

ACADEMIC YEAR 16/17

MAY 2017

Monday 08th—Friday 12th

KS1/2 SATS WEEKS

Tuesday 09th

CLOSING DATE FOR ADMISSION FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL FOR YR R SEPT 17 PLACES.

3.45PM+ SELECTED YR 3/4 TAG RUGBY AT UCTC, BOTTOM FIELD.

Wednesday 10th

SELECTED YR 5 PUPILS (FOR NEXT YEAR CURRENT YR4) TO PLAYGROUND LEADER TRAINING YOUTH CLUB UCTC. 1-3PM

Thursday 11th

CLASS 3 ASSEMBLY, ALL WELCOME, SCHOOL HALL 9.00AM+

FAB FOOTBALL TEAM. SELECTED YEAR 6. MATCH AT WITYHAM, 4PM+

Friday 12th

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30AM

YEAR 5 CAFÉ IN THE SCHOOL HALL ALL WELCOME, 2.40PM+

Saturday 13th

FEDERATION PTA/PTFA STOOLBALL MATCH. FRAMFIELD REC. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND! 2PM+

Monday 15th-19th

FEDERATION SCIENCE WEEK

Monday 15th

KS2 SWIMMING @ RINGMER POOL PLEASE DROP KS2 CHILDREN OFF DIRECTLY TO RINGMER POOL, 8.30AM+

2ND DEPOSIT FOR CLASS 4 PGL RESIDENTIAL TRIP SEPTEMBER 17/18 DUE TO THE OFFICE BY THE END OF TODAY.

CLASS 1, YEAR R PARENTS INVITED IN FOR A TEA PARTY. SCHOOL HALL 3-4PM

Thursday 18th

REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY - ALL WELCOME, SCHOOL HALL 9.00AM+

Friday 19th

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30AM

YEAR 6 CAFÉ IN THE SCHOOL HALL ALL WELCOME, 2.40PM+

LAST DAY FOR PARENTS TO LODGE AN APPEAL FOR A PLACE IN YR R SEPT 17

Monday 22nd

KS2 SWIMMING @ RINGMER POOL PLEASE DROP KS2 CHILDREN OFF DIRECTLY TO RINGMER POOL, 8.30AM+

CLASS 4 PASSPORTS &/OR EHC CARDS TO BE HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TODAY FOR WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY TRIP TO FRANCE

1.15-3PM YEAR R PARENTAL MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEARS CLASS 1/2 YEAR 1 SPLIT
4.45-5.45PM YEAR R PARENTAL MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEARS CLASS 1/2 YEAR 1 SPLIT

**REMAINING INSET DAYS
FOR 16/17:
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2017**



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday

05th May 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

Terms 5 and 6 are excitingly busy and having looked closely at the school diary these two terms this year are certainly jam packed with events. We try to give as much warning as possible with important dates. The parental online school diary is constantly being updated and you will find within the diary dates for the school production, class trips etc. Keep an eye on the homepage of the school website for up to date diary dates www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

Staffing September 2017

We are delighted to announce that, following an interview process last week, we have appointed a new teacher, Miss Emma Cross, to work at Blackboys next year. Miss Cross is finishing her 3 year Primary Education degree at Canterbury Christ Church University in the summer and looks forward to joining the staff team full time in September. Miss Cross will be teaching our oldest pupils in Class 4. We are sure you will all make her welcome.

This creates an excellent opportunity for Mr Boorman to develop his teaching career in September by teaching year 3 and 4 in Class 3. Mr Boorman has completed 3 excellent years in class 4 and is excited about the opportunity to gain experience in lower Key Stage 2. Supported by Teaching Assistants Mrs

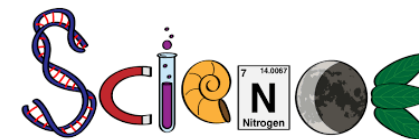
Page and Mrs Vance, we are confident we have a committed and creative team for our Key Stage 2 children.

We hope that Miss Cross will be able to visit our school to formally meet children and parents during the summer term.

