

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 7TH

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM
 FILLED POTS TO BE RETURNED FOR PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR
 KS1 NATIVITY CLOTHES TO BE BROUGHT IN TO SCHOOL
 PUPIL CHRISTMAS LUNCH CHOICES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL OFFICE
 DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF CUPS/AWARDS FOR CUP ASSEMBLY
 CLASS 4 SENIOR CITIZEN CAFÉ 1.30-3PM
 UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENT 5-9PM KS2 TO PERFORM 7.30PM

SATURDAY 8TH

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR 12-2PM

MONDAY 10TH

SELECTED YEAR 5/6 PUPILS TO ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY 8.30—3.15PM
 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 11TH

LAST ALL STAR SPORTS CLUB OF TERM 2
 SELECTED KS2 PUPILS TO SING AT HOLY CROSS PRIORY 3.30-4.30PM

WEDNESDAY 12TH

LAST CHESS CLUB OF TERM 2
 GUITAR ASSEMBLY 9AM

THURSDAY 13TH

REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY—ALL WELCOME
 CLASS 3 SELECTED PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL
 KS2 CAROL SERVICE @ ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD
 6.30—7.30PM ALL WELCOME

FRIDAY 14TH

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM
 HEY EWE! KS1 NATIVITY IN SCHOOL IN HALL GATES OPEN @ 1.40PM FOR A
 2PM PERFORMANCE

MONDAY 17TH

WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR £1
 WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH IN THE HALL 12—1PM
 NO CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 18TH

KS1 CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE HALL 1.30—3PM
 KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE HALL 6—8PM

WEDNESDAY 19TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 2
 CUP ASSEMBLY IN THE HALL 2-3PM ALL WELCOME

THURSDAY 20TH
 DEC—WEDNESDAY
 2ND JAN

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

**WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

JANUARY

THURSDAY 3RD

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR START OF TERM 3

MONDAY 7TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

THURSDAY 10TH

CLASS 4 SELECTED PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL

FRIDAY 11TH

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM
 YEAR 3 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME

MONDAY 14TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 15TH

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION PLACE STARTING
 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT BLACKBOYS CE PRIMARY

THURSDAY 17TH

CLASS 4 SELECTED PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL

FRIDAY 18TH

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM
 YEAR 2 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 07th December 2018

Christian Value for Term : FELLOWSHIP

Dear Parents / Carers

We normally think that Summer term is one of the busiest in and around School but we are sure that you will agree with us that this term, term 2, has and continues to be exceptionally exciting.

This newsletter will be the last one before the end of term. Our welcome back to school letter alongside the new club choices for the Spring term will be distributed once we return to School from Thursday 03rd January 2019.

Uckfield Late Night Shopping

A number of our KS2 pupils will be taking to the Uckfield FM's stage to sing some festive songs during Uckfield's Late Night Shopping Extravaganza this evening. Our choir will be singing The Gift, This Christmas Time and Midnight. The choir will be on stage at 7.30pm and as per previous years the event will be broadcast live via Uckfield FM. For those of you who are unable to make it, tune in via their website www.uckfieldfm.co.uk/ where you will find a direct link to the live broadcast.

PTA Christmas Fair

Tomorrow, Saturday 08th December commencing at midday, will be one of our most popular PTA arranged events, the Christmas Fair. We look forward to seeing you there and know that there will be plenty of entertainment for all! Thank you to all members of the PTA

Christmas Tree a Thank You!

Our annual thanks must go out to the Cottingham family for generously donating our beautiful Christmas tree which is currently adorning our school hall.

for their hard work in organising what we know will be a spectacularly festive event!

Wreath Making

Wednesday of this week saw the now annual PTA Wreath Making evening. An impressive 18 parents/carers and friends of the School took part in the event. An enjoyable time was had by all and some beautiful wreaths were created to be pride of place on local doors! A big thank you to Mrs Laura Beale of Fern Cottage Floristry for leading the evening and supplying all the materials.



CLASS 1 PARENTS

THERE WILL BE NO FOREST SCHOOL TAKING PLACE ON MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER.

