually to ensure a smooth transition. Usually we would have a good idea of what is happening for transition, but secondary schools appear to be contacting families directly rather than going through Primary settings. I am aware that several students have been completing creative challenges and are already in contact with their child's secondary setting. If you have not yet heard from your secondary setting, we would urge you to get in touch with them. If you require further help with this, please get in touch with us and we will do our best to help!



Reception Transition

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children for September. Next week we are giving out our Transition packs on Monday filled to the brim with exciting information and a little something for our Blackwater children.

If you cannot pick up your pack on Monday, please let us know and we will pop it over to you.

Mrs. Murley



Seesaw Passwords

From Monday, all of the Seesaw passwords will be updated for security reasons. Please look out for the password in your learning pack or via email from your teacher.



Uniform for September

We would like to remind you that the My Clothing website has all of our uniform on there to buy directly. We also have uniform in school in the office but we would prefer if you could use the website if possible. <https://myclothing.com/blackwater-community-primary-school/7214.school>

In September, we will also be giving all children a new P.E. green T-shirt free of charge. You will be able to buy additional T-shirts in the Autumn term.

For more uniform details, please visit our website.

Free School Meals Vouchers

If anyone else has had a change of circumstance, please let me know and these vouchers can be organised very quickly. Mrs. Evison

Online Safety update

Over the last couple of months, more children are using the online platforms to socialise. Each week, I am giving you information about different social media companies. This week it is Roblox. I have been informed of a couple of incidents locally of grooming through Snapchat and Omegle. Also of people hacking into Roblox with players invited to open gift of a camera. Police are involved but please do check in with your children if they are using these games. Can I also ask parents to support the age restrictions on the platforms.

For more information, please visit our ONLINE SAFETY page: http://www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk/website/online_safety/481381



According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about ROBLOX

ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.





National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

ALERT!
Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Robux etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com



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"



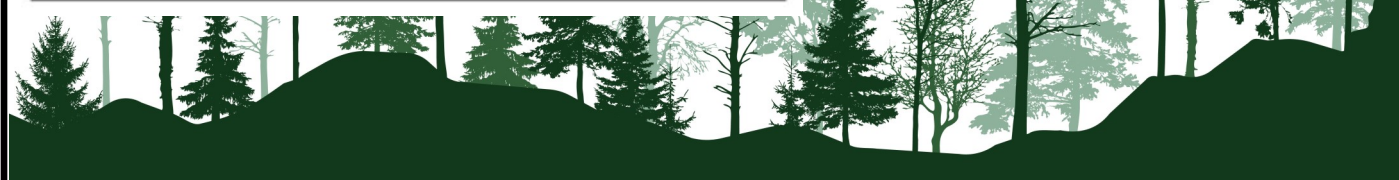
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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



Sports Day

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June



CORNWALL SCHOOL GAMES
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CORNWALL VIRTUAL SCHOOL GAMES
MONDAY 22ND - FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2020

HERE'S ALL THE INFORMATION

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2020
Registration opens for schools & activities are released

MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2020
Virtual Opening Ceremony

MONDAY 22ND - FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2020
The Cornwall Virtual School Games where activities are completed and performances recorded

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2020
Virtual Medal Presentations

TAG US IN YOUR PICTURES @ #CORNWALLVSG2020

Facebook
All information will be released over on our facebook page
@CORNWALLSCHOOLGAMES
So make sure you check it out & give us a follow!

NEED HELP? CONTACT US AT:
CornwallSchoolGames@cornwall.gov.uk

SELF BELIEF
HONESTY
PASSION
RESPECT
TEAMWORK
DETERMINATION

active CORNWALL **ARENA** **Peninsula** **TIME MOVE** **SPORT ENGLAND** **YOUTH SPORT TRUST**

This year, we will be taking part in the Virtual Cornwall School Games. It is a really exciting event for all children across Cornwall.

Next week, I will be emailing out the forms for children to fill in.

During the week of 22nd - 26th June, I will be posting videos on Tapestry / Seesaw of the daily challenges. Then you can have a go at home and then fill out the sheet to record your child's performances.

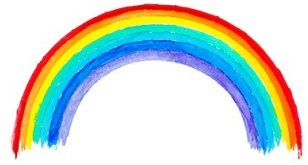
This fun activity will give your children the chance to learn something new, connect with friends from our school, get physically active and give some of your time to gain points for our school!



Ziggy Update

Ziggy is now 12 weeks old and enjoying all of the sunshine weather. He is learning to sit and to toilet in the right places!

He is looking forward to meeting all of you in September.



★ Stars of the Week ★

Stars of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Jacob C - for being amazing at maths and phonics, super great. Also for making the adult's laugh!

Wheal Harmony: Piran W - for writing an amazing report on a mammoth. Well done.

Wheal Busy: Karl O - for high expectations for himself and his effort is fantastic!

Wheal Luna: Poppy C - for enthusiasm, joy and working hard on her learning. She has brought sunshine into this week!

Above and Beyond

William D for the most amazing improvement in Times tables Rockstars personal best! So amazing!

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

"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before." Bonnie Blair,
Speed Skater

