

ACADEMIC YEAR 19/20

MARCH

MONDAY 16TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 17TH	SCHOOL COUNCIL CHARITY OBSTACLE COURSE - BRING 50p FOR TWO TURNS SELECTED PUPILS YR3/4 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION @ UCKFIELD RUGBY CLUB 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 18TH	CLASS 1 TRIP TO WOODS MILL, HENFIELD 'GREEN MAGIC' 9AM-3PM
THURSDAY 19TH - WEDNESDAY 25TH	SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR AT SCHOOL - JUBILEE BARN IN USE. BOOK FAIR OPEN DAILY AT END OF SCHOOL FROM 3.15-3.30PM TO ENABLE PUPILS WITH PARENTS TO GO ALONG AND PURCHASE A BOOK(S)
THURSDAY 19TH	YR 5 AT BIG BANG LITTLE BANG - RINGMER ACADEMY. PARENTS/CARERS TO DROP CHILDREN OFF DIRECTLY TO RINGMER ACADEMY FOR THE DAY AND COLLECT AGAIN AT THE END OF THE DAY 8.45AM-2.45PM CLASS 3 ACT OF WORSHIP. ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 20TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YR 3 CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM PARENT/CARER BOOK SWAP SHOP STALL 2.45-3.30PM PTA QUIZ NIGHT 7.30-10PM
MONDAY 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH	LAST WEEK OF ALL AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS APART FROM CHESS
MONDAY 23RD	CLASS 4 TRIP TO SMUGGLERS CAVES, HASTINGS 9AM-3PM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 24TH	SELECTED PUPILS YR5/6 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION @ UCKFIELD RUGBY CLUB 3.45-5.15PM
THURSDAY 26TH	REV CHRIS LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 27TH	RETURN OF CUPS AWARDED AT THE END OF AUTUMN TERM CUP ASSEMBLY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TODAY SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM CLASS 2 TRIP TO DRUSILLAS 9AM - 3PM (NO YEAR 2 CAFÉ DUE TO CLASS TRIP)
MONDAY 30TH	NO BREAKFAST CLUB AS EASTER SERVICE. EASTER SERVICE AT ST THOMAS À BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD, 9-10AM. PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME TO ATTEND. PUPILS CAN BE DROPPED OFF DI- RECTLY TO CHURCH FROM 8.30AM. KS2 'RAMBLE' BACK FROM CHURCH SERVICE TO SCHOOL. CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED. 10AM-1PM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 31ST	CLASS 4 PARENTS/CARERS DEADLINE TO RETURN COMPLETED PUPIL PASSPORT SITUATION FORM FOR FORTHCOMING FRENCH TRIP ON 20/05/20

APRIL

WEDNESDAY 1ST	YR 4 PARENTAL BRIEFINGS REGARDING FORTHCOMING DFE MULTIPLICATION TEST TAKING PLACE AT BLACKBOYS 9-9.15AM & FRAMFIELD 3-315PM
THURSDAY 2ND	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY. ALL WELCOME . 2-3PM
FRIDAY 3RD	INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
MONDAY 6TH - FRIDAY 17TH	EASTER HOLIDAYS! (THURSDAY 16TH: YEAR R SEPTEMBER '20 PARENTS/CARERS NOTIFIED OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE VIA ESCC ADMISSIONS TEAM.)

INSET DAYS:

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



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2020

Christian Value for Term : *Respect*

Dear Parents / Carers

Advice regarding Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

There has been a considerable amount of coverage regarding the ongoing Covid-19 (Coronavirus) situation.

As a school, we are kept up to date on Government advice via the Department of Education and East Sussex County Council. We have, and will continue to, follow their guidance.

As outlined in the previous newsletter, we have spent time talking to the children about good hand hygiene, have posters up in all toilets, have increased the opportunities and expectation for handwashing and supervised where children have needed support with this. On top of that, in recent days we have replaced the traditional Blackboys handshake with a fist bump or elbow touch and reminded children that they are very welcome to bring in and use their own personal hand sanitisers. We have spoken today with our cleaning and caretaking staff, asking for a re-doubling of efforts on the cleaning of door handles and the suchlike.

Although there has been talk of school closures, this will only happen if advised or notified by the UK Government.

Please be reassured that should we receive notice of enforced school closures we will be able to run the school office remotely, ensuring clear communication with parents and carers via the email and text message service. Staff will be able to communicate through this, setting work for all children via Mathematics, Purple Mash and the class pages of the school website. At our staff meeting on Wednesday, teaching staff will discuss this further, so that the impact on learning is kept to a minimum. Should there be an enforced closure, year 6 pupils will be given revision materials for their upcoming National SATS Tests for home study. We sincerely hope that this won't be necessary, but it is best to be ready just in case.

Planned UK based trips and visits will continue unless we are advised otherwise by the Department for Education, East Sussex County Council or the trip venues. Naturally our trip risk assessments will take into account the extra hygiene needed at this time.