Reminder—Allergy Advice

Please be reminded that we have pupils with peanut allergies and we request that no peanuts enter our school in lunchboxes, as playtime snacks or as birthday treats. We trust members of our Federation community to respect these guidelines and that members of staff remain vigilant should any errant peanuts, or products containing peanuts be discovered.

Federation Science Week



Please find enclosed/attached to the Newsletter a letter with a timetable informing you about Science Week to take place W/B Monday 15th May across the Federation. We are all very excited about the week and look forward to telling you all about our week of Science!

Meeting with Nus Ghani, local MP, FlatCash Ed

On Friday 28th April, Mrs King and Mrs Rabson Stark attended a meeting with our local MP, Nus Ghani, to discuss the impact of the proposed new funding formula on our schools. As you know from the e-mails that have been sent out requesting your support, this is a topic which is of great importance when we are making decisions for the future of our schools. We were able to present the impact on our schools of the proposed new formula along with a number of other headteachers and Chairs of Governors. Assuming the MP is re-elected, she will be taking the concerns back to the minister after the election.



Results of Parent Questionnaires

During our February Parent Consultation evenings all parents were requested to complete a Parent Questionnaire. We like to do this annually as another way of communication with our Parents and to gauge and listen to your feedback. Enclosed within this newsletter are the results of this year's questionnaire. Thank you to all Parents/Carers who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

Chess Success

Across the Federation our Chess players are excelling themselves with 5 pupils going through to 'gigafinal' qualifying rounds!



For those who aren't connoisseurs of Chess 'gigafinals' are part of the UK's School Chess Challenge. Hugo Ullmann and Lowenna Godfrey came second within their age group. Sam Godfrey came third out of his age group as well as two pupils from Framfield, Freddy and Bobbie qualifying to the next round of games. Congratulations to all pupils who took part and special well done to those who will be going through to the next stage. We look forward to reporting on them.

Community Chef

Thank you to all Parents who came along to the Parental cooking workshops which took place last Wednesday afternoon in the School Hall. Community Chef, Robin Van Creveld inspired all those who came along with healthy snacking recipes, strategies for assisting with fussy eaters and quick, healthy family meals. A leaflet with the recipes was given out at the end of the session for people to take away and try at home and should you want a copy, please pop along to the School Office. We have also been delighted to hear that many pupils were so inspired by their time with Robin in the KS1/2 workshops that they



have been making the food at home which they were taught during their sessions. Sara Larkin, from Class 4 loved the Cous Cous salad so much that she and her family have enjoyed making and eating it many times! Great to hear that these sessions have been a success!



PTA News

Thank you to those parents who joined staff taking time out of their Sunday afternoon on the 23rd April to come and tidy, weed and make the outside areas of school even more presentable. Your efforts were appreciated as always. We hope that next year attendance will increase as many hands make lighter work.



The 'FAB Cup

As previously communicated there will be a Federation PTA/PTFA get together on Saturday 13th May at 2pm. A informal affair which will see the inaugural playing Stoolball matches with the winning house team being presented the 'FAB' Cup. Children will be playing together within the Federation house colours. The sign up sheet is located either outside in the playground at drop off/ collection times if dry or if wet in the school office area.



PTA Summer Fair

If you haven't already done so please put Saturday 17th June at 1pm in your diary. This is when the annual PTA Summer fair at School will take place. As ever the PTA will be needing help with running stalls and organising the day. More information about this can be gained from either PTA Chair, Mr Wevill or Vice Chair, Mrs Hill. We hope that this will continue to be a well supported event.

Gold Book Awards for week of W/B 17th April:

Class 1:

Lucas Cottingham—for being super sensible.
Danny Willett—for putting in loads of effort.
Caitlyn Luck—for becoming really independent.

Class 2:

Harvey Wright—for getting on sensibly.
Faye Ward—for some super pre-learning about Snow Leopards.
Heidi Saunders—for making no fuss about her broken arm.

Class 3:

James Redman—for extensive research about Napoleon Bonaparte.
Charlie Gill—for a great recount about a visit to Batemans.
Harry Wickens—for drawings and writing about The Chattri.

Class 4:

Emily Allardyce-Bassett—for excellent revision efforts.
Megan Wood—for settling in so quickly.
Henly Nicholas—for great effort in Maths.