

ACADEMIC YEAR 18/19

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 24TH

INSET DAY

TUES 25TH—FRI
28TH

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY COURSE. AT 9AM EACH DAY

TUESDAY 25TH

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYING AT MANOR 3.45-5.15PM

THURSDAY 27TH

REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM
CLASS 3 SELECTED PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL

FRIDAY 28TH

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES BREAKFAST FOR ALL
PUPILS 8.25-8:50AM

YEAR 4 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME

OCTOBER

MONDAY 1ST

CLOSING DATE FOR PARENT GOVERNOR APPLICATION FORM
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 2ND

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYING AT MANOR 3.45—5.15PM

WEDNESDAY 3RD

NO BREAKFAST CLUB
HARVEST SERVICE AT ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD
9-10AM PUPILS CAN BE DROPPED OFF FROM 8.30AM
SUITABLE DONATIONS FOR UCKFIELD FOODBANK WELCOMED
**KS1 RETURN BY COACH, KS2 NEED WELLIES AND CHANGE OF
CLOTHES FOR HIKE BACK**

THURSDAY 4TH

REV GUY ASSEMBLY ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM
CLASS 3 SELECTED PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL
KS2 PARTICIPANTS TAKING PART IN CROSS COUNTRY AT ROCKS
PARK 1.30-3PM

FRIDAY 5TH

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM
YEAR 3 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME

MONDAY 8TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 9TH

KS1 PARENTS PHONICS WORKSHOPS IN HALL 9-10AM
YEAR 4/5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM AT MANOR 3.45-5.15PM

THURSDAY 11TH

REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM
FOOTBALL TEAM TOURNAMENT PLAYING AT MANOR 1-1.30PM
CLASS 3 SELECTED PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL

FRIDAY 12TH

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM
YEAR 2 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME

HALF TERM BREAK 22ND-26TH OCTOBER



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 21st September 2018

Christian Value for Term : *Perseverance*

Dear Parents / Carers

We are already at the end of the third week into the Autumn term. We have been delighted in the way that all children have settled into (or back into) school life incredibly well; focussed and energised for learning.

New parents may be interested to learn that this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters we produce for parents. A huge amount of school news is communicated in this way and we hope that you find this, and future editions, informative.

Staffing Updates

As communicated last week to all Class 1 Parents/Carers: The teaching commitment in class 1 is shared between Mrs Haverty and Mrs Nobes.

Over the summer holiday, Mrs Haverty's personal circumstances altered somewhat, with her husband being offered a fantastic opportunity to work abroad. Despite Mrs Haverty's obvious commitment to the school, it is with regret that she will be leaving Blackboys School at the end of term 1 (October half term) to relocate with her young family. I know, as a school proud of its Christian values and compassion, you will all join me in wishing Mrs Haverty all the best as she embarks on an exciting new opportunity

with her family.

Please be assured that we are working hard to secure a replacement teacher for the class to work alongside Mrs Nobes, someone that can continue and build on the excellent practice we currently have in Class 1.

Some of you may have noticed that Mrs Vance is currently absent from school. Mrs Vance is unfortunately not well at the moment. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back into the School community once she has fully recovered.

Inset Day

Don't forget that this coming **Monday, 24th September** is an **Inset day** with no pupils in School. There will be three additional Inset days to be set for the academic year 18/19 and once these have been set we will communicate these via our School diary and newsletters.

Twitter

Please be aware that Blackboys School is on Twitter. News and events from our school are tweeted regularly. Please keep an eye on @blackboysschool We regularly tweet things which are happening at our School! It's also a great way of seeing what the children are experiencing.



INSET DAYS ALREADY SET FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 18/19:

MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2018

X3 MORE INSET DAYS TO BE CONFIRMED AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED ONCE SET.

