

**ACADEMIC YEAR 16/17**



# Blackboys Newsletter

**FEBRUARY 2017**

FRIDAY 03RD                   WHOLE SCHOOL SUPPORTING UNICEF DAY.  
2.40PM+ YEAR 3 CAFÉ, IN THE SCHOOL HALL. ALL  
WELCOME.

TUESDAY 07TH                WHOLE SCHOOL SAFER INTERNET DAY.

THURSDAY 09TH             REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY - ALL WELCOME IN SCHOOL  
HALL 9.05AM.

                                      PARENTAL MATHS WORKSHOP AT FRAMFIELD. MR  
BOORMAN TO TAKE. STARTS AT 7PM.

FRIDAY 10TH                 CURRENT YEAR 4/5 FIRST DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION  
TO BE HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR SEP-  
TEMBER 2017 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO PGL.

                                      PARENTAL MATHS WORKSHOP HOSTED BY MR  
BOORMAN IN THE SCHOOL HALL, BLACKBOYS,  
STARTS AT 9AM.

                                      2.40PM+ YEAR 4 CAFÉ, IN THE SCHOOL HALL. ALL  
WELCOME.

                                      LAST DAY OF TERM 3

*MONDAY 13TH—FRIDAY 17TH                    FEBRUARY MID TERM BREAK*

MONDAY 20TH                SCHOOL INSET DAY— NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL

TUESDAY 21ST                PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR START OF TERM 4

WEDNESDAY 22ND            NO AFTER SCHOOL CHESS OR ORCHESTRA CLUB  
DUE TO:  
PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30PM+

THURSDAY 23RD             NO AFTER SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB DUE TO:  
PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5.30PM+

FRIDAY 24TH                2.40PM+ YEAR 5 CAFÉ, IN THE SCHOOL HALL. ALL  
WELCOME.

MONDAY 27TH                NO AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

**MARCH 2017**

WEDNESDAY 01ST            SECONDARY SCHOOL YR 7 SEPT 16 ALLOCATION OF  
PLACE COMMUNICATED TO PARENTS

**Friday**

**03rd February 2017**

Dear Parents / Carers

Unbelievably Term 3 is nearing an end, and with February mid term break fast approaching we hope that you enjoy reading all the events which have happened and are happening in and around School.

**Spring Term Parent Consultations**

DAY	TIME
Wednesday 22nd February	3.30pm+
Thursday 23rd February	5.30pm+

If you haven't already signed up for one of the Spring term parent consultation evenings, sign up sheets for classes 2,3 & 4 are located either in the playground or office foyer area. Class 1's sign up sheets are located on the back entrance door to the classroom. Please choose an available time slot next to your child's teacher and write your name against it to secure the appointment. Years 4,5&6 pupils are welcome to attend the parent consultation appointment alongside their parents.

**Sporting Success**

Pupils from Blackboys have recently represented the School at various sporting events.

On Tuesday 24th January our Year 5/6 Netball team played in a local inter school tournament at Uckfield Leisure Centre. The team played very well and came 2nd overall in the tournament. Well done to our Year 5/6 Netball Team!



The day after the Netball event, Wednesday 25th, saw our Swimming team representing the School, again in a local inter school tournament. All team members swam very well, with some competing against County level swimmers. We are very proud to inform you that they came 4th out of 8 teams. Well done to all who took part.



On Tuesday 31st January it was our Year 3/4 Federation Netball team's turn to shine. The team played incredibly well together and came 3rd out of 8 local schools, this was even more notable as this was the first time they all played as a team. Well done team!



**INSET DAYS FOR 16/17:**  
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017  
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2017

## Amendments to After School Clubs

Please note the following clubs will not take place on the dates detailed below;

Wednesday 22nd February	NO AFTER SCHOOL CHESS OR ORCHESTRA
Thursday 23rd February	NO AFTER SCHOOL NETBALL
Monday 27th February	NO AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Charity News

As you may remember, last term as a School we supported Age UK and we are delighted to inform you that £211.84 was raised. Thank you for all your contributions made.

