



# Blackboys Newsletter

**Friday 16th January  
2018**

## Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the first Blackboys Newsletter of 2018.



## Parking

Following contact from local residents regarding Parental parking in and around School, could we once again remind all Parents/Carers of the following:

\* Not to stop or park on the yellow "School - Keep - Clear" and "zig-zag" even for 30 seconds. Parking here creates unnecessary congestion on School Lane.

\* To not park across local residents' driveways, and to also allow them manoeuvrability to get in and out safely.

\* To not mount the pavement when stopping or parking, allowing pedestrians to be able to walk on pavements and space for prams to pass as the pathways are quite narrow.

\* To not park on the grass verges either outside of the school or in the surrounding streets. It does cause damage and is not fair on the local residents. Thanks to Staverton Nursery, we have planted spring bulbs on the verges to brighten the environment.

\* To not park on the corners or junctions surrounding the school.

\* To respect local residents and businesses by not parking in a way that blocks access or egress to their homes or premises.

The Blackboys Inn kindly offer their car parking facility to enable our Parents to make the 2 minute walk to school to drop or collect your child.

## Charity News

We are very excited to announce that



Term 3's charity has been decided by our School Council. The School Council would like us all to support Bloodwise. The charity works to develop better tests so people can get an accurate diagnosis more quickly, funds research for cures for every type of blood cancer and provides expert information and practical support for everyone affected by blood cancer. With this in mind there is a Cake Sale taking place after school today, 26th January run by some pupils from Class 4. All supporters and cake consumers welcome!

Thank you to all those who contributed to the end of service collection which took place at the KS2 carol concert in December. £91.25 was raised and this has been sent to the charity St Martin In The Field.

## JANUARY 2018

TUESDAY 30TH

NETBALL TOURNAMENT. YR 3/4 INVITED PLAYERS TO ATTEND NETBALL MATCHES, TAKING PLACE AT UCTC, SPORTSHALL OF LEISURE CENTRE. 3.45-5.15PM PLEASE REFER TO LETTER SENT TO SELECTED PUPILS

WEDNESDAY 31ST

KS2 SELECTED PUPILS AT SWIMMING GALA AT UCTC. UTOPIA SWIMMING POOL. PLEASE REFER TO LETTER SENT TO SELECTED PUPILS. 1-3PM.

MATHS MASTERCLASS FOR SELECTED PUPILS. JERWOOD GALLERY, HASTINGS. 1.30-4.30PM

## FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 01ST

SPRING TERM PARENT CONSULTATION SIGN UP SHEETS AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS/CARERS TO SIGN NAME AGAINST SLOT TO MEET TEACHER.

CLASS 4 ASSEMBLY, ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND. 9.05AM SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY 02ND

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY. MAIN GATES OPEN AT 8.30AM FOR PUPILS TO PURCHASE AND ENJOY A SMOOTHIE PREPARED BY OUR BREAKFAST CLUB. COST 50P.

YEAR 3 CAFÉ, 2.40PM SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

SATURDAY 03RD

LIONS SOUTH EAST CONVENTION AT EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL. BLACKBOYS SCHOOL LIONS ROAR TEAM ATTENDING AND PRESENTING IDEA. MIDDAY—2.15PM PLEASE REFER TO LETTER SENT OUT TO INVITED PUPILS.

TUESDAY 06TH

SAFER INTERNET DAY. CREATE, COLLECT, SHARE, RESPECT: A BETTER INTERNET STARTS WITH YOU!

WEDNESDAY 07TH

DRUMMING CLUB ASSEMBLY/DEMONSTRATION IN SCHOOL HALL. 9.05AM. PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

THURSDAY 08TH

REC CHRIS ASSEMBLY. 9.05AM ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

FRIDAY 09TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 3.

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CAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL 3.15PM+. ALL PROCEEDS TO TERM 3 CHARITY, BLOODWISE.