Harvest Festival, Wednesday 03rd October

As communicated within our 'welcome back to school & clubs letter', our annual Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday 03rd October at St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield. We are asking that all children are **dropped off directly** to the church on this morning from 8.40am and the service will start at 9.00am prompt. Parents are of course welcome to join us for this annual celebratory service. There will be the traditional collection of non-perishable food items, which will be shared between Uckfield Foodbank and The Malthouse Trust. Please see below ideas of what can be brought as a donation:



Harvest Festival Shopping List

Please choose an item from this list to bring to your Harvest Celebration

- *Tinned potatoes
- *Tinned vegetables
- *Instant coffee
- *Tinned rice pudding
- *Custard
- *Tinned meat
- *Tinned fruit
- *Tinned soup
- *Sponge pudding
- *Jam
- *Biscuits/snacks



Thank you for all your support



Following the service our **KS1 (classes 1&2)** pupils will be taken **back to school via coach**. **KS2 (classes 3&4)** will be **hiking** back from the Church. Please ensure that your child brings with them in a bag to the Church: wellies or walking boots, a change of clothes, weather dependent outer wear and a packed lunch.

REMINDER—THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST CLUB FACILITY ON WEDNESDAY 03RD OCTOBER DUE TO THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Yr 6 Secondary Applications

A reminder for all Year 6 Parents that their Secondary School applications for a place within Year 7, 19/20 needs to be completed via the ESCC online portal by **Wednesday 31st October**.

Parent Governor Election

As sent out via ParentMail on Monday of this week, The St Thomas á Becket Church of England Federation Governing Body has two vacancies for Parent Governors. Parent Governors play a very important role in keeping the Governing Body aware of the views of Parents and the local community. Although they are not there to voice the opinions of individual parents, they are there to represent the parental opinion in discussions. They are a vital part of the team. Our two vacancies ideally will be filled with one person from each of the schools in the Federation, but this is not a requirement.

We hope that people from both of our school will put themselves forward. If you are interested in being nominated or want further information, you might find it helpful to talk to Mrs Rabson-Stark our Chair of Governors or another one of the members of our Governing Body. Please contact chair@stbchurchofenglandfed.co.uk The closing date for applications to be submitted to the School Office is Monday 01st October 2018.

European Languages Day

As many of you will remember, Blackboys School enjoys celebrating European Languages Day every year. Teachers are currently preparing exciting language and country based activities for the children to enjoy next **Friday 28th September**. One activity will be our traditional Language Breakfast. Children are invited to come into the school hall from 8:25am to enjoy a small buffet breakfast. Traditional breakfast items from Germany, The Netherlands, France and Spain will be enjoyed free of charge.

Prefects

We are delighted to announce that our school prefects for the coming year will be: Isla Blackmore, Alice Lynch, Harry Wickens, Harry Miles, Cian Mladek and James Redman. Prefect with special responsibilities for technology is Sebastian Mclean; Prefect with special responsibilities for the environment is Fletcher Willcox; and prefect with special responsibilities for sport is Finley Patey.

We know they will be excellent ambassadors for our school.

PTA

We had a disappointing evening on Wednesday night at the PTA AGM. It was attended by 4 people; 3 members of staff and 1 parent. It is appreciated that year 6 parents may have been visiting Uckfield College's Open Evening, but that still leaves parents from years R to 5. We trust parents understand that without the PTA there would be no subsidised coach travel, no Forest School, no Christmas Pantomime to name just a few. Please therefore support the upcoming Emergency PTA meeting where decisions will

need to be made as to whether support for the PTA is sustainable.

Please be conscious that being part of the PTA is not about personally paying out money, but about providing ideas and time to put events together. It is fun, fulfilling and a great way of learning more about the school. Please don't sit back and leave it to someone else. Your PTA needs you! Notice about the emergency meeting will be issued shortly.

Good Book Awards for W/B 17th September 2018

Grayson Gavin: For being more settled in class.

Nico Jacques: For a more positive attitude to his writing.

Hattie Dunbar: For asking good questions.

Agnes McKeever: For brilliant punctuation.

Ivy Davies: For excellent number work.

Leo Blackmore: For taking the opportunity to read more.

Ellie Wevill: For using complex sentences.

Rebecca Sullivan: For excellent word choices.

Arthur Farley: For knowing the 3 times table.

Cian Mladek: For good quality writing.

Lola Ramel: For mathematical perseverance.

Lewis Stenning: For getting stuck in to his Science work.