

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 24TH

ACADEMIC YEAR 17/18

FILLED POTS TO BE HANDED BACK INTO SCHOOL IN PREPERATION OF THE SCHOOL FAIR TOMORROW!

NATIONAL CHILDRENS COMMISSIONERS TAKEOVER DAY
WHOLE SCHOOL XMAS LUNCH LETTER DISTRIBUTED TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE MONDAY 04TH DECEMBER.

8.30AM+ WEEKLY SMOOTHIE FRIDAY ALL SMOOTHIES 50P!

2.40PM+ CAFE YR 3 IN SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

SATURDAY 25TH

PTA SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR MIDDAY—2.00PM
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

MONDAY 27TH

YR 5/6 GIRLS CHARITY CAKE SALE. IN AID OF QUICKEN TRUST POST SCHOOL 3.15PM+

TUESDAY 28TH

LAST DRUMMING CLUB AFTER SCHOOL
. DRUMMING ASSEMBLY TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW MORNING.

WEDNESDAY 29TH

DRUMMING CLUB ASSEMBLY IN SCHOOL HALL 9.05AM+ ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

THURSDAY 30TH

CLASS 3 ASSEMBLY. ALL WELCOME. 9.05AM SCHOOL HALL.

CHESS TOURNAMENT - FIRST ROUND PRIMARY CUP
CHESS TOURNAMENT AT BLACKBOYS. TO FINISH AT END OF SCHOOL DAY.

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 01ST

WEEKLY SMOOTHIE FRIDAY ALL SMOOTHIES 50P! 8.30AM+

CAFE YR 4 IN SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND. 2.40PM+

LAST HOCKEY CLUB OF TERM. HOCKEY CLUB WILL RETURN POST FEB MID-TERM BREAK & WILL BE INCLUDED WITHIN CLUBS OF TERMS 3/4.

LATE NIGHT XMAS SHOPPING EVENT UCKFIELD 5-8PM.
BLACKBOYS KS2 PUPILS ON STAGE PERFORMING AT 5.10PM

MONDAY 04TH—FRIDAY 08TH

LAST WEEK OF ALL LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS APART FROM: CHILL OUT CLUB, MULTISKILLS, CHESS AND ASSA

MONDAY 04TH

KS1&2 (SEPARATE) PARTY FOOD LISTS TO BE DISPLAYED - IN THE PLAYGROUND IF DRY IN THE OFFICE AREA IF WET. PARENTS TO SIGN NAME AGAINST A FOOD ITEM TO BRING IN.

RETURN OF PUPILS XMAS SCHOOL LUNCH CHOICES TO THE KITCHEN OR SCHOOL OFFICE

9.05AM+ RAINBOW THEATRE PERFORMANCE OF CINDERALLA TO WHOLE SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL HALL.



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday

24th November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

There is certainly a festive feel creeping in around School now. KS1 have started to rehearse their nativity, whilst KS2 are practising their carol concert songs and hymns. The official start to festivities will be kicked off by the annual PTA Christmas Fair, taking place tomorrow, Saturday 25th November, at Middy to 2pm. We know that the PTA have a fun filled couple of hours in store for all who are attending this super and fun event—we look forward to seeing you there!

Tempest School Photos

Tempest school photos have been sent home via children's bags this week. We are requesting a return of completed order forms (along with monies) to the School Office by 3.15pm Monday 04th December. We are endeavouring for orders placed to be back to the School in time for distribution before the Christmas break as we appreciate that some photos are purchased as Christmas presents although please note there is no guarantee of this.

Class 4, Glyndebourne

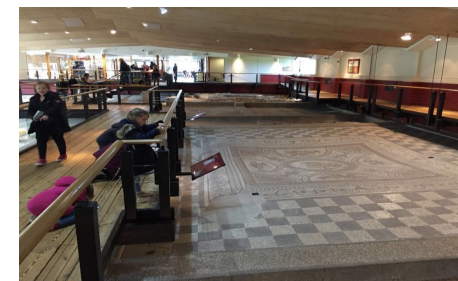
On Friday 10th November Class 4 alongside Eagles from our Federation School, Framfield, visited the world famous Glyndebourne Opera House for a special production of 'Belongings'. A newly commissioned opera, Belongings tracks the

journeys of two groups of young people, divided by decades but united by the geographical displacement they experience. All pupils really enjoyed this experience of not only being able to visit Glyndebourne but seeing an opera as well.



