



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday
13th October 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

With a week to go to mid term break, we look forward to the Parent Consultations planned for next Tuesday and Wednesday after school. If you are yet to sign your name against an appointment slot for your child's teacher please do so asap. The sign up sheets are located on a board in the office area if wet or outside in the playground if dry. Class 1's sign up sheets are located on the back door of the outside area next to Class 1.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
Parental Consultations
Year 4, 5 & 6 ONLY
For parental consultation evenings / afternoons, we would like to again invite Years 4, 5 and 6 children to join their parents / carers to share in the consultation experience. However, this is not compulsory.

Governing Body Update

Our Governors have just met for the first time this year. We were delighted to welcome our new Staff Governor, Mrs West who was voted in by staff from across the Federation - I am sure she will be a fantastic addition to our group. As always discussion was wide ranging, but a particular focus was on our School Development Plan as we commence year 2 of 3, tightening up our objectives to ensure all our children

have the best possible chance to thrive and be the best that they can be. We also discussed the SATS results from last year - congratulations to all those children who did so well and to all the staff who prepared them so well for their next school and set of challenges. Finally Safeguarding is always on our agenda and Governors were pleased to be attend the full Federation training which took place last Friday during INSET Day. *Mrs Rabson Stark, Chair of Governors.*

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the annual Harvest Festival which took place at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield. With all contributions counted we raised £88.91 which will be sent to the Diocese of Chichester Harvest Appeal as well as an enormous amount of food donations which were split between, Food Bank and the Malthouse Trust. Thank you to all who contributed.

YEAR 6 PARENTS
REMINDER!
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
Tuesday 31st October 2017.

OCTOBER	ACADEMIC YEAR 17/18
TUESDAY 17TH	YEAR R, 18/19 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND PUPILS OPEN MORNING 9.30-10.30AM
	PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6.00PM
WEDNESDAY 18TH	YEAR R & 1 PHONICS PARENTAL WORKSHOP SCHOOL HALL, 9.00AM+
	LAST AFTER SCHOOL PUG CLUB
	PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5.30-7.30PM IF YOUR CHILD IS A PUPIL IN CLASS 3 CONSULTATIONS START AT 5.00PM AND IF YOUR CHILD IS A PUPILS IN CLASS 4 CONSULTATIONS START AT 5.20PM
THURSDAY 19TH	CLASS 2 ASSEMBLY. SCHOOL HALL - ALL WELCOME.9.05AM+
FRIDAY 20TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 1.
	8.30AM+ WEEKLY SMOOTHIE FRIDAY ALL SMOOTHIES 50P!
	2.40PM+ CAFE YEAR 6 IN SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
	AFTER SCHOOL CAKE SALE 3.15PM+ DAYE, FLETCHER AND BRANDON. ALL PROCEEDS TO RED CROSS - HURRICANE IRMA APPEAL
MONDAY 23RD—27TH	MID TERM BREAK
MONDAY 30TH	RETURN TO SCHOOL, TERM 2
TUESDAY 31ST	CLOSING DATE FOR SCHOOL PREFERENCE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL YR 6 - YR 7 SEPTEMBER 2018 PLACES SUBMITTED VIA ESCC WEBSITE
NOVEMBER	
FRIDAY 03RD	8.30AM+ WEEKLY SMOOTHIE FRIDAY ALL SMOOTHIES 50P!
	2.40PM SCHOOL HALL CAFE YR R IN SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
MONDAY 06TH	WHOLE SCHOOL PICTURES - TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN JUBLIEE BARN. 8.40AM+
TUESDAY 07TH	LOVE IN A BOX COMPLETED BOXES TO BE INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY END OF SCHOOL DAY.
FRIDAY 10TH	8.30AM+ WEEKLY SMOOTHIE FRIDAY ALL SMOOTHIES 50P

INSET DAYS FOR 17/18:
TUESDAY 02ND JANUARY 2018, FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2018 & FRIDAY 20TH JULY 2018

Year R and 1 Phonics Workshop

We are offering the opportunity to all parents/carers of pupils with-
in **Year Groups R and 1** to attend the forthcoming Phonics Work-
shop as detailed below. We look forward to seeing you!

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Purpose of Workshop:

- To share how phonics is taught.
- To develop parents' confidence in helping their children with phonics and reading
- To teach the basics of phonics and some useful phonics terms
- To outline the different stages in phonic development
- To show examples of activities and resources we use to teach phonics
- To give parents an opportunity to ask questions

Who are the Workshops for?

These workshops are for all Parent/Carers of children that are in Year R and 1. We encourage that all parents/carers do attend due to the importance of understanding the phonics, the way it is taught and how you can support at home.

Taking place on Wednesday 18th October 9am+ in the School Hall

A Creche will be available. *We look forward to welcoming you to these sessions.*



Year R September 2018

The senior leadership team are currently looking at projected pupil numbers for next September. Can you therefore please let the school office know if you have a sibling of a pupil already at Blackboys CE School and you will be naming Blackboys as their first choice on your application with County. As an additional reminder even if you have a child already attending Blackboys, you still need to register preference of schools on-line via the East Sussex County Council website. The deadline for primary school choices for September 2018 is Monday 15th January 2018.

Please join us for our open morning for potential pupils in Year R, September 2018:

Tuesday 17th October 2017, 9.30-10.30am

AND

Wednesday 15th November 2017, 9.30-10.30am

For both sessions a short presentation will take place at 9.35am in the School Hall.

No appointment necessary.

Bikeability

As is tradition at Blackboys, our Year 6's undertook the ESCC Bikeability programme every morning throughout the last week in September. We are pleased to inform you that all our year 6's passed their Bikeability Level 1 course and nearly all completed the Level 2 element of the course too. Well done Year 6!

Love in a Box

Annually as a school we support this charity which sends filled shoeboxes out to under privileged children throughout Eastern Europe at Christmas time. We have sent home today, via your child's book bag, the leaflet which you will need to take part in this year's appeal. We are asking for all filled shoeboxes to be back in school (please hand in at the school office) in preparation of the collection date at the very latest Tuesday 07th November 2017 end of school day.



Mrs Rabson Stark

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Rabson Stark has been appointed as a national leader of governance. National Leaders use their knowledge and experience to help schools in addition to their own to develop school governance capacity and expertise, often in challenging circumstances, to help ensure a good standard of education for all children.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our annual visit by School Photographer, Tempest will be made on **Monday 06th November.**

From 8.40am pre school siblings are invited into the Jubilee Barn to have their family picture taken.

All in school siblings pictures will be taken during the morning as well as individual pupil photographs.

Gold Book Awards Week of 25th September.

Class 1

Leo Blackmore- For trying 'super' hard with his Superworm writing.

Reuben Saunders- For having a positive attitude.

Nico Jacques- For being a keen singer.

Class 2

Coco Coles- For being really helpful.

Evie Messmer- For some deep thinking in RE.

Danny Willett- For excellent responses in Science.

Class 3

Hugo Ullmann- For excellent writing.

Rebecca Sullivan- For excellent writing.

Callum Willcox- For excellent singing.

Class 4

Harry Miles- For excellent behaviour in the Harvest Festival.

Isla Rideout- For developing her bike riding.

Harry Stacey- For taking on extra lines in the Harvest Festival.