

ACADEMIC YEAR 19/20



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2020

Christian Value for Term : *COURAGE*

JANUARY

FRIDAY 24TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM SELECTED PUPILS TO ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY LITERACY AT THE AMEX COMMUNITY STADIUM 9AM-3PM FEDERATION SEN PARENT/CARER GROUP MEET AT FRAMFIELD 2.20-3PM YR 2 CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM
MONDAY 27TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 28TH	YR3/4 SELECTED PUPILS TO NETBALL TOURNAMENT @ FREEDOM LEISURE SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 29TH	SELECTED PUPILS TO UCKFIELD COLLEGE SWIMMING GALA 1-3PM
THURSDAY 30TH	REV CHRIS LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 31ST	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YR 1 CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE SALE - AFTER SCHOOL TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE BUSH FIRES IN AUSTRALIA. ALL DONATIONS OF CAKES TO SELL GREATLY APPRECIATED! 3.15-3.45PM
FEBRUARY	
MONDAY 3RD	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 6TH	CLASS 2 ACT OF WORSHIP. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM. CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 7TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YR R CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM
MONDAY 10TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING 3.30-6PM
TUESDAY 11TH	NATIONAL SCHOOLS SAFER INTERNET DAY YR3 PERSONAL CHALLENGE FESTIVAL FOR SELECTED PUPILS @ FREEDOM LEISURE SPORTSHALL. 3.45-5PM
WEDNESDAY 12TH	PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING 5-7.30PM (KS1 CLASSES 1 AND 2 COMMENCE FROM 5.30PM)
THURSDAY 13TH	HEAD/TEACHER LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 14TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YR 6 CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM
MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST	HALF TERM
MONDAY 24TH	START OF TERM 4 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 27TH	REV CHRIS LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 28TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YR 5 CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB RECOMMENCES 3.15-4PM

INSET DAYS:

* Friday 3rd April 2020 * Monday 01st June 2020 * Friday 10th July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

This is our first whole school newsletter for the term, so we start by wishing all our Blackboys' families a Happy New Year!

The new term has started well and the children have re-settled quickly and are working hard. Many thanks to the parents who attended the class planning meetings, and are therefore totally on board with the classwork their children will be learning about this term.

Class teacher's work hard to ensure this is replicated on the school website, so please access the individual class pages for useful reminders.

Christian Value of the Term

Our Christian Value of the Term for Term 3 is Courage. The children have already explored this value through a selection of bible stories in our Acts of Worship. We have focussed on the idea of physical courage and moral courage and it is great to hear the children talking about notable people through history who have shown moral courage.

After School Club

Our After School Club continues to go from strength to strength. However it is important that parents appreciate the need to book children in for After School Club with at least 24 hours in advance.

This helps us cater for the children. We have also had issues with children being booked into After School Club but then being picked up at normal end of School time. If children have been officially booked in to After School Club, but then do not turn up, parents will still be charged for that session unless a good notice period is given. Good communication with the school office is essential if we are to continue this useful addition to our wrap-around care provision please.

Netball

You will all be delighted to know that our school netball squad finished 2nd in the recent Uckfield College run tournament, therefore qualifying for the North Wealden Championships. This will be played in March at Beacon Academy, Crowborough.

Congratulation to the squad and thank you to coaches Mrs Sullivan and Maria Howell.



Harambee for Kenya

This term our School council have chosen to raise money for Harambee for Kenya. Harambee is Swahili for "all pull together". The charity work tirelessly to help the street children of Kenya. Thousands of children live on the streets after being orphaned by diseases like AIDS or because their parents are unable to care for them. Street children are vulnerable. Often the children have to scavenge through rubbish tips for food. Since 1998, the founders of Harambee for Kenya have worked closely with Kenyan adults, many of whom are themselves struggling to support their own families, who have been supporting these young people. The charity provide safe houses in areas where young people are homeless, ensuring that each project has the right support before moving on to the next. Mrs Riley our 1:1 teacher came in on Wednesday of this week to tell all the children about the good work of this charity which is close to her heart. We look forward to being able to send monies raised from our Thursday Acts of Worship collection to this worthwhile cause.

Class 2 Act of Worship

The Class 2 led Act of Worship is due to take place on Thursday 06th February. All other classes acts of worship will take place after February mid-term break and will be communicated to you via the school diary on the school website as soon as these have been decided.

Spring Term Parent Consultations

If you haven't already done so please make a note in your diary that the Spring term parent consultations are due to take place on Monday 10th February 3.30-6.00pm and Wednesday 12th February, for Class 3 and 4 these will start at 5.00pm and for Classes 1 and 2 a 5.30pm start. The last appointment for both will be 7.30pm. The sign up sheets to enable Parents/Carers to sign their name against an appointment slot will be displayed from Tuesday 28th January. Class 1's sign up sheet will be on the back entrance door to the classroom, Class 2, 3 and 4's will be located on a board in the office area if wet or on the playground when dry.

For pupils who attend after school club on either or both dates please note that the club will take place on both 10th and 12th February in the Jubilee Barn.

Hockey Club

As per the clubs letter sent out at the beginning of this term Hockey Club will commence following the mid term break, Friday 28th February. A letter which will enable your child to sign up to the club and will be sent out week commencing Monday 03rd February.

Cake Sale, 31st January

Ever keen to highlight current affairs our School Council have organised an after school cake sale to take place after school on Friday 31st January to raise funds for the help being given by emergency services to the Bush Fires taking place in Australia.

If you are a budding Mary Berry, a 'dab hand' in the kitchen and would like to donate a cake to be sold, please drop these off on the morning of Friday 31st January to enable the School Council to prepare for the sale taking place in the afternoon. Thank you!

PTA, an update!

Our PTA met last week to plan for the new year. They look forward to being able to inform you of some new and exciting fundraising initiatives to take place shortly. In the meantime please, if you haven't already done so pop the ever popular **Quiz Night's** date in your diary; **Friday 20th March, 7.00pm** (7.30pm start). Tickets and further information will be available following mid term break. The **Summer Fair** is planned for **Saturday 27th June** and the **Spring Tidy up Sunday 26th April**.

A huge thank you to the PTA and all those who supported for the incredible amount of **£1685.32** which was raised at the Christmas Fair. We are always so appreciative of everyone's hard work within the PTA which is evident throughout all events which are put on for the benefit of the School and our pupils.

Gold Book Awards for W/B 13th January 2020

Class 1

Tilly Clayson: For effort in reading.
Max Davies: For enthusiasm on the subject of penguins.
Benjamin Fletcher: For trying hard to improve his handwriting.

Class 2

Noah Dilley: For excellent description in style.
Joseph Mylon: For excellent fluency and reasoning.
Reuben Saunders: For great work in RE.

Class 3

Leo Blackmore: For an excellent "I wish poem".
Lola Luck: For excellent effort on division.
Harvey Wright: For some great work across the board.

Class 4

Callum Willcox: For some great debugging in computing.
Lowenna Godfrey: For some great debugging in computing.
Abigail Whiteman: For her writing about Highwaymen and Highwaywomen.