

Blackwater Newsletter

Friday 15th January 2020

ISSUE 9

Dear Parents and children,

Another week has gone by and the information and changes are still coming thick and fast from the Government. However, I hope that things are beginning to settle down in some routine for those of you at home. We have seen such brilliant work from children at home and at school, all children in the same class, whether at home or school learning the same exciting objectives. It feels very much like we are operating two schools at the moment, one for those in school and one for those learning at home.

I do hope you are getting to grips with all the remote learning we are providing. We believe we have a good system in place, based on maintaining that important teacher - child relationship through our daily videos and access to resources (emailed, printed in paper and also on the website). We will be sending out a parent survey next week to see if you have any other bright ideas on how we could improve our remote learning provision.

That in mind, I have to say that the staff are doing a sterling job at juggling both roles as we now have over half of our children accessing the key worker provision, on a part time basis.

Can I remind all parents to please keep their children at home if at all possible. The government guidelines tightened last Friday, stating that if there was one parent not a key worker, then to try to home school your children at this time. The less children we have in school, I am hoping the quicker we are able to move back towards normality in the coming weeks and months.

You may have also seen in the press that the Government have postponed statutory assessment in Primary Schools for the coming summer. This means that schools will not be undertaking SATS tests and assessments in the statutory format in the summer. It is not yet clear from the Government exactly what will be required and it is likely that schools will undertake their own internal assessments in a similar way that we would normally do. It will continue to be really important that teachers understand where there are gaps in learning and plan to address these. This is why we love to see all your Seesaw and Tapestry posts so then we gauge an idea of our plans when we return to normality.

To try to keep things interesting, I am going to set some Maths challenges for the different age groups on Mondays to really challenge and stretch their learning. Keep an eye out for this and I hope the children will enjoy it!

Although we are not functioning as normal, I can still feel the Blackwater team spirit in school and virtually. It is clear to see that the staff feel very passionate about supporting the children, and the children feel very passionate about their love of our school. There are silver linings in everything.

I hope you have a wonderful week and looking forward to seeing everyone in our live assembly!

Best wishes

Mrs Edison



**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

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



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



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

COMMUNICATION

It was my endeavour to speak to all the parents this week and I have managed to speak to over half which has just been a joy to have a good catch up and check that you have everything for remote learning. I will carry on ringing parents next week, with the teachers calling you the following week. Please email if you have any questions at any time.



W.B.
11th Jan

Learners of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Casey V

Wheal Harmony: Izzy H

Wheal Busy: Tommy J

Wheal Luna: Karl O

Citizens of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Oliver L

Wheal Harmony: Jacob D

Wheal Busy: Luca S

Wheal Luna: Ellie S

Above and Beyond

Kodi T

KIND HANDS

Esme A

Kane

Tommy

Karenza

WELL DONE TO :

- ⇒ Ned D - Passed his 99 Club
- ⇒ Llogen—passed his 44 Club
- ⇒ Toby C - passed his Lion Club
- ⇒ Holly L - Pen licence

Well done to these children for showing excellent behaviour and learning attitudes. We are proud of you! Your certificate will be in the remote learning pack box on Monday at 10am along with a hot chocolate cone for you to enjoy at home.

Letters home

Home learning packs for each class.

Zoom Assembly

Free School Meals Letter

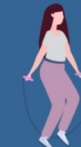
Truro High School invite

Be active at home during the #COVID-19

ONLINE EXERCISE
CLASSES



JUMPING ROPE



DANCING



MUSCLE STRENGTH AND
BALANCE TRAINING



#BeActive #HealthyAtHome

FIFA

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Aristotle

