

ACADEMIC YEAR 18/19

MARCH

THURSDAY 21ST - WEDNESDAY 27TH TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR IN JUBILEE BARN - BOOKS FOR SALE EACH DAY 3.15-3.30PM

FRIDAY 22ND SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
YEAR 2 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME  
PTA QUIZ NIGHT 7PM ARRIVAL FOR 7.30PM START

MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH LAST WEEK OF THE MAJORITY OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY 25TH LAST DATE FOR THE RETURN OF CLASS 4 PASSPORT FORMS  
CLASS 1 PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM  
BOOK AWARDS YEAR 6 PUPILS TO VISIT UCKFIELD LIBRARY 1.15-2.45PM  
NETBALL CLUB LATER FINISH TIME OF 4.45PM DUE TO HOME MATCHES

TUESDAY 26TH YEAR 1 PARENTS/CARERS PHONICS SCREENING WORKSHOPS IN THE SCHOOL HALL: CHOOSE FROM 9-10AM OR 6.30-7.30PM  
INVITED PUPILS TO YR5/6 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION @ UCTC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5.15PM

THURSDAY 28TH REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME  
SELECTED PUPILS TO B&H ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY MIXED UNDER 9S FOOTBALL @ DOWNS LEISURE CENTRE, SEAFORD 9.30AM-2PM  
**FAB FEST—CREATIVITY FESTIVAL:**  
PARENTS INVITED TO SEE VIEW FROM 2PM  
CHEESE & WINE RECEPTION AND VIEWING @ 6.30-7.30PM

FRIDAY 29TH SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
**FAB FEST—CREATIVITY FESTIVAL:**  
PARENTS INVITED TO VIEW FROM 9.00AM  
YEAR 1 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME

APRIL

MONDAY 1ST LAST DATE FOR RETURN OF CUPS/AWARDS FROM AUTUMN CUP ASSEMBLY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

TUESDAY 2ND PARENTS/CARERS OF RECIPIENTS OF CUPS/AWARDS IN EASTER CUP ASSEMBLY TO BE NOTIFIED BY PARENTMAIL

WEDNESDAY 3RD **NO BREAKFAST CLUB TODAY DUE TO EASTER SERVICE**  
WHOLE SCHOOL EASTER SERVICE @ ST. THOMAS A BECKETT CHURCH, FRAMFIELD 9.00AM. PUPILS TO BE DROPPED OFF FROM 8.40AM.  
LAST AFTER-SCHOOL CHESS CLUB OF TERM 4  
LAST AFTER-SCHOOL ASSA FOOTBALL CLUB OF TERM 4

THURSDAY 4TH CLASS 3 TRIP TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM 8AM-4PM  
CLASS 2 ASSEMBLY 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME

FRIDAY 5TH LAST DAY OF TERM 4  
SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY 2.15-3.15PM ALL WELCOME

MONDAY 8TH—MONDAY 22ND **EASTER BREAK!**

SATURDAY 13TH DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING FOR ASSA EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COURSE TAKING PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL

TUESDAY 16TH PRIMARY SCHOOL ALLOCATION DAY FOR PLACES WITHIN YR R SEPTEMBER 19/20. ESCC WILL NOTIFY PARENTS VIA EMAIL.

WEDNESDAY 17TH ALL STAR SOCCER ACADEMY EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COURSE @ SCHOOL 9.30AM-3PM

TUESDAY 23RD **RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR START OF TERM 5**



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2019

Christian Value for Term : RESPECT

Dear Parents / Carers,

## 'FaB Fest'

The school is currently gearing up to an exciting new event billed as "FaB Fest". Mindful of the words from Philipians 4:4, *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice"*, the classes have been working hard to create uplifting art and writing for the enjoyment of our community. Next Thursday and Friday the school hall will be transformed into a gallery containing children's art and writing together with a performance space for live action. Previously sent via email, and as an insert into this newsletter, is an invite and timetable of events. We hope to see you at "FaB Fest". All parents are welcome to attend the evening wine and nibbles "FaB Fest" too, joining local press and invited dignitaries.



## Parent Survey 2019

As part of an insert into this newsletter, we are pleased to show the Parent Questionnaire results from 2019. Governors, staff and children are very proud of Blackboys School and it is pleasing to see many parents also share this pride in making Blackboys School "the best it can be".

This was the first year that we have conducted our survey online. We hoped this would raise the number of people who engaged in the survey, but we actu-

ally saw a drop of 29 responses, meaning that our survey had half the reach of the previous year. The first 6 questions, our core role, continue to show 100% agreement. However, it is noted that "Making progress" has a lower 'strongly agree' percentage than last year. Parents were clearly aware that the Government's Progress measure, particularly in writing, for Key Stage 2 did not match the high expectations we have here at Blackboys. Staff have been working hard to address this issue. Our Learning Code and Watch Your Writing Grow boards are just two of the many initiatives we have put in place to boost progress and this will be an ongoing action point for school improvement. Your child's classteacher would be delighted to speak to parents who are keen to work in partnership to help raise their child's writing progress. We will continue to have the highest expectations of what your child can achieve. We ask parents to support these high expectations. Looking simply at the 'agree strongly' criteria, we are delighted to see continued increase in effective communication and being welcoming. The Governing body play a huge part in the leadership of the school, but from the results here will need to look at promoting how they can be contacted. We know they are keen to become more involved with parents at our weekly cafes. We had two new questions this year. These are starting points and show us that we need to think more

carefully in ensuring homework is challenging, useful and helps with progress. It was good to see that over 2/3s of responders were influenced by Blackboys being a Church of England School when choosing it, and bolsters the importance of our distinctively Christian vision and values.