## MONDAY 12TH-16TH

## MID TERM BREAK

MONDAY 19TH

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR START OF TERM 4

## INSET DAYS FOR 17/18:

FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2018 & FRIDAY 20TH JULY 2018

## Spring Term Parent Consultations

The Spring Term Parent Consultations will be taking place as detailed below:

DAY	TIME
Tuesday 20th February	From 3.30pm
Wednesday 21st February	From 5.30pm

The sign up sheets will be available for parents/carers to sign their name against an appointment slot from next Thursday 1st February. Sign up sheets for classes 2,3 & 4 will be located either in the playground or office foyer area. Class 1's sign up sheets will be located on the back entrance door to the classroom. Years 4, 5 & 6 pupils are welcome to attend the parent consultation appointment alongside their parents.

## School Events Terms 3—6 17/18

For the keen eyed amongst you, you will have noticed rather a lot of dates for key events being added to the Parental School diary. Events such as Sports Day and KS2 Swimming have all been given dates so please do take the time to visit the homepage of the Blackboys School website where you can access the diary, scrolling through weekly and monthly. As soon as a date for an event has been decided it does get transferred straight onto the school calendar so a re-visit every now and then is definitely worthwhile.

## Warm Welcome

We know you will all join us in welcoming Miss Emily Gumbrell to the School. Miss Gumbrell has come to us on student placement from Brighton University and is currently in her second year of teacher training. Miss Gumbrell will be predominately based within Class 2 under the guidance and mentorship of Mrs Sullivan.

## Year 5/6 Netball Team

Last Tuesday, our Year 5/6 Netball Team attended a local inter primary school event at Uckfield Leisure Centre. The team, captained by Brandon Willcox, excelled themselves in all their games and finished the event as joint winners. As a result of winning, the team are now through to the North Wealden Championships. We look forward to them attending and 'being the best they can be.'



Thank you to all Parents/Carers who took the time on a wet and windy Wednesday evening to attend the E-Safety workshop led by I.T consultant Mr Andrew Gunn. We hope that this session was informative and has helped you in keeping your child/ren safe online. To develop the ideas further, if you would like to join an e-safety parent working party, please speak to Mr Sullivan.

## Allergy Awareness Reminder

As you may be aware, we have a number of children at school with allergies. Due to this, the Governors drew up a Allergy Awareness Policy. As part of this policy we ask parents to refrain from sending peanut based products into school. This is important for both packed lunches and birthday related treats. It is vitally important for us that all children are safe within school and we know we can rely on parents making sensible choices. If you require any further information on this, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Sullivan.

## PTA News

Thank you to all who attended the recent PTA meeting. The rest of the academic year is a busy one for the PTA with some exciting events. Please do make sure that you have these dates pencilled in your diary. More news to follow soon!

EVENT	DATE / TIME
QUIZ NIGHT	FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7PM BLACKBOYS SCHOOL HALL
EASTER FAIR	SATURDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 11AM - 2PM
SCHOOL SPRING GARDEN TIDY AFTER- NOON	SUNDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2PM START
AUCTION OF PROM- ISES	FRIDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JUNE 7.30PM FOR A 8PM START

## Gold Book Awards

Week Beginning Monday 15th January 2018.

### Class 1

Sophie Wevill: Great blending of sounds and use of phonics.  
Elizabeth Willcox: Great effort practising her sounds.  
Tyler Max-Stenning: Excellent effort in counting accurately.

### Class 2

Danny Willett: For making good progress with his handwriting.  
Agnes Mckeever: For an excellent homework rainforest model.  
Evie Messmer: For an excellent homework rainforest model.  
Willem Orgill: For an excellent homework rainforest model.

### Class 3

Kate Eldrett: For persevering with division.  
Heidi Saunders: For showing great work ethic.  
Sarah Lehotzky: For excellent contributions in class.

### Class 4

Felicity Beebee: For expanding her vocabulary.  
Brandon Willcox: For persevering in Maths challenges.  
Harry Stacey: For showing great problem solving skills in Maths.  
Sam Stephens: For showing great problem solving skills in Maths.