Class 3, Fishbourne

Class 3 alongside Framfield CEP School Puffins class, spent a cold but enjoyable day at Fishbourne Roman Palace and Garden last Monday. Taking advantage of the colder weather, Fishbourne was very quiet which meant the pupils could get an even closer look at mosaics and the remains of the Palace. All pupils also took part in interactive sessions led by the Fishbourne Educational Department which has enhanced their learning of their topic, the Romans.



Children In Need

We always support this annual event in some way and this year was no exception. Monies raised in our weekly Friday Café will be sent to the Charity alongside our weekly smoothie Friday profits which total £59.47. Thank you to all who contributed and supported both these events.



Christmas Events

Late Night Shopping & Singing

Next Friday, 01st December, is the Late Night Shopping Extravaganza in Uckfield. Members from our KS2 classes will be on the Uckfield FM stage at 5.10pm singing three songs. We are hoping that as in previous years this will be aired live so if you are unable to make the event in person, don't forget to tune into Uckfield FM to listen to Blackboys sing! Good Luck to all taking part!

Class 4 Senior Citizen Christmas Party

As is annual tradition. Class 4 invite local senior residents to the School for a afternoon of light food, chat and to watch some festive performances. This year, this event is to take place on Friday 08th December. Class 4 Parents/Carers are invited in at normal Café time, 2.40pm to enjoy some of this event alongside our guests. If you are able to make a cake for the party and are happy to drop this in on the morning of Friday 08th, donations would be most welcome.

Takeover Day!

Today in school is Takeover Day, a nationally recognised day where pupils take on familiar roles within school. We have seen assembly being taken by the pupils, lessons run for fellow pupils in classrooms, pupil secretaries organising the registers and lunch orders and pupil Midday Supervisors. Chair of Governors, Mrs Katharine Rabson Stark enjoyed a meeting with 3 Headteachers this morning, with Mr Williams (Rhys) and Miss Godfrey (Thea) joining Mr Sullivan.

A huge thank you and well done to all pupils who took part and for the staff who gave up their time so freely.

Further pictures will appear on the school Twitter feed @blackboysschool



INSET DAYS FOR 17/18:

TUESDAY 02ND JANUARY 2018, FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2018 & FRIDAY 20TH JULY 2018

17/18 Whole School Attendance from start of academic year up and until and including 17/11/17:

Group	% Attend
Class 1	96.0
Class 2	96.3
Class 3	99.1
Class 4	98.9
Total	97.7

Well done to Class 3 for having such an impressive attendance record.

Please find enclosed flyer for a new festive addition to the Blackboys School PTA Christmas Calendar of Events; a Christmas Wreath Making Evening taking place on Wednesday 13th December 7.30pm in the School Hall.

You will no doubt have seen the hard work put in by the school's favourite local garden centre, Stavertons, in improving the verges along School Lane. To encourage better parking, particularly cars staying off the verges, a selection of flowering bulbs have been planted. We look forward to watching the verge come to flowering life as Spring approaches. Thank you Stavertons.

Gold Book Awards

Week Beginning 13th November 2017

Class 1

Henry Pistel: For great writing effort.
Rhys Williams: For enthusiasm with Forest School.
Joseph Mylon: For identifying symmetrical patterns on butterflies.

Class 2

Millicent Gavin: For great Maths, working with number lines.
Evie Messmer: For great Maths, working with number lines.
Caitlyn Luck: For great expression when reading.

Class 3

Lowenna Godfrey: For quality recorder playing.
Ruby Nicholas: For great effort with times tables.
Heidi Saunders: For an excellent review of Bill's New Frock.

Class 4

Ben Willett: For a great week of Maths.
Tom Aldridge: For impressing on open morning.
Isla Blackmore: For being the best she can be in all areas.



CHRISTMAS



WREATH MAKING!

With floristry expert **Laura Beale** from...



Make your own festive door wreath!
Wow and welcome your Christmas visitors!

Wednesday 13th December

7.30-9.30pm

In the School Hall

£25 cash or cheque (payable to Blackboys PTA)
to secure your place, please book with the School Office

All equipment/materials provided and
Light refreshments included!