After much discussion our School Council have chosen term 3's charity which is UNICEF. As a school we are today marking Unicef 'Day for Change' by outlining the map of Syria in spare change on the School playground. We hope to take a picture of this to feature in the next newsletter. In addition, money raised from today's café will be added to the map money, together with our weekly Thursday assembly collection money and all sent to UNICEF. We will of course inform you of how much is made.

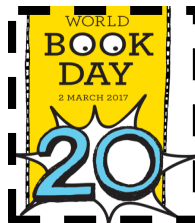


## Headlice

As communicated via ParentMail email last week we are currently experiencing an increase of pupils suffering from Headlice. Please can we ask all parents to be extra vigilant, and all hair which is long enough, to be tied back. This helps reduce the chances of the Headlice being spread.

## World Book Day, 02nd March 2017

As per insert within this newsletter, across the Federation we shall be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 02nd March 2017. We are asking that all children come to school dressed as a superhero from a famous children's book OR comic. The book which has inspired the costume should also be brought in for the day if possible. We are all looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in this way!



## REMINDER! MATHS WORKSHOPS

As per flyer in the last newsletter, we urge all parents to attend one of the following Maths Workshops led by Federation Maths Lead, Mr Boorman.  
Thursday 09th February 7pm Framfield CE School  
OR  
Friday 10th February, 9am Blackboys CE School



## PTA News



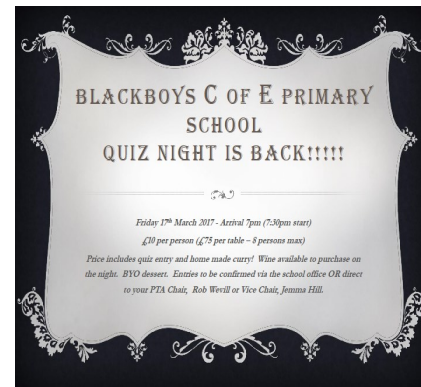
With much excitement please see below information relating to the famous Blackboys CEP

PTA School Quiz Night, taking place on the evening of Friday 17th March 2017.

For those parents who have never experienced the evening, it is great fun and a chance for parents, carers, friends and staff to get together to test their grey matter with a range of questions.

Mrs Withers, resident chef extraordinaire, will be serving her famous homemade curry during the evening's proceedings and this in itself should not be missed!

We look forward to seeing you there!



**REMINDER CURRENT YEAR 4/5**  
PLEASE CAN YOU RETURN YOUR CHILD'S CONSENT FORM AND DEPOSIT TO SECURE THEIR PLACE FOR THE SEPTEMBER '17 CLASS 4 PGL RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY.  
MANY THANKS.

Gold Book Awards for week of 23rd January:

### Class 1

Ivy Davies: For good progress in phonics.  
Art Redman: For excellent presentation skills.  
Ayla Wright: For being very smiley at the start of school.

### Class 2

Callum Willcox: For making improvements to his writing.  
Ella Brodie: For great number work.  
Eloise Garton: For being the best that she can be.

### Class 3

Lewis Stenning: For amazing Maths answers.  
Cecilia Field: For much better focus.  
Lissy Sheffield-Robson: For being back on track and working hard.

### Class 4

Izzy Withers: For increasing her fractions confidence.  
Sam Stephens: For great effort with homework.  
Emily Allardyce-Bassett: For always being the best that she can be.