It is with great sadness that both Blackboys and Framfield have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Class 4 French Trip. Information released yesterday from the Department for Education advises schools and colleges to cancel overseas trips until further notice. With a great deal of regret, we have accepted this advice.

Should parents have any questions regarding Covid-19 in relation to school, please contact Mr Sullivan via the School Office.

Arrival and collection for School

Could we please take this opportunity to remind pupils and parent/carers that children must be in the school playground before 8:55am each morning. The main school gate is closed at 8:55am as this marks the time that Class 1 line up and the rest of the school enter their cloakrooms. It can be disruptive to have a trickle of late children arriving in classrooms and can also be unsettling for the children themselves. Staff have been working on ensuring children are dismissed punctually at 3:15pm. Could we therefore also remind parents that this is the time they should be in the playground for end of the day collection. The main school gate is opened at 3:10pm to facilitate this. Thank you for your help and cooperation with these two issues.

Year 6 Houses of Parliament Visit.

Full credit to our Year 6 pupils, who conducted themselves beautifully on our yearly visit to the Houses of Parliament last week. They were all a credit to both the school and to their parents. Please take the time to view our school twitter feed recounting the day at <https://twitter.com/blackboysschool>.

Easter Service, Monday 30th March

St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield, 9.00am

Please drop your child/children off directly to the Church on the 30th from 8.30am. All Parents/Carers are most welcome to attend the Service.

KS1 Coach Return to School following the Service.

KS2 'hike' back to School. Packed lunches required! Pupils will also need to bring with them weather appropriate clothes to change into following the service and wellington or hiking boots.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE EASTER SERVICE THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST CLUB FACILITIES AVAILABLE ON THE 30TH MARCH

World Book Day and Book Fair

A massive thank you to Parents/Carers and pupils for really venturing into the spirit of World Book Day which took place last Thursday. The costumes and outfits which were worn were incredibly well thought out and quite spectacular when all put together during morning Act of Worship. We were visited by local community radio station, Uckfield FM at lunchtime and some of our older pupils were interviewed by DJ Mike Skinner. If you happened to miss this, follow the link to catch up www.uckfieldfm.co.uk/2020/local-news/blackboys-school-celebrate-world-book-day/

Next Thursday, 19th March will see the arrival of the Travelling Book Fair which will be set up in the Jubilee Barn. Pupils and Parents can visit the Fair from 3.15 - 3.30pm every day until the following Wednesday 25th March. There is a large selection of great books to purchase for all ages. Every book bought also helps our School earn free books!

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

All children within Year 4 will be taking part in statutory multiplication tables check (MTC) for the first time, in June this year. This is a Department for Education stipulation.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us as a school to identify pupils who may need additional support.

To assist Parents/Carers understanding of the test, we are running two briefings which will give an overview of the test and its implications. Mr Boorman, Class 3 teacher and Maths lead across the Federation will be leading the sessions which are to take place at Blackboys on Wednesday 01st April at 9.00-9.15am and at Framfield in the afternoon of the 01st at 3.00-3.15pm. We urge all Year 4 Parents/Carers to attend. Parents/Carers of pupils within year groups below are of course welcome to get an insight into the MTC.

Term Date Setting

The Local Authority is currently responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for all community and voluntary controlled schools. Foundation, trust, voluntary aided schools and academies are responsible for setting their own term dates.

East Sussex County Council is consulting on a draft proposal for school term dates for the academic year 2021-2022. The Council would like to hear the views of schools, parents/carers, and other interested parties on the proposed dates before they are finalised and published. The consultation opened on 2 March 2020 and will run until 29 March 2020. All comments should be submitted by this date.

The consultation is available on the Council's Consultation Hub or can be viewed by using the following link <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

PTA Quiz Night

Don't forget to secure your ticket for next Fridays PTA Quiz Night. Tickets are available from the School Office at £10.00 each. Don't fret if you don't have a full team as teams can be made up to a squad on the night! Food is included in the price. Well stocked bar available! A fun filled evening is guaranteed.

Gold Book Awards for W/B 2/3/20

Class 1

Alex Gill: For some improved attitudes towards working independently.

Emilia Briscall: For producing some great 'World Book Day' writing.

Marlo Owen: For great measuring in Maths.

Class 2

Hattie Dunbar: For excellent writing and maths

Jack Rance: For increased confidence when reading aloud.

Sophie Wevill: For making improvements with her spelling.

Class 3

George Saunders: For showing perseverance with his 'World Book Day' Egg making.

Art Redman: For some excellent speech writing.

Danny Willett: For working hard with Mrs Page.

Class 4

Jude Cottingham: For working hard on his spellings in groups and in his literacy book.

Heidi Saunders: For her efforts in Maths this week.

Isaac Cottingham: For his

confidence in the class assembly.