

DECEMBER

ACADEMIC YEAR 17/18

MONDAY 11TH

LAST CHILL OUT CLUB FOR THE YEAR/TERM 3.15-4PM

TUESDAY 12TH

LAST MULTISKILLS LUNCHTIME KS2 CLUB OF TERM 3.15-4PM

MRS HAVERTY'S CHOIR SINGING AT HOLY CROSS PRIORY. PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD OFF TO HOLY CROSS AND COLLECT THEM AGAIN AT 4.30PM

WEDNESDAY 13TH

OPTIONAL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY. WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL. THIS IS NOT COMPULSORY BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER PLEASE BRING IN A £1 DONATION WHICH WILL GO TOWARDS THE QUICKEN TRUST TERM 2 CHARITY.

WHOLE SCHOOL PUPIL CHRISTMAS MEAL IN SCHOOL HALL MIDDAY -1PM

LAST AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB OF TERM 2 3.15-4.15PM

PTA WREATH MAKING IN THE SCHOOL HALL FUNDRAISING EVE. LIMITED PLACES £25 A PLACE. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE! 7.30-9.30PM

THURSDAY 14TH

REV GUY ASSEMBLY. ALL WELCOME. 9.05AM. SCHOOL HALL

BLACKBOYS WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT @ ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD. KS2 TAKING PART. ALL PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND. CONCERT STARTS AT 6.30PM.

FRIDAY 15TH

8.30AM SMOOTHIE FRIDAY.

KS1 NATIVITY. SCHOOL HALL. 'ITS A BABY!' PERFORMANCE TO START AT 2PM, GATES OPEN AT 1.40PM

PARENTS OF PUPILS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED A CUP/ AWARD IN END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY TO BE NOTIFIED VIA PARENTMAIL EMAIL / TEXT

TUESDAY 19TH

KS1 CHRISTMAS PARTY. IN SCHOOL HALL. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS IN A CHANGE OF CLOTHES TO CHANGE INTO FOR THE PARTY. 1.15PM+

KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTY. SCHOOL HALL. PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD OFF FROM 6PM, COLLECTING AGAIN AT 8PM.

WEDNESDAY 20TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

2PM END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY. ALL WELCOME. IF YOUR CHILD IS TO RECIEVE A CUP/AWARD YOU WILL HAVE BEEN SENT A PARENTMAIL TEXT/EMAIL. GATES OPEN AT 1.40PM.

THURSDAY 21ST—MONDAY 01ST JAN 2018

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

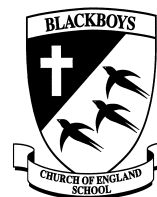
JANUARY 2018

TUESDAY 02ND

INSET DAY NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 03RD

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR START OF TERM 3



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday

08th December 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

**#ROAR2017**

Throughout terms 1 and 2 Class 4 took part in a new initiative run by the Lions Club. Working in small groups within class, each group had to come up with innovative ideas for the future. The groups had to present their ideas to the whole class and a panel made up of judges Mr Sullivan, Chair of Governors, Katherine Rabson Stark and Miss Cross. The winning group of Fletcher, Thea and Owen were then invited to the finals of ROAR2017 at Wakehurst Place, yesterday, 7th December. The group of 3 hosted their stall showing people their idea, using designs on the Ipad and posters presenting their idea 'trash to treasure', a car which ran on recycled materials.

We are delighted to inform you that out of 20 schools taking part and 4500 children, our team won the competition overall. We are super proud of them. Well done! There are further details of this on our school Twitter feed @blackboysschool

**Uckfield Late Night Shopping**

A number of our KS2 pupils sang at Uckfield's Late Night Shopping Extravaganza which took place last Friday 1st December. We had been lucky enough to secure the opening slot, taking to the Uckfield FM stage at 5.10pm. Our choir sang three Christmas carols; Sussex Carol, Unto Us a Child is Born and Every

Christmas. A huge congratulations to all pupils who took part. Not only did you look incredibly smart, dressed in full school uniform, but everyone sang amazingly, encompassing our school motto 'Being the Best You Can Be'. The singing was live on Uckfield FM and if you missed it or would like to hear them again, please use the following link: <http://www.uckfieldfm.co.uk/2017/latest/late-night-shopping-2017-uckfield-fm-stage/>

**Wednesday 13th December 2017**

This coming Wednesday the whole school will eat a specially prepared Christmas lunch together at midday in the School Hall. In exchange for a £1 (which will be donated to term 2's charity, Quicken Trust) children may replace the Blackboys jumper or cardigan, with a festive jumper, should they wish, for the day.

**Rainbow Theatre, Cinderella**

On Monday of this week, The Rainbow Theatre Company visited us to deliver a festive Pantomime to the whole school. Cinderella was a brilliant production which was enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. Thank you to the PTA for covering the full cost of this event.

