

## East Sussex Library Service Summer Online Reading Challenge

We are delighted to announce that the East Sussex Library Service will once again be running their annual Summer Reading Challenge. This year the theme is:



The Silly Squad is a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter, featuring bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson.

The Reading Agency, who produce the scheme each year, have designed an all-new updated Summer Reading Challenge website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> which will be launched on Friday 5th June to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. Please note that this will be the only way for children to take part in the Challenge this year, due to the disruption caused by Covid-19. Because children will be taking part at a national rather than local level we will be unable to send finishers' certificates to schools in the Autumn term for presentation.

A whole host of virtual events with guest celebrities and authors will take place on the Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page on Friday 5th June to mark the launch of the digital Challenge. The Challenge website will be free to access and a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home.

Although we won't be offering the usual incentives through our libraries we do hope that children will still participate by borrowing books from our great e-book collection where we have over 1400 titles for children to choose from: <https://eastsussexlibrary.overdrive.com/library/kids>  
We also have information about how to borrow e-books and e-audio books on our website:  
<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/online/ebooks-audiobooks/ebooks/>

You can find out how we are supporting Silly Squad through virtual events and promotions on our East Sussex Library events page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1453159094886506/>

You can find out more about all our online services at <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/online/online-library-help/overview/>



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2020

Christian Value for Term : Thankfulness

Dear Parents / Carers

### Sports Day aka 'Sports Week at Home 2020!'

Wednesday 24th June was due to be our annual Sports Day. With this year being as it is, we were forced to cancel this popular event, but we hope we have come up with an idea that still gets our sports mad pupils competing in their house groups. We are therefore delighted to announce that next week will be designated **Sports Week at Home!**

All next week, pupils will get the chance to take part in activities at home and earn points for their house, just like they do on sports day. On Monday morning parents will receive an email link to a Google form. At home, children with their parents help will need to go online and access the Google form. The Google form will have embedded videos clips to show children how to complete 5 athletic events. With their parents help, children will need to input their initials and select their house colour.

The 5 activities which the children will be taking part in are:-

- \*star jumps
- \*chest to floor burpees
- \*2 footed bunny hops
- \*air squats
- \*plank shoulder taps

For each of these activities the children will complete 3 sets of 30 second activity bursts. Each activity burst will be separated by a 20 second rest period. On the Google form you will find space to enter how many repetitions of the exercise the children complete. Parents involvement

will be crucial to time the 30 seconds and count the repetitions. Repetitions will equal points for your house!

Over the week the Google form will keep a record of points achieved for each house and we will provide regular updates via our Twitter feed on how sports week is progressing. Children must complete their activities and log their Google form entries by 3.15pm on Friday 03rd July. It is one completed form per child. Results will be announced on Monday 06th July in our daily zoom assembly. Will St Richard, Red House, hold on to their 2019 title of Sports Day champions?

All of this will be explained further during Monday's Zoom Assembly.

### Home Learning

We all appreciate that home learning is tough and all staff here are in awe of the massive efforts and commitment parents are demonstrating. Thank you.

In order to help a little over the final 3 and a half weeks of term, we would like to offer a Home Learning Review/Preview session for each year group one day a week with Mr Sullivan. At 10:30am on a Tuesday, year 2 children are welcome to join Mr Sullivan on Zoom; 10:30am on Wednesday will be the turn of year 3; 10:30am Thursday is year 4's turn; and 10:30am on Friday will be year 5. Each session will include a little recap on previous home learning and an input on that day's tasks. We hope this proves helpful. Information for Zoom access will be sent out on Monday morning together with the daily Zoom assembly joining instructions.

## Year 6

As we have communicated previously we have been working on adaptations to our normal end of academic year /school celebrations, particularly those including our Year 6 who will be leaving us.

### Leavers Service

As many of you will know our Year 6 group annually take part in a Leavers' Service organised by The Diocese of Chichester for all local Church Schools. This year unfortunately it is not possible for this tradition to take place. Instead the Diocese have organised a recording of a virtual Leavers' service.

As a School we shall of course be taking part in this, enabling our pupils to learn their leavers' songs and come together as a group to celebrate their time at Blackboys. As of next week, every Tuesday morning Mrs Bayman, our popular School music teacher, will be joining our Year 6 group to ensure that their vocals are well exercised and songs learnt.

### School Production

Obviously, and disappointingly, this year we cannot put on our annual Whole School Production due to distancing measures. However, our Year 6 have been working on a rather unique Shakespearean Production. Rehearsals are in full swing and the school stage has been put up today to enable our Year 6 to start to tread the boards! We are looking at ways Year 6 Parents/ Carers & Families plus the rest of the school will be able to view the show. Potentially Zoom may be used. We will let you know more when we have it.

### Cup Assembly

As it stands, we will not be enjoying our traditional end of term cup assembly. However there will definitely be a marking of the Year 6's time with us, including the presentation of the six Year 6 cups. Parents will be able to view this remotely, again via Zoom. As at all stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be following Government guidelines.

#### Break Time Snacks

KS1 (pupils within year R, 1 and 2) normally enjoy government funded fruit & vegetables at break times. Unfortunately due to the pandemic Schools are not being supplied with this. If you would like to send your child in with a piece of fruit or vegetable to enjoy at break time please do so.

**PLEASE CAN WE ASK FOR ALL PUPILS WHO HAVE NOW RETURNED TO SCHOOL TO BRING BACK PACKS WHICH CONTAINED ITEMS SUCH AS RULERS, BOOKS AND PENS WHICH WERE SENT HOME WITH THEM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE. THANK YOU!**



## Gold Book Awards for W/B 22/6/20

### Class 1 (Reception Pupils)

Emilia Briscall: For her great work in maths, counting in 10s.

Arthur Thompson: For settling so well in to school and showing great enthusiasm for our topic.

Bertie Fieldhouse: For remembering some great facts about starfish and being able to write them independently.

### Class 2 (Year 1 Pupils)

William Pistel: For great efforts in PE.

Grayson Gavin: For an act of kindness in class.

Muffin Sharp: For settling back in to school so well.

### Jubilee Barn (Year 2 Key Worker Pupils)

Finlay Fowden-Heffer: For a brilliant return to school. Finlay has gained confidence quickly and is trying hard to be an independent learner. He is super keen to do his best.

Nico Jaques: For his good start. Mrs Page has been impressed by his wide range of knowledge and his positive attitude with no 'I can't do it' or 'I don't want to'.

Noah Dilley: For adapting to a lot of changes since being at school this year. Firstly, at Key Worker Club in the Hall, then moving to Class 3 and now in the Barn. He has coped very well and is much more confident. His good computer skills have proved very useful and he always helps everyone else (including Mrs Page) in ICT.

### Class 3 (Year 3, 4 & 5 Key Worker Pupils)

Rebecca Sullivan: For some excellent work on past papers.

Faye Ward: For some excellent work on past papers.

Evie Doherty: For great work in class and her quiz win!

### Class 4 (Year 6 Pupils)

Owen Cottingham: For his great website design in computing.

Camille Bourgeois: For his work in maths-solving algebra problems.

Sam Godfrey: For his work on learning his lines and great energy during rehearsals.

### Home Learner Pupils

Year 2, Eva Cottingham: For persevering with her 2 times table even though she thought she couldn't do it.

Year 3, Lucas Cottingham: For his great sketching.

Year 4, Astrid Willcox: For her creative videos.

Year 5, Harry Fletcher, for his great instruction writing.

## INSET DAYS:

**\*Friday 10th July 2020\***

**\*Thursday 03rd  
September 2020\***

**\*Monday 05th October  
2020\***