

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:



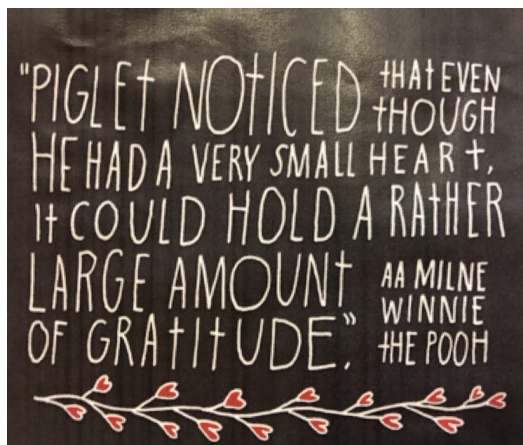
The Silly Squad is a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter, featuring bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson.

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/>

The quote below, from Winnie the Pooh by AA Milne, sums up the feeling of Blackboys School at the end of this year. The way everyone has worked and supported each other during this difficult time has been amazing. Thank you everyone for your ongoing help and kindness and we look forward to the "new normal" of academic year 2020/21.

We hope you have a great Summer Break.



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2020

Christian Value for Term : Thankfulness

Dear Parents / Carers

This is the last newsletter of a very interesting academic year! I'm sure 2019/20 will be held long in the memory!

Farewell Miss Cross & Year 6

After an unprecedented end to their time at Blackboys, we bid a fond farewell next week to our year 6 pupils. Many of this group have represented the school with aplomb over the years and we will be sorry to see them go. However, they are off for fresh learning adventures and I am sure we will see them back from time to time with tales of what they are getting up to. They have been a super bunch.

Not only are we saying goodbye and good luck to our current year 6 group, we shall also be wishing Miss Cross, our Class 4 teacher, all the best. Having commenced her teaching career here with us at Blackboys as a NQT in September 2017, Miss Cross will be leaving us to teach in her home town of Bexhill. We know that you will all join us in wishing her well and know that she will be as successful with her new school as she has been here with us. Good Luck Miss Cross, we shall miss you.

With traditional Sports Day being a non-starter, we were thrilled by the number of children who took part in Virtual Sports Week. Huge congratulations to Green House, St George, who were the overall winners. Also congratulations to Marcie McKeever who scored the highest number of individual points in the whole school.

With the end of term imminent, we would like children who are home learning to be able to pick their used school exercise books up and take them home as a souvenir of the year. We would also love any Home Learning books for teachers to see and all school reading books to be

returned. To make this as easy as possible, we are calling Tuesday 21st July **BOOK COLLECTION/DROP OFF DAY**. Inside the school gate will be year group labelled tables with your child's books on for you to pick up and take home. Any Home Learning books can be left on the table for teachers to see, and we would love any school reading books to be put on the tables and left too. Please buzz on the school gate at a time that is convenient for you.

The last day of term has traditionally always been a games day, where children bring in games from home to share with their friends. Sadly due to the heightened risk of infection this will not happen at the end of this term. Classroom games, cleaned prior to use, will be available though so the children still have a cooperative time. We hope home learners will take the time to play too. The only exception is our Year 6 group who will be able to continue the privilege of bringing one electronic item with the expectation that it will be for exclusively their own use. We would expect that electronic item to be camera based to capture memories of their last day with us. Year 6s may also bring with them their Blackboys PE Top or equivalent which they will be allowed to get signed within their own bubble and through social distancing measures.

Strong Start September

Last Friday's INSET Day was used by staff to plan for September, when the whole school returns together. School attendance will not be optional or restricted in September and we are looking forward to building on our new curriculum for 5 classes. After School and Breakfast Club is to recommence on the first day of term, Friday 4th September. A letter will be sent out next week which further details our September plans.

In September, school meals for all those in KS2 will be £2.10. Please note if you have a child moving into KS2 you will need to register for an account with ParentPay, please contact the School Office for details. In addition, we are looking at utilising ParentPay to enable families to pay for school trips, uniform, after school and breakfast club. More information on this to follow.

In September we will resume having the very highest expectation of the wearing of full School Uniform. With shops now fully open, school shoes (not trainers) will need to be worn and all Key Stage 2 children will need to be in a shirt and tie. As is the tradition, children may wish to start back in a summer dress until the end of September.

School Uniform Orders

Where possible, we actively encourage all uniform orders to be placed online via our provider C&S Teamwear.

<https://csteamwear.co.uk/collections/blackboys-c-of-e?page=1>

Orders, once ready, can be delivered to School during term time or to your home address. If you are placing an order for home delivery over the Summer holiday period we have been asked by C&S to request that Parents/ Carers leave contact details (mobile number ideally) within the 'special instructions to seller' box on the 'cart' page of their website to enable contact regarding your order. The dates set for home delivery over the Summer holiday are:

Thursday 6th Aug
Monday 17th Aug
Thursday 27th Aug

Alongside this newsletter you will find a copy of our Uniform policy for 20/21 which we hope will be useful as a re-familiarisation of Uniform expectations.

Reports

As communicated previously, pupils annual reports are being sent out today, 17th July. For all those not in School we shall be sending reports via the post. Should you have a child in School, we shall be sending home learners reports home via their in-school sibling. If you live locally, within the village of Blackboys, your child's report will be hand delivered.

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 13/7/20

Class 1 (Reception Pupils)

Alice Passey: For always trying her best and for her great work in phonics.

Saffron Morton-Cobb: For her great re-telling of the Mister Seahorse book.

Max Marden: For his great work in maths—sharing and counting sets of objects.

Class 2 (Year 1 Pupils)

Eva Cooper: For always being the best she can be.

Ben Fletcher: For quietly getting on with his work and getting on to the Treasure Chest nearly every day!

Milly Marden: For listening carefully to instructions and always being willing to correct her spellings.

Jubilee Barn (Year 2 Key Worker Pupils)

Sophie Wevill: For super work in maths. She gets on with her work straight away and does her best. If she gets something wrong, she goes back to her place and has another go, even if it takes her several attempts, she doesn't give up.

Huw Ridgwell: Positive attitude towards work. Huw puts his hand up to offer suggestions in all subjects and even if it's not quite what was wanted, he has another go. Huw is enthusiastic in every lesson and if he makes a mistake, he always goes back and corrects it.

Nathaniel Fordham: For trying really hard to read a clock saying 'to' times. Mrs Page has been firing 'what's the time?' questions to him at random times and he always rises to the challenge. He is beginning to get them right and should feel really proud of himself.

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

Daniel Barker: For trying really hard with work on time.

Ellie Wevill: For some excellent past paper work.

Harriet Marchant: For her positive, can-do attitude towards her work.

Class 4 (Year 6 Pupils)

Sarah Lehotzky: For creating an excellent sock puppet.

Abigail Whiteman: For persevering with sewing her sock puppet despite finding it difficult.

Camille Bourgeois: For his extreme enthusiasm during his street dance performance.

Home Learner Pupils

Year 2, Monty Coates: For working really hard at home and joining in with Zoom assemblies.

Year 3, Rhys Williams: For engaging well with poetry

Year 4, Danny Willett: For excellent work on time this week.

Year 5, Heidi Saunders: For her excellent piece of writing based on Little Red Riding Hood.

INSET DAYS:

***Thursday 03rd
September 2020***

Monday 05th October 2020