



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 15th February 2019

Christian Value for Term : **COURAGE**

## Dear Parents / Carers

This is the final newsletter of Term 3, which seems to have shot by. It has been an eventful term, yet one that has brought much joy to our School Community. The School Learning Council, under the guidance of Head Girl and Boy Saffron and Ben, selected Great Ormond Street Hospital as our termly charity and this has been really well supported. It is great to see children organising charity events themselves and reminds us all of the words in Hebrews 13:6, *"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

The pupils have also enjoyed getting to grips with our new learning code this term. In order for all year groups to make sustained and rapid progress with their studies, we needed to improve our children's "Behaviour for Learning". Mr Sullivan has seen at first hand the improvements children are making, with the sheer number of Headteacher Awards he has presented! Keep a look out on the school Twitter feed @blackboysschool for evidence of this.

### Blackboys' Learning Code

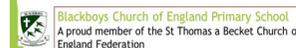
In our school.....

Be the best you can be.

Let others be the best they can be.

Show respect and kindness.

Be a positive influence.



We also thank our friends at All Star Soccer Academy for supporting our Learning Code with weekly prizes for our Learning Coder of the Week.

Over the holiday, it would be great if parents and carers could spend some time reinforcing the code with their children.

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who attended this week's Parent Consultations. It was a pleasure to hear such positive, engaged conversations where "making progress" was top of the agenda. Not only will you be aware of things your child is doing well, but also some things they can do even better. That is what Blackboys School is all about... "Being the best we can be."

If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher please can you make contact with the School Office to arrange a convenient appointment to discuss your child's progress. In addition to the appointment with your child's teacher, during both Monday and Wednesday's appointments we requested a number of items to be completed; That Parents/Carers checked their child's information kept by the school and update contact information etc. accordingly. This was via a pupil data collection sheet. Parents/Carers signed a copy of the School's 'Acceptable Use Policy'. This policy, created with our School Governors, outlines everyone's responsibility in relation to how we make the best use from the Internet. The annual School questionnaire. This year we are trialling an online version. If you haven't yet completed this, please can we ask that you follow the link <https://goo.gl/forms/Ynu3AKavq6YV25Tz1> and complete this short survey.

**The survey will close on Tuesday 26th February at 6pm.**

Can we ask that if you took your child's data collection sheet home that this is returned to the School Office as soon as possible. If you were unable to sign a copy of the Acceptably Use Policy during the evening, the Office will be sending a copy of this home for you to read, complete and return.

## FEBRUARY

MONDAY 18TH-  
FRIDAY 22ND

MONDAY 25TH

TUESDAY 26TH

THURSDAY 28TH

## MARCH

FRIDAY 1ST

MONDAY 4TH

TUESDAY 5TH

THURSDAY 7TH

FRIDAY 8TH

MONDAY 11TH

TUESDAY 12TH

THURSDAY 14TH

FRIDAY 15TH

MONDAY 18TH

TUESDAY 19TH

THURSDAY 21ST-  
WEDNESDAY 27TH

THURSDAY 21ST

FRIDAY 22ND

## MID-TERM BREAK

## WHOLE SCHOOL INSET DAY

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 4  
RETURN OF YEAR 6 PUPILS HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TRIP CONSENT FORM  
AND MONIES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE PLEASE

SELECTED PUPILS FROM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM

RETURN OF COMPLETED PUPIL DATA COLLECTION SHEETS FROM PARENTS  
EVENING TO SCHOOL OFFICE PLEASE.  
PARENTS OF YEAR 6 PUPILS NOTIFIED BY ESCC OF CHILD'S ALLOCATED  
PLACE AT SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2019  
SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
YEAR 4 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME

YEAR 6 BLACKBOYS AND FRAMFIELD PUPILS TO LONDON FOR HOUSES OF  
PARLIAMENT TRIP  
CLASS 1 PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL

INVITED PUPILS TO YR3/4 TAG RUGBY COACHING @ UCTC BOTTOM FIELD  
3.45-5.15PM

NATIONAL WORLD BOOK DAY  
SELECTED PUPILS FROM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
YEAR 3 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME  
CHARITY BRING & BUY SALE 3.15-3.45PM

CLASS 1 PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL

CLASS 2 TRIP TO EASTBOURNE TOWNER ART GALLERY  
INVITED PUPILS TO YR5/6 TAG RUGBY COACHING @ UCTC BOTTOM FIELD  
3.45-5.15PM

SELECTED PUPILS FROM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM

NATIONAL COMIC RELIEF DAY  
SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
NO CAFÉ THIS WEEK

CLASS 4 BLACKBOYS AND FRAMFIELD PUPILS TRIP TO RIVER CUCKMERE  
CLASS 1 PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL

