

ACADEMIC YEAR 16/17

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 07TH	CAFE YEAR 5, ALL PARENTS WELCOME IN SCHOOL HALL 2.40PM+
MONDAY 10TH	PARENT CONSULTATION SHEETS TO BE ON DISPLAY FOR PARENTAL SIGN UP. CLASSES 2,3&4 IN THE PLAYGROUND, IF WET IN THE OFFICE AREA. CL1 ON THE DOOR TO THIER BACK PLAY AREA. CAKE SALE POST SCHOOL—RUN BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL. ALL PROCEEDS TO THIS TERM'S CHARITY.
THURSDAY 13TH	CLASS 4 ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, 9.00AM+
FRIDAY 14TH	CLASS 2 TO FRAMFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR A 'DT' DAY. PARENTS TO DROP CHILDREN DIRECTLY TO FRAMFIELD AT 9.10 AND COLLECT AT 2.45 CAFE YEAR 6, ALL PARENTS WELCOME IN SCHOOL HALL 2.40PM+
TUESDAY 18TH	POTENTIAL YR R SEPT 2017 PARENTS INVITED TO COME AND LOOK AROUND SCHOOL 9.30-10.30AM
WEDNESDAY 19TH	PARENTS KS1 PHONICS WORKSHOP - SCHOOL HALL. 9.00AM+
THURSDAY 20TH	REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, 9.00AM+
FRIDAY 21ST	CAFÉ YEAR R, ALL PARENTS WELCOME IN SCHOOL HALL 2.40PM+
	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
MONDAY 24TH-FRIDAY 28TH	MID TERM BREAK
MONDAY 31ST	RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR START OF TERM 2 YEAR 6 PARENTAL SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOICES TO HAVE BEEN UPLOADED VIA ESCC ADMISSIONS PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6.00PM
NOVEMBER	
THURSDAY 03RD	PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5.30 (5.20PM FOR CLASS 3 ONLY) - 7.30PM

INSET DAYS FOR 16/17:
TUESDAY 03RD JANUARY 2017
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2017

THERE IS ONE MORE INSET FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 16/17 TO BE SET AND THIS WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS SOON AS DECIDED UPON.



Blackboys News

Friday

07th October 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who attended this week's Harvest Festival at St Thomas á Becket, Framfield. It was a lovely service and all our pupils sang and delivered their individual class pieces beautifully. A special mention to our Year R pupils as it was their first official Blackboys representation in our Church. Thank you to all families who supplied food goods as a Harvest offering. These will be given and shared between the Malthouse Trust and the local Uckfield Food Bank. £68.68 was raised from our collection which will be given to the Diocesan Harvest Appeal. Thank you.

Mrs Bradbury

As some parents are already aware we have the pleasure in hosting a University of Sussex student once again this year. Mrs Bradbury started with us last week and her placement with us here will last until the Easter Break 2017. Mrs Bradbury will predominately be working within Class 1 under the expert guidance of Miss Stevens and her Class team. We know you will join us in welcoming her to our school.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Post half term teachers will be inviting parents to meet with them to discuss their child and learning in school. From

next Monday, 10th October, there will be sign up boards located outside in the playground (or in the office area if wet) for you to sign your name up to an appointment slot. *Class 1's sign up sheet is on the outside classroom door in their small playground round the back of the school.* Year 4, 5 and 6 children have the opportunity to accompany their parents in the consultation.

Consultations take place on:

*Monday 31st October 3.30-6.00pm
OR
Thursday 03rd November 5.30-7.30pm
(Class 3 only 5.20-7.30pm)*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Parental Consultations Year 4, 5 & 6 ONLY

For parental consultation evenings / afternoons, we would like to again invite Years 4, 5 and 6 children to join their parents / carers to share in the consultation experience. However, this is not compulsory.

COAT REMINDER

With the temperature starting to fall please could we ask that children start coming to school every day with a coat. It is essential that this coat is named, and that parents check their child has it at the beginning and end of each day.

REMINDER—KS1
PARENTAL PHONICS WORKSHOP

Don't forget that the Phonics workshop for all parents of pupils within Classes 1 & 2 will take place in the School Hall on **Wednesday 19th October 9.00-10am.**

We really do urge as many parents as possible to attend this informative session which will assist their child with their home learning.

Year R September 2017

Our open mornings for any prospective pupils parents for September Year R 2017 intake are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18th October @9.30am and Tuesday 15th November @9.30am. If you have a child already at school and have another who will hopefully be starting next year in our Reception class, please do still come along we would be delighted to see you.

The senior leadership team are currently looking at projected pupil numbers for next September. Can you therefore please let the school office know if you have a sibling of a pupil already at Blackboys CE School and you will be naming Blackboys as their first choice on your application with County. As an additional reminder even if you have a child already attending Blackboys, you still need to register preference of schools on-line via the East Sussex County Council website.

Bikeability

As is tradition at Blackboys, our Year 6's undertook the ESCC Bikeability programme every morning throughout the week last week. We are delighted to inform you that all 12 year 6's passed their Bikeability Level 1 and 2 course.

Well done Year 6!



