

ACADEMIC YEAR 16/17

SEPTEMBER

W/C MONDAY 26TH	YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY TAKING PLACE AT SCHOOL AM SESSIONS
THURSDAY 29TH	REV GUY ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, 9.00AM+
FRIDAY 30TH	CAFE YEAR 4 ALL PARENTS WELCOME IN SCHOOL HALL, 2.40PM+

OCTOBER

TUESDAY 04TH	3.30-5.00PM SPORTS CREW TRAINING AT HAILSHAM WITH MISS STEVENS—PLEASE REFER TO LETTER SENT HOME TO SELECTED PUPILS FOR MORE INFORMATION 3.45-5.30PM YR 5/6 FAB TEAM FOOTBALLTEAM AT MANOR - TOURNAMENT. PLEASE REFER TO LETTER SENT HOME TO SELECTED PUPILS FOR MORE INFORMATION
WEDNESDAY 05TH	WHOLE SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL, ST THOMAS Á BECKET CHRUCH, FRAMFIELD, PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD OFF DRIECTLY TO THE CHRUCH FROM 8.40AM+, 9.00AM START PROMPT.
THURSDAY 06TH	REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, 9.00AM +
FRIDAY 07TH	CAFE YEAR 5, ALL PARENTS WELCOME IN SCHOOL HALL 2.40PM+
THURSDAY 13TH	CLASS 4 ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, 9.00AM+
FRIDAY 14TH	CAFE YEAR 6, ALL PARENTS WELCOME IN SCHOOL HALL 2.40PM+
TUESDAY 18TH	POTENTIAL YR R SEPT 2017 PARENTS INVITED TO COME AND LOOK AROUND SCHOOL 9.30-10.30AM
WEDNESDAY 19TH	PARENTS KS1 PHONICS WORKSHOP - SCHOOL HALL. 9.00AM+
THURSDAY 20TH	REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, 9.00AM+

INSET DAYS FOR 16/17:

TUESDAY 03RD JANUARY 2017
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2017

THERE IS ONE MORE INSET FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 16/17 TO BE SET AND THIS WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS SOON AS DECIDED UPON.



Blackboys News

Friday

23rd September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you have all settled back into the new academic year, and we extend a welcome to all new parents to our school. New parents may be interested to learn that this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters we produce for parents. A huge amount of school news is communicated in this way and we hope that you find this, and future editions, informative.

The newsletter is sent out via our ParentMail email system and also by the member of staff on gate duty at the end of the school day.

Harvest Festival, 05th October

As communicated within our 'welcome back to school & clubs letter' our annual Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday 05th October at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield. We are asking that all children are **dropped off directly** to the church on this morning from 8.40am and the service will start at 9.00am prompt. Parents are of course welcome to join us for this annual celebratory service.

KS1 (classes 1 and 2): Will be taken back to school via a coach, if you do not wish your child to travel on the return coach, please let the school office know asap.

KS2 (classes 3 and 4): Will be 'rambling' back to school with their respective teachers and TAs. Please can you therefore ensure that your child brings with them to the church, carried in a separate 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. On our way back we will also be spending some time in the morning at our Federation School, Framfield.

Parking

As mentioned within each class planning meeting: Please can we remind parents/carers and all people who collect pupils to park with care and courtesy to the local neighbourhood. We have already experienced a number of complaints from local residents about the parking situation at school drop off and collection times. We would like to actively encourage as many parents as possible to park at the Blackboys Inn and walk the 3 minutes to School. At no point should anyone park on the yellow zig zags outside of School, over a resident's driveway or on a corner where visibility for pedestrians may be impeded.

As a School, we will continue to monitor the parking situation. However, we would love to be able to concentrate on our primary purpose: The education of Blackboys' children.

Charity Update

Last term's nominated charity was the RNLI. You will be pleased to learn that £96.47 was raised through our weekly Thursday assembly collection. Thank you as ever to all who contributed.

A reminder that parents are always welcome to join our Thursday assemblies in the school hall from 9.05am. This assembly is normally taken by Vicar Chris from our Church, St Thomas a' Becket in Framfield. It is also when children are presented with certificates etc.

It has been decided that the charity for term 1 of the new academic year will be 'Kit out the Caribbean'.

This local, Uckfield based charity is run by Natalie Miller who is endeavouring to assist the Caribbean Islands with fostering a love of Netball. On visiting Barbados to play with a competitive Netball team it quickly became apparent to Natalie that the facilities available were somewhat limited. Some fixtures were played on dangerous courts. Some had holes in the ground and some courts posts didn't even resemble the netball posts that we have in the UK. We look forward to supporting this terms charity, with the hope that we can make a difference.



European Languages Day

Thank you to all pupils who attended this mornings European Language Day Breakfast. Children were treated to sampling a range of Breakfasts traditional to France, Spain, Greece and Germany. Throughout the day the children have been exploring languages and learning about different countries.

Weekly Café

Our weekly café takes place on a Friday in the school hall and parents are invited in from 2.40pm to enjoy a cake with tea or coffee at a small cost. This year we are running the weekly Cafés within Year groups. Therefore if your child is taking part in café, not only will a letter be sent home via your child's book bag the week before, but you will also be able to see all café dates with the year group who will be taking part via the school diary which is accessible via our School's home webpage www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/

Dates for the Diary!

As per the aforementioned school diary access, a lot of dates for this academic year have been set. Scroll through the diary on the Blackboys CE School homepage to see what has been set already! Class 4's assembly has been set and will take place on Thursday 13th October 9.00am+ in the school hall, All parents are invited to attend.

KS1 (Classes 1 & 2) Parental Phonics Workshop

All Class 1 and 2 pupils' parents are invited to a Phonics workshop which is taking place in the school hall **Wednesday 19th October 9.00am- 10.00am**. Miss Stevens and Mrs Sullivan will be talking parents

through the teaching and learning of phonics, helping you to have a better understanding of what your child is learning in school and to aide you in helping your child learn Phonics at home. We urge all parents to attend this session if at all possible.

PTA

Rounders

Thank you to all parents who attended the 'back to school rounders' match which took place on Friday 09th September. The evening was a really enjoyable, informal opportunity for parents and staff alike to enjoy a good game of rounders and a sausage from the BBQ. We had four teams, including the staff team, who all played each other in a fun filled rounders tournament. A well done to the 'Parents' who won against the Staff team! Thank you to all who attended and took part.

AGM

The PTA annual general meeting took place yesterday. Thank you to everyone who came along. We are not yet able to inform you of the new Chair/s of the PTA and if there is anyone who feels that they would like to step forward and undertake this role, please contact Mrs Ullmann, Mrs Field or the School Office as soon as possible.

The following PTA event dates were set at the meeting, please pop these dates in your diary!

CHRISTMAS FAIR	SATURDAY 26/11 12-2PM
QUIZ NIGHT	FRIDAY 17/03/17 7PM+
SUMMER FAIR	SATURDAY 17/06/17

Gold Book Awards. At the start of term, teachers select a child from each year group in their class who has settled in well.

Class 1

Lola Luck: For having an amazing first week in school.
Jacob Fordham: For being an excellent year 1 buddy.

Class 2

George Saunders: For working on the class weather chart.
Emilia Butler: For knowing what to do.

Class 3

Cian Mladek: For producing good work.
Eliza Coles: For really getting the hang of routines.

Class 4

Izzy Withers: For being a great year 6 buddy.
Eddie Anderson: For putting in lots of effort.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We have been asked to remind all parents of our current Year 6 that the deadline for applying for their secondary school of choice is Monday 31st October 2016.