Message from the Chair of Governors, Mrs Katharine Rabson Stark

It is Christmas already and as ever the Governors have had a busy two term supporting and challenging our schools to ensure that every child is provided with the best possible education and care. We have welcomed three new governors since September: Sam Sharples and Zoe Holland who are our new Parent Governors, along with Mrs Pestell (who sits alongside Mr Sullivan as Headteachers on the Governing Body) - they have been settling in well bringing with them a wealth of expertise. We have had two full meetings of the Governing Body since September and highlights in our discussions have been: Safeguarding: ensuring that each school is 100% compliant with new policy and guidelines; Children with Special Education Needs: ensuring that each child is fully supported, and that the new East Sussex Quality Mark for Inclusion is implemented successfully across the Federation; supporting and challenging the schools to ensure progress in the key subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths is made and finally improving attitudes to learning and behaviour amongst the school community and truly embracing our Christian themes of Fellowship and Respect. We do all this in a variety of ways, one is meeting to review and discuss, but another important way are regular visits into the schools - I am sure your children will have seen quite a few of us popping in and out over the last few months, we always make a point of talking to the children when we come in. As you know in Term 4 we undertake a parent survey which is always a useful opportunity to receive feedback from you. In addition to this we would like to invite you to complete the online Parent view survey which can be found at: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Some of you will have completed this before but it's been a few years since we asked you to do it. It only takes a few minutes to complete and it's a useful way to collate opinions which are all completely anonymous.

We are like you looking forward to the Christmas events at each school and look forward to seeing you at them, Katharine Rabson Stark

KS2 Carol Performance & KS1 Nativity

Next Thursday 13th December at 6.30pm our traditional annual Carol concert takes place at St Thomas á Becket, Framfield. Staff will be at the Church from 6.15pm with the service starting promptly at 6.30pm. **All KS2 pupils are expected to attend.** All Parents/Carers and KS1 pupils are very welcome to join the Carol Service congregation.

The following day, Friday 14th December, it will be KS1's turn to perform their Nativity 'Hey Ewe'. The performance will take place in the School Hall, starting at 2pm promptly. The main school gates will be opened from 1.40pm to enable parents to take their seats. Seating in the hall is limited so please can we ask if any younger children are attending that they can be seated on laps.

Monday 17th December

As well as being the whole school Christmas lunch on Monday 17th December we are also inviting children to come into School wearing a festive jumper. In exchange for

a £1 (which will be donated to term 2's charity, Family Support Work) children may replace the Blackboys jumper or cardigan, with a festive jumper, should they wish, for the day.

Rainbow Theatre, Sleeping Beauty

On Monday of this week, The Rainbow Theatre Company visited us to deliver a festive Pantomime to the whole school. Sleeping Beauty was a brilliant production which was enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. *Thank you to the PTA for covering the full cost of this event.*

RBMS GUITAR ASSEMBLY 12/12/18

Parents of pupils who have weekly Guitar lessons on a Thursday or Friday lunchtime are invited in by RBMS (Red Butler Music Service) to listen and watch a special guitar assembly on Wednesday 12th December at 9.05am in the School Hall.

In RE lessons this term, children have been learning the true meaning of Christmas, focussing on what the bible tells us about the birth of Jesus. Despite the commercial nature of 21st Century Christmas, staff have been impressed with the children's thoughtful responses.

INSET DAYS REMAINING INSET DAYS FOR

18/19:
MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2019
MONDAY 22ND JULY 2019
TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2019

Gold Book Awards for Week Beginning 26th November 2018

Class 1

Max Davies: For his positive attitude to learning.

Ralph Brinkhurst: For sharing his ideas during whole class activities.

Milly Marden: For making good choices during Maths and Literacy lessons.

Class 2

Ivy Davies: For fantastic homework.

Lucas Butler: For improving his handwriting.

Monty Coates: For brilliant Maths involving money.

Class 3

Kate Eldrett: For multiplying and dividing by 10.

Ella Brodie: For excellent RE work.

Logan Hill: For his super general knowledge.

Class 4

Finley Patey: For working hard during Literacy.

Saffron Bell: For a tremendous winter themed poem.

Owen Cottingham: For excellent RE work.