INVITED PUPILS TO YR3/4 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION @ UCTC BOTTOM FIELD  
3.45-5.15PM

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR IN JUBILEE BARN

SELECTED PUPILS FROM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
YEAR 2 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME  
PTA QUIZ NIGHT 7PM ARRIVAL FOR 7.30PM START ALL WELCOME

## INSET DAY

DON'T FORGET—MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY IS AN  
INSET DAY, TERM 4 WILL RECOMMENCE TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2019

### REMAINING INSET DAYS FOR 18/19:

MONDAY 22ND JULY 2019

TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2019

## Uckfield Waitrose

We were really pleased to learn that the Blackboys CE School PTA secured £390 via Community Matters scheme. The scheme runs via the collection of customers green tokens which are given to them at check out. A big thanks to you if you supported this scheme in store during January.



## PTA Meeting

Last Friday saw the PTA's first meeting of 2019. Thank you to all those who attended. Compared to the beginning of the year, it is brilliant to see so many more people re-engaged with the PTA and that attendance at meetings has grown by well over 100%.

Amongst other things which were discussed were the forthcoming events for the rest of the academic year. Please see the dates detailed in the table and make sure you've made a note in your diaries! The Quiz night in March is always a popular event and well supported. Don't forget to secure your ticket, these are available from the School Office at a price of £10 per person. Teams of 8. If you are not in a team but would like to take part, this isn't a problem as teams can be made up on the evening. Catering for the evening will be supplied via Mrs Natalie Dunbar, proprietor of the Blackboys Inn.

EVENT	DATE / TIME
QUIZ NIGHT	FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 7PM FOR A 7.30PM START
SCHOOL SPRING GARDEN TIDY AFTER-NOON	SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2-4PM
SUMMER FAIR	SATURDAY 22ND JUNE . TIMINGS TBC.

## Parking

We worry about parking in & around School for 3 key reasons:

1. Irresponsible parking creates bottlenecks and congestion in School Lane.
2. We like to live in harmony with village residents.
3. Most importantly, we want to keep our pupils safe.

Unfortunately we received a phone call last Friday from a very upset local resident regarding the parking at the end of the School Day. We appreciate that we are limited on space in and around the School area and that parking can be sometimes tricky. We do however, ask that Parents/Carers park considerately, do not park on grass verges, block residents driveways and adhere to the Highway Code in general. We have once again asked the local police to carry out spot checks, and continue to ask for the communities help with this. We have an agreement with the Blackboys Inn that Parents/Carers dropping off children to School, can utilise the Inn car park. The walk up to School doesn't even take 5 minutes.

Can we also remind you not to stop or park on the yellow "School - Keep - Clear" and "zig-zag" even for 30 seconds. There is a large sign to the right of the school entrance explaining this.



Sent out alongside the electronic version of the newsletter you will also have received an entry form for the next Sussex Junior



Chess local Uckfield Academy event which is taking place at the Uckfield Youth Centre, thanks to local school Uckfield College on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This event is mainly a training day but is in the ever popular format as the 48th local event of its kind.

The same event held during the December break saw 30 entrants from twelve schools take part. Copthorne Prep School won the Top Primary School trophy with our Federation School Framfield coming third.

If your child takes part in the weekly after school Chess club please consider whether they would like to take part in this event also. Please complete the consent form returning it as per the instructions on the entry form.

## Cricket

Although winter, our Key Stage 2 classes have gone cricket mad this term, thanks to the work of Sussex County Cricket Coach Adam. He has run 6 sessions for Class 3 and 4 and kept us informed through a whole school assembly.

Yesterday, Miss Pavitt took 6 Class 4 children to an indoor tournament in Hailsham. This is the first time in 9 years that the school has played competitive cricket and the team,

captained by Owen Hudson, did brilliantly, winning 2 and losing 2 of their matches. We are booked in for more tournaments as the weather improves, and if there are any keen parents who would like to get involved with a cricket club, could you let Miss Pavitt know via the school office.

## Gold Book Awards for Week Beginning 11th February 2019

### Class 1

Nico Jacques- For great effort with his writing.  
Evie Hayes- For persevering with her writing.

Marcie McKeever- For amazing participation in Maths.

### Class 2

Maisie Mulcahy- For dramatically improving her handwriting.  
Lola Luck- For being a superhero at home.

Millie Gavin- For showing a great understanding of division.

### Class 3

Miles Redman - For great fraction problem solving.  
George Saunders - For improved art work demonstrating tints and shades.  
Emilia Butler - For excellent work in Maths.

### Class 4

Hugo Ullmann - For great teamwork and Maths discussion.  
Cian Mladek - For great teamwork and Maths discussion.  
Alice Lynch - For great writing in an alternative style.