

ACADEMIC YEAR 18/19



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2019

Christian Value for Term 5 : UNDERSTANDING

MAY	
FRIDAY 10TH	KS2 SWIMMING @ RINGMER ACADEMY 8.30-10.15AM SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YEAR 6 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.45-3.10PM
MONDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 17TH	KS2 SATS WEEK
MONDAY 13TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 15TH	NORTH WEALDEN HOCKEY FINAL @ BEACON ACADEMY 1-4PM
THURSDAY 16TH	CLASS 1 ASSEMBLY ALL WELCOME CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM PTA MEETING IN THE JUBILEE BARN ALL WELCOME 2.45-3.15PM
FRIDAY 17TH	KS2 SWIMMING @ RINGMER ACADEMY 8.30-10.15AM SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YEAR 5 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.45-3.10PM PTA MOVIE NIGHT 3.15-5.15PM
MONDAY 20TH	DEADLINE FOR CLASS 4 PASSPORTS AND EHC CARDS TO BE HANDED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 21ST	YEAR 5/6 ROUNDERS @ UCTC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 22ND	ANNUAL FRENCH TRIP FOR CLASS 4 & EAGLES CLASS 6AM-8PM
THURSDAY 23RD	CLASS 4 PASSPORTS AND EHC CARDS TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE REV CHRIS ASSEMBLY ALL WELCOME CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 24TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 5 KS2 SWIMMING @ RINGMER ACADEMY 8.30-10.15AM SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM PARENTS 'SUPER COMMUNICATOR' WORKSHOP LED BY ANNA TAYLOR FROM DRIVER YOUTH TRUST ALL WELCOME 9.15-10.15AM YEAR 4 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.45-3.10PM
MONDAY 27TH— FRIDAY 31ST	MAY MID-TERM BREAK
FRIDAY 31ST	ALL STAR SOCCER DAY ACADEMY @ BLACKBOYS CE SCHOOL 9.30AM-3PM
JUNE	
SUNDAY 2ND	UCKFIELD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB FETE - KS2 CHOIR SINGING @ 2PM @ LUXFORD FIELDS, UCKFIELD 12-4PM
MONDAY 3RD	START OF TERM 6 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 4TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 7TH	KS2 SWIMMING @ RINGMER ACADEMY 8.30-10.15AM SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YEAR R SEPTEMBER TASTER SESSION YEAR 3 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.45-3.10PM
MONDAY 10TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 12TH	YEAR 6 TRIP TO CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL 8AM-4.30PM
THURSDAY 13TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 14TH	KS2 SWIMMING @ RINGMER ACADEMY 8.30-10.15AM SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YEAR 2 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.45-3.10PM

Dear Parents / Carers,
We hope that everyone has enjoyed the recent bank holidays and that the pupils have made the most of the exciting opportunities happening each and every day in their classrooms.

Our Christian Value of the term for term 5 is Understanding. We are exploring this value both in class and altogether in our daily acts of worship. We are working hard to help children realise that

"Understanding" means both 'knowledge and wisdom' as well as 'empathy for others'. The words from Proverbs 14:29 are ones that you may wish to explore with your children at home, *"Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly."*

It was great to see so many of you at the Class planning meetings last week. We hope you are all well informed about your child's Class topic and goals for the Summer Term. If you were unable to attend please look at your child's class page on the school website.

As we mentioned in the letter sent during the first week back following

the Easter break, Terms 5 and 6 are excitingly busy. We do try to give as much warning as possible with important dates. The parental online school diary, on our webpage 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

www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk and also our Twitter feed is growing in popularity @blackboyschool

Super Communicator Course

As per the information sent out via ParentMail email earlier this week, don't forget to sign yourself on to the forthcoming 'Super Communicator Course', details below:



- Find out how you can support your child at home to become a super communicator! All welcome & encouraged to attend!
- Across the Federation, we are working closely with the Driver Youth Trust to support all children to develop the key skill of talking well. Why are we doing this? Because we know just how important it is to be able to be an effective communicator.
- A strong focus on Oracy, the ability to talk fluently and accurately and express ideas, develops pupils' confidence, self-esteem and communication skills'. (Ofsted report on School 21, June 2014). Furthermore, research shows that children with good communication skills are four times more likely to get 5 or more good GCSE passes.
- Employers consistently rank verbal communication as the number one employability skill (source: Voice 21).

To book a place, please contact the School Office on 01825 890423 or e-mail office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

Interested in School SEN (Special Educational Needs)

Our Federation SENCO

My name is Mrs Levey. I am the Senco across the St Thomas à Becket Church of England Federation for both Blackboys and Framfield Schools. My role is to support the inclusion of vulnerable groups including those with special educational needs.

I work weekly at both Schools, