

Blackwater Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020

ISSUE 4

Dear Parents and children,

As our first half term draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone for all their support this term. For the parents and community for being accommodating to the new systems we have in place. For the children for jumping back into learning with open arms and lastly the staff, who have shown such enthusiasm and dedication to ensure ALL children have their needs met at this challenging time.

We have started our project based learning, focusing on the skills and knowledge of a topic and active learning, rather than the traditional sitting at a desk and learning through listening. Our outdoor learning provision continues to grow and thrive. Mrs. Pay is instrumental to this with her 'Wild Time' sessions once a week with classes. Thanks to the community, we now have our amazing bell tent, which is being used for learning every day. Our drive and determination to give the very best provision for your children continues with our next projects being the polytunnel, more up to date ICT provision and an additional space for Wheel Friendly to learn in.

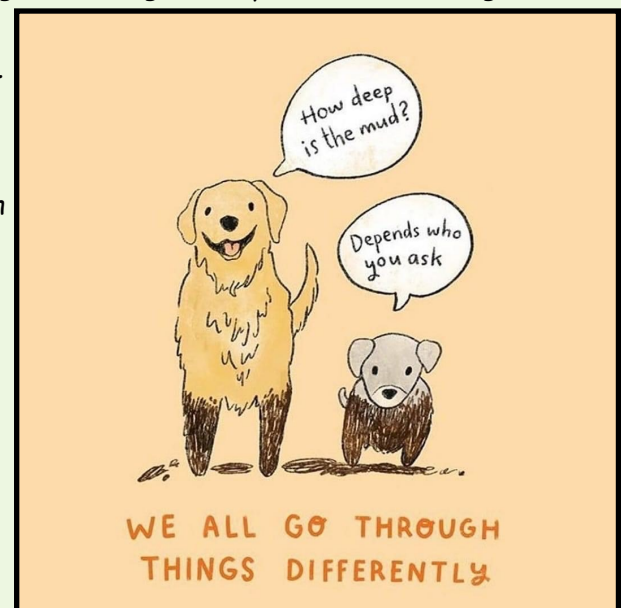
We are looking forward to sharing our Remote Learning Plan with you after half term. As my letter explained earlier in the week, we are excited to use our communication platforms: Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) and Seesaw (Year 1-6) even more by training ourselves and the children to take photos of their learning to share with you. We hope this will give you a greater insight into your child's learning and to be able to discuss learning in more depth at home.

Finally, I hope that you all have a good half term break. Whilst many of the usual things that you would do may not be on offer we are so lucky with the number of open spaces near to where we live. The National Trust website has lots of ideas of things that you can do with your children for free outdoors, on beaches, parks and woodland areas.

I hope you all enjoy the break.

Best wishes

Mrs Evison



Dates for the diary

23rd Oct - last day of term

24th - 1st Nov - HALF TERM

2nd Nov/ 3rd Nov—INSET DAY—School closed to children

4th Nov - start of the Christmas term.

W.b 9th Nov - Online safety week

W.b. 16th Nov - Virtual Parents Evening

Christmas Dates for the diary

9th Dec—Christmas Banquet (smart dress)

11th Dec - Christmas Jumper day

14th Dec—Reindeer visit

17th Dec - Silly Santa day

18th Dec - Last day of term—1pm finish

FOBS

Reindeer Visiting

What a special treat that the FOBS are going to pay for the children to have a reindeer visit our school. The wonderful creatures from Feedon Farm will be coming on the 14th of December for the children to meet.

Thank you to the FOBS team for making Christmas such a special time for our children.



PARENTS EVENING

Our parents evenings have now gone live on the eSchools website.



We hope you can join us over zoom to share your child's work and give both of us the opportunity to celebrate them and sharing targets to progress their learning.

Ziggy - Our School Dog



Ziggy has had a wonderful first term at Blackwater School. He has been welcomed with open arms by all the children.

Each day, he visits a different class who take him for walks, read to him and enjoy his company. He makes us smile with his cheeky character. Only yesterday he went on an adventure in Wheel Friendly, which resulted in him having to have a bath in the water tray.

Children are learning to feel more comfortable around him, learning what it means to have a dog and how we treat them with respect at all

times.

When all the children are ready and feel comfortable, Ziggy will spend more time in the classroom, learning alongside the children.

We think Ziggy is doing a great job at Blackwater!



