



# Blackboys News Special End of Term Christmas Newsletter

Wednesday  
21st December 2016

## DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY 21ST

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY 2PM+ IN THE SCHOOL HALL. IF ATTENDING PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY FOR A 2PM START. PARENTS OF PUPILS WHO WILL BE RECEIVING AN AWARD WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TEXT/EMAIL OF THIS. SHHH! PLEASE KEEP THIS A SECRET!

THURSDAY 22ND—  
MONDAY 02ND JAN 2017

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

## JANUARY 2017

TUESDAY 03RD

++INSET DAY++  
NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 04TH

START OF TERM 3. ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
CLUBS NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED DURING FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL

FRIDAY 06TH

CLASS 1 AT FRAMFIELD SCHOOL ALL DAY WITH PEACOCKS CLASS FOR AN INTRODUCTION TO THEIR TERM 3/4 TOPIC. PLEASE REFER TO LETTER SENT OUT TO CLASS PUPILS.

W/C MONDAY 09TH

ALL LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RECOMMENCE

THURSDAY 12TH

9.05AM REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY—ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND IN THE SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY 13TH

CAFÉ YEAR R—2.40PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Dear Parents / Carers

Wow! What a final two weeks to the term it has been of which you will find a round up of all the goings on of school life within this special end of term Christmas Newsletter. All there is left to be said is 'Happy Christmas' from all the staff at Blackboys CEP School. See you all in the New Year, Wednesday 04th January 2017!



### Nus Ghani, MP

We were all delighted to welcome MP for Wealden, Nus Ghani, to our School on Friday 09th December. Nus spoke with each staff member, toured the school and spoke to the whole school during our weekly Friday assembly. In addition the recipients of the Merit Badges for this week were presented their 'special merit badges' by Nus.

It was a real privilege for us to have Nus visit and she commented, "The time and commitment that the teachers put in to provide a brilliant education was on clear display, and I am so grateful to all of them for giving up their valuable time to speak to me. Blackboys is an outstanding school, and a beacon of great education in Wealden. The atmosphere there was happy and welcoming and it really was a pleasure to visit".

**Visit to Holy Cross Retirement Home**  
Members of our Glee club, alongside School Council representatives, visited the local retirement home, Holy Cross. Individual children read 'Twas The Night Before Christmas' as well as singing four festive songs. The residents were very welcoming and all enjoyed this new venture for the Blackboys School. We hope to visit more often, extending our links to the local community.



**INSET DAYS FOR 16/17:**  
TUESDAY 03RD JANUARY 2017  
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017  
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2017

### **Wear A Festive Jumper Day**

We are delighted to inform you that our special 'wear a festive' jumper to School day raised an impressive £98.93. This along with the other money raised throughout term 2 will be going to 'Age UK'. We look forward to informing you how much was raised in total in the new year and also who the chosen charity for term 3 will be. Well done School Council who came up with the idea of wearing a festive jumper for the day. What a brilliant idea it was!



### **Charity Update**

#### *Kit Out the Caribbean*

As a follow-up to term 1's charity, we recently heard from Kit Out the Caribbean founder, Natalie Miller, who told us that due to Blackboys School's financial contribution, she was able to send a consignment of sports equipment which she would not usually have been able to do. No doubt the sports equipment's arrival before Christmas will have provided a boost to its recipients.

#### *St Martins In The Field Appeal*

Thank you to all parents and guests who generously donated last week following the KS2 Carol Concert and KS1 Nativity performance. We are overwhelmed by the amount raised of £343.84. This will be sent to St Martins In The Field and we know that our contribution will be gratefully received.

#### **KS2 Carol Concert & KS1 Nativity**

Thank you to all Parents and family friends who came and supported the annual Christmas Carol Concert or Nativity. We are sure that you will all agree with us that our pupils performed brilliantly at both events. Thanks as ever to our fabulous staff for the extra hours of rehearsing and making the resources for the events!

**DATE FOR THE DIARY!  
PTA MEETING  
MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2017  
7.45PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.  
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.  
SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS TO BE  
DISCUSSED!**

*Giotto di Bondone, Nativity Scene in the Lower Church of San Francesco d'Assisi.*

*The staff and pupils of St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation: Blackboys School wish everyone a Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.*