**Christmas Tree a Thank You!**

Our annual thanks must go out to the Cottingham family for generously donating our beautiful Christmas tree which is currently adorning our school hall.

## PTA Fair & Wreath Making

Saturday 25th November saw our annual PTA Christmas Fair take place. As ever this was an exceptionally festive event. Thank you to all who supported this event either by helping out or coming to enjoy the Fair itself. We are very pleased to inform you that the event made an amazing £1744.98 for the PTA coffers.

There is still time to sign up for Wednesday 13th December Wreath Making evening taking place in the School Hall from 7.30pm. If you would like to secure a place please pop along to the School Office to put your name down. Cost of the evening is £25 which includes all items for the wreath and light refreshments.

**CHRISTMAS  
WREATH MAKING!**  
With floristry expert Laura Beale from...  
  
Make your own festive door wreath!  
Wow and welcome your Christmas visitors!  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30-9.30pm  
In the School Hall  
£25 cash or cheque (payable to Blackboys PTA)  
to secure your place, please book with the School Office  
All equipment/materials provided and  
light refreshments included!

## Holy Cross Church, Festival of Christmas Trees

As has become Federation tradition, all pupils were invited to help decorate our Federation Christmas Tree which was part of Holy Cross Church's Festival of Christmas Trees. There were over 80 trees, of which our Federation's was one of, on display within the Church last weekend. Local schools and companies are encouraged to sponsor a tree adding their own personal decoration. This year all pupils in class decorated a cut out angel with a message on the back of the angel saying what they were thankful for. The picture really doesn't give the tree or this spectacle justice. Holy Cross Church was full to bursting with beautiful Christmas Trees which created awe and wonder to all visitors to the Church. Thanks to Governor, Mrs Clark who went along with pupils across the Federation to adorn the tree with the angels.



## Cake Sale

Well done to four Year 6 girls, Thea, Isla, Lola and Martha who organised and ran a cake sale after school on Thursday 30th November all in aid of the Quicken Trust. A brilliant £37.80 was raised by the budding Great Blackboys Bakers.

## MP Nus Ghani, Christmas Card Competition

Pupils were invited earlier in the term to submit their Christmas Card designs to Nus Ghani in the hope that their design may be chosen by the Wealden MP to use as her official Christmas Card. We were delighted to receive a card from Nus yesterday informing us that Thea Godfrey in Class 4 was a runner up in the competition. Thea's design features on the reverse of the Christmas Cards sent out by Nus. Well done Thea!



## Chess Success

Congratulations to our Girls'



Chess team, made up of Thea & Lowenna Godfrey together with Evie Doherty. They all contributed to the team coming 3rd in a Girls' Sussex Junior Chess Championship last weekend. Well done girls! Added congratulations to Lowenna who became the Sussex Under 8 champion! Fantastic news!

## KS 1 & 2 Christmas Party Food

Thank you to those parents who have already signed their name next to party food which they can supply for the KS1 & KS2 parties taking place during the last few days of term. Please can you bring items in during drop off on the morning of the KS1 party, Tuesday 19th December and for the KS2 party food, please bring this in when collecting children at end of school day, 19th December. Anything which needs to be provided hot can of course be brought along at 6pm when dropping KS2 children off for the party! Should there be any items on the party food list that you would prefer your child not to have, could you let classteachers know.

## KS2 Party Volunteers

We still require two parental volunteers to come and assist with the KS2 Christmas Party on Tuesday 19th December, 6-8pm. If you are able to assist please can you inform the School Office. We can guarantee you will enjoy the experience.

## KS2 Carol Performance & KS1 Nativity

Next Thursday 14th December at 6.30pm our traditional annual Carol concert takes place at St Thomas á Becket, Framfield. Staff will be at the Church from 6.10pm with the service starting promptly at 6.30pm. All KS2 pupils are expected to attend. All Parents/Carers and KS1 pupils are very welcome to join the Carol Service congregation.

The following day, Friday 15th December, it will be KS1's turn to perform their Nativity 'It's a Baby'. The performance will take place in the School Hall, starting at 2pm promptly. The main school gates will be opened from 1.40pm to enable parents to take their seats. Seating in the hall is limited so please can we ask if any younger children are attending that they can be seated on laps.

## Headlice and Health Matters

We seem have a on going problem with headlice across the School. Can we urge all Parents to check their child's hair regularly and treat as necessary. It is also vitally important that children stay as healthy as possible in the run up to Christmas. With this in mind, staff are regularly reminding children about good hygiene and handwashing. We believe children who have good hygiene habits, and who maintain consistent, regular bedtimes have a greater likelihood of being fit and healthy to enjoy the festivities.

*Good Book winners will return in the next issue.*

**INSET DAYS FOR 17/18:**

TUESDAY 02ND JANUARY 2018, FRIDAY  
25TH MAY 2018 & FRIDAY 20TH JULY  
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