If you have any further comments about the questionnaire, or wish to share ideas about school improvement, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Sullivan via the school office.

#### Term 4, Clubs

Next week, in the main, will be the last week of lunchtime and after school clubs for term 4 with the following exceptions:

**Wednesday 03rd April, 3.15-4.15pm last after school Chess Club**

**Wednesday 03rd April, 3.15-4.00pm last after school ASSA Club**

**Thursday 04th April, midday-1pm last lunchtime Guitar Club**

**Friday 05th April, midday-12.30pm last lunchtime Guitar Club**

A new club choice schedule for Summer term will be distributed during the first few days back to school following the Easter break.

#### Book Fair

We currently have the Travelling Book Fair set up in the Jubilee Barn. Pupils and Parents can visit the Fair from 3.15 - 3.30pm every day until next Wednesday 27th March. There is a large selection of great books to purchase for all ages. Every book bought also helps our School earn free books!

#### Punctuality

We have seen great improvement over the last 6 months of pupil punctuality at the beginning of the day. The vast majority of our pupils are in school prior to the gate closing at 8:55am. Thank you.

There is though a growing number of children who are not picked up on time at the end of the day. This came to a head on Tuesday when 12 pupils, precisely 10% of the school had still not been collected by 3:30pm. The school have been working hard on ensuring children are let out of classes promptly at 3:15pm and with many staff needing to start after school work, marking or clubs, we would appreciate parents being on time in the playground for pick up please.

#### Easter Service

We are currently busily preparing for the annual Easter Service taking place at our Church, St Thomas á Becket Framfield on Wednesday 03rd April. Staff will be at the Church from 8.40am. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend the Service. Classes 1 and 2 (KS1) will be returning to School via Coach. Classes 3 and 4 will be hiking back. Please ensure that pupils bring with them to the Church, carried in a separate

#### FOREST SCHOOL

**Sadly, there will be NO Forest School sessions taking place on:**  
**Thursday 28th March (due to FaB Fest)**  
**Monday 01st April (due to leader unavailability)**  
**Thursday 04th April (due to leader unavailability).**  
**We are truly sorry for the disappointment this will cause.**

bag; wellies or sturdy footwear and weather appropriate outer clothing. They will also need a packed lunch and drink. We suggest they carry this in a rucksack.

**There will be NO Breakfast Club facility on Wednesday 03rd April.**

#### Easter Holiday Football Club

Our friends at All Star Soccer are once again holding a Football day course at Blackboys CEP School on Wednesday 17th April, 9.30-3.00pm. To secure your child's place please contact the School Office for a copy of the below form to complete and return.



**Develop your technique and ability with fun, games and enjoyment! There will be plenty of prizes, trophies and merchandise to be won!**

**WHERE: Blackboys CE Primary, School Lane, Blackboys, East Sussex, TN33 3LJ**

**TIME: 9.30am to 3pm COST: £30**

**YOU WILL NEED: Packed lunch and plenty of drinks.**

Course run by All Star Soccer Academy in Partnership with SAC (National) and Blackboys CE Primary School

To reserve your place send this form into Blackboys CE Primary School Office with payment before the end of term or email [office@blackboyscep.org](mailto:office@blackboyscep.org) by Wednesday 17th April and bring this form to payment with you on the day.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To attend the Easter Holiday Course being held on 17th April 2019 9.30am - 3pm at Blackboys Church of England Primary School**

**Medical Details:** (Please indicate if your child has any pre-existing conditions that we should be aware of.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Details:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and accept that All Star Soccer, or Blackboys CE Primary School and their respective agents or employees, are not liable for any injury, compensation or financial loss of any kind to any child or parent arising from any accident, injury or illness, or any other loss or damage, which may occur during the course of the course. I understand that I will be responsible for any loss or damage to my child's property or possessions. I agree to indemnify and hold Blackboys CE Primary School harmless from any claims, damages, costs or expenses which may be incurred by the school or its staff in connection with the course.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Gold Book Awards for Week Beginning 11th March 2019

#### Class 1

- Marlo Owen- For sharing facts about African animals.
- Bolton Richardson- For working hard in art lessons.
- Ralph Brinkhurst- For writing his numbers up to 100.

#### Class 2

- Henry Pistell- For great reasoning about dividing with remainders.
- Sophie Wevill- For producing lots of great writing.
- Lucas Butler- For following the Learning Code well this week.

#### Class 3

- Faye Ward- For showing maturity and independence.
- Astrid Willcox- For developing the quantity of her writing.
- Daniel Barker- For improving the quantity of his writing.

#### Class 4

- Isla Blackmore- For impressing with her writing.
- Harry Miles- For showing great effort in his writing.
- Tiya Ward- For approaching Maths with confidence and effort.

**REMAINING INSET DAYS**  
**FOR 18/19:**  
**MONDAY 22ND JULY 2019**  
**TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2019**