Love in a Box

Annually as a school we support this charity which sends filled shoeboxes out to under privileged children throughout Eastern Europe at Christmas time. We have sent home today via your child's book bag the leaflet which you will need to take part in this year's appeal. We are asking for all filled shoeboxes to be back in school (please hand in at the school office) in preparation of the collection date at the very latest Monday 07th November 2016.



**Kit Out The Caribbean—
Cake Sale!**

There will be a cake sale this coming **Monday 10th October** post school run by the School Council, with all proceeds going towards this term's charity, Kit Out the Caribbean. Please bring in a few spare pennies if you would like to purchase a cake. **Any contributions for the cake sale would be gratefully received!** Natalie Miller, founder of the charity and gold medal Netball player has visited our school today and in our next newsletter we look forward to telling you all about her visit!

Sporting Success

Our Federation Football team took part in a tournament at Manor Primary School on Tuesday of this week. We are delighted to inform you that the team came 2nd overall. The FAB (Framfield & Blackboys) team won their first game and drew two matches which meant they got through to the final. Well done all players who took part and Mr Boorman who managed the team in his first FAB football match.



**SICKNESS / TUMMY BUGS
PLEASE CAN WE REMIND PARENTS THAT SHOULD YOUR CHILD UNFORTUNATELY SUFFER FROM A BOUT OF SICKNESS OR DIARRHEA THAT THEY REMAIN ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR 48 HOURS FROM THE LAST TIME THAT THEY WERE POORLY. THIS IS IN AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP BUGS AT BAY! THANK YOU.**

**YEAR 6 PARENTS
REMINDER!
SECONDARY SCHOOL
APPLICATIONS**

We have been asked to remind all parents of our current Year 6 that the deadline for applying for their secondary school of choice is **Monday 31st October 2016.**

CLASS 4 ASSEMBLY

Parents of pupils within Class 4: don't forget Class 4 assembly will take place next Thursday 13th October at 9.00am in the School Hall.

**Gold Book Awards for week of
26th September:**

Class 1

Ivy Davies: For putting in lots of effort with her phonics.
Rhys Williams: For his enthusiasm for writing.
Zac Sharp: For working hard on his pencil grip.

Class 2

Seth Goulson: For using great vocabulary.
Robbie Mclean: For comparing and ordering numbers.
Eloise Garton: For trying hard with joined up handwriting.

Class 3

Camille Bourgeois-Templeman: For making his debut for the Federation football team.
Cecilia Field: For trying hard with her learning.
Lissy Sheffield-Robson : For working hard on Spellosaurus.

Class 4

Lola Giles: For being great at Roman Numerals.
Tom Aldridge: For great answering in a challenging lesson.
Isla Rideout: For beautiful Harvest artwork.



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Maths & English Newsletter

Welcome to our first Maths and English Newsletter. There is a lot going on in school at the moment as we continually aim to raise standards in both Maths and English, so we thought it would be good to share some of it with you. We would like to make this Newsletter a regular event, so look out for the next edition next month for an update on all things Maths and English.

English

Firstly, thank you to all of those children and families who took part in the Summer writing challenge. Both schools have fantastic displays containing the postcards which make for very interesting reading!

Early Readers

Here are some useful websites to help support phonics at home:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.letters-and-sounds.com

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play

Reading

There is a real buzz for reading around school at the moment. All classes have begun their topic-based books to develop their reading and writing skills. As always we are encouraging a love of reading.

Discussion of the books they are reading is hugely beneficial for children of all ages. So ask your child about their class text...!

Make sure you have signed up at your local library

Tips for reluctant readers – try encouraging them to read through a recipe when you cook or read through instructions for making something. Let them choose the text. Enjoy reading for pleasure!

Remember ABC:

Ask your child questions about the story you're reading to ensure comprehension.

Book family time to read with your children every day.

Create a special reading place in your home, with your child's favourite books within reach.

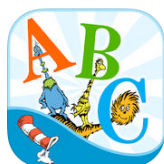
POPULAR APP TO SUPPORT READING

Dr. Seuss's ABC –

Amy Clarke

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions:

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Maths

Welcome back to a fresh year at school, with lots of exciting new opportunities for children to experience in Maths!

KIRF

Children will be bringing home something called a Key Instant Recall Fact sheet. This is a sheet containing advice on how to practice a key maths skill for a particular year group at home. Once a term, these will be handed out to children. There is no expectation that lots of work should be done and handed in to the teacher – they are simply for children to do a bit of practice on these key skills outside of school.

Mathletics

Before the start of term, all children were moved onto their new year groups on Mathletics, with new accounts set up for our new reception children. Username and password sheets should have gone home with the children so they can begin to use Mathletics at home. If you have not received your child's sheet, please get in contact with your class teacher. Mathletics is an excellent program which gives children the chance to practice their maths skills in a fun and challenging way, where they can earn rewards for their efforts. As a Federation, we do recommend that children do try to use it at home at least once a week.

Maths Workshops

With the ever changing face of the maths curriculum, it is important that everyone is aware of what is expected of children in maths. Look out for upcoming dates of workshops to help parents/carers understand how maths is taught at school and what they can do to help at home.

Russell Boorman

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