Community News



FASTER BROADBAND FOR OUR AREA

There is money available to improve Broadband speeds in rural areas, taking them up to 100mbs (about 3 times the current speed that most of us can get). We have all found out the importance of broadband speeds in lockdown!

The money is available to help with infrastructure costs, up to £1,500 per household or business registered.

We can get this funding for this area, but ONLY IF enough people register an interest. You are not committing yourself if you register, but we DO need enough people to register for BT to improve our broadband infrastructure.

To register BEFORE 31st OCTOBER:

Google 'UK Government broadband upgrade fund'
OR go to
<https://broadband-upgrade-fund.campaign.gov.uk/about>

PLEASE HURRY AND SPREAD THE
WORD - this chance won't come again!
Thank you

David Came, Volunteer Local Champion

Blackwater Village Trust

Blackwater Trust would like to help any families who need support with food over the half term, especially for those children who are in receipt for Free School Meals.

BVT can give £20 vouchers to parents over the half term.

Please contact Cheryl on 07860 744336 for more details.

All information given will be in confidence.

FREE Autumn 2020
Virtual magazine across the internet

BlackbirdPie

Cornwall's what's-on for families



HALLOWEEN AT CAMEL CREEK

ILLUMINATION PRESENTS
DESPICABLE ME
MEET AND GREET
THE MONSTER MINIONS
AT CAMEL CREEK, AT INTERVALS ON
26TH & 27TH OCTOBER

24TH Oct - 1st Nov 2020

What's on this Autumn

- Calendar
- Theatre shows
- Museums & Galleries
- Halloween events
- Outdoor Fun
- Books for Babies
- Innoculations advice
- Adoption

Vouchers & offers:
Camel Creek
Via Ferrata
Paradise Park

**FOR MORE INFORMATION TO BOOK ONLINE
VISIT WWW.CAMELCREEK.CO.UK**

Blackbird Pie

Blackbird Pie magazine – the 'What's On' for families in Cornwall providing news, information and activities which enrich families' lives.

Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic we feel it is unwise to distribute paper magazines so we have gone 'virtual' and produced a Blackbird Pie magazine that you can view online on a computer, tablet or mobile.

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/blackbirdpie-autumn-2020/>

**citizens
advice**

0344 411 1444

**ON YOUR SIDE
NO MATTER WHAT**

0800 58 58 58 THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT

5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS

CAMPAIGN
AGAINST
LIVING
MISERABLY
CALM



Blackwater
Community Primary School

If you have any concerns or worries, you can always speak / email us at Blackwater. We are here for all the families in Blackwater.



COVID-19 isolation may cause tensions to rise and domestic abuse to increase. Help is available.



NHS

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

mind
for better mental health

**"It's alright to
ask for help"**

SAMARITANS

116 123

ChildLine
0800 1111

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

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE

HM Government












**AT HOME
SHOULDN'T
MEAN
AT RISK**

#YOUARENOTALONE

FIND SUPPORT AT:
gov.uk/domestic-abuse

Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms



Symptoms	Covid-19 Symptoms range from mild to severe	Flu Rapid onset of symptoms	Cold Gradual onset of symptoms
 Fever (37.8C or above)	Common	Common	Rare
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Cough	Common (usually dry)	Common (usually dry)	Mild
 Sneezing	No	No	Common
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes (for children)	No
 Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Loss of taste or smell	Common	No	Sometimes

Blackwater Trophies

Well done to the following children for winning our half termly trophies for amazing effort and learning:

MUSIC: Karl O

AWE AND WONDER: Archie J

WORDSMITH: Jacob D

SPORTSMAN: Yasmin T

ABOVE AND BEYOND: Arthur HS



Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Ella W

Wheal Harmony: Oscar B

Wheal Busy: Yasmin T

Wheal Luna: Ellie S

Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Ella W

Wheal Harmony: Hattie B

Wheal Busy: Lucas B

Wheal Luna: Flora M

Above and Beyond

Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Artie A

Wheal Harmony: Kye N

Wheal Busy: Morwenna S

Wheal Luna: Ben K

Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Kane L

Wheal Harmony: Sabian F

Wheal Busy: Jake P

Wheal Luna: Aiden W

Above and Beyond

Tegan L

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

Parental Consent

Bristol Refunds

Bonfire Menu

Seesaw communication

Pupil Premium information

London Mini marathon donations

School Council

School council are doing a brilliant job at voicing their class' opinions of how to make the school better. They are currently working on activities for Christmas.

After half term they will be interviewed by the governors about our return to school for the Autumn term.



"Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve." Roger Lewin