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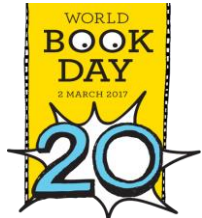


**Framfield CE Primary School**  
 The Street  
 Framfield  
 Uckfield  
 East Sussex  
 TN22 5NR

**Head of School: Mr G Sullivan**

**Head of School: Mrs J Davies**

**Executive Headteacher:  
 Mrs J F King**



World Book Day 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

World Book Day is almost upon us. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to celebrate reading for pleasure. Designating a special day for book-related activities can help children to see reading as pleasurable and fun, stimulating them to discover new books, extend their reading choices, discuss and share books, explore libraries and bookshops, and do their own creative writing. This year the Federation have decided upon the exciting theme of **SUPERHEROES!!**

We are encouraging the children to wear a superhero costume from a famous children's book OR comic. It cannot be a character just from a film. Here are a few of our suggestions (sidekicks welcome too!):

MARVEL	OTHER BOOKS
Captain America	Captain Underpants
Spiderman	Superworm
Captain Marvel	Superkid
Wonder Woman	Charlie's Superhero Underpants
Iron Man	Super Guinea Pig to the Rescue
Black Widow	Hercules
Thor	Super Daisy
Hulk	Robin Hood
Superman	Michael Recycle
Batman	Super Duck
Supergirl	Traction Man

**If any parents/carers would like to come and read a superhero story to the children please email me on the email address below.**

For more information, games and videos please check out the World Book Day website [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

**Please remember to bring the book with you on World Book Day.**

Kind Regards  
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**Federation Literacy Lead**  
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# Maths & English Newsletter

## English



### Electric Literature:

After learning the Harry Potter films would be showing over Christmas I decided I wanted to have a read of them first. This got me thinking...

Children (and adults) really enjoy watching their favourite books turned into films, this year there are quite a few popular books that are being turned into movies. Therefore, learning this in advance, may give you time to share these books with your child. Read them together first and then watch them afterwards. Let's create a cycle of love for literature.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt Dec 2016

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (Netflix) January 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Captain Underpants – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Jumanji – Chris Van Allsburg 28<sup>th</sup> July

C.S. Lewis Chronicles of Narnia – The Silver Chair – pre production stage.

#### Other books that have already been adapted for movies:

P.L Travers – Mary Poppins

EB White – Stuart Little and Charlotte's Web

Horton Hears a Who – Dr Seuss

How to Train Your Dragon – Cressida Cowell

Bridge to Terebithia – Katherine Paterson

Room on the Broom – Julia Donaldson

Where the Wild Thing Are – Maurice Sendak

The Secret Garden – Francis Hodgson Burnett

Little Women – Louisa May Alcott

The Borrowers – Mary Norton

The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling

**PLEASE DO REMEMBER TO CHECK AGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FILMS.**

**Please feel free to choose one that you could read and watch with your family.**

Amy Clarke

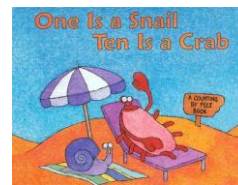
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions:

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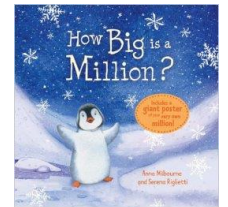
### Reading Maths:

Maths is a subject that can be found anywhere! With that in mind, here are the top picture books featuring maths recommended by KS1 staff:

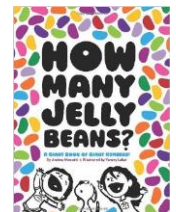
#### One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab



How  
Big is a  
Million?



How  
many  
legs?



How

#### Many Jelly Beans?

### Maths Workshop

All parents and carers welcome. See how calculation methods are taught in school in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. For more information, please see the flyer attached to last week's newsletter.

9<sup>th</sup> Feb: 7-8pm at Framfield School  
10<sup>th</sup> Feb 9-10am at Blackboys School

For more ideas, have a look at this website, which splits books into different mathematical areas.  
[http://www.kilmoreps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded\\_files/media/picturebooksthatteachmathsconcepts.pdf](http://www.kilmoreps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/picturebooksthatteachmathsconcepts.pdf)

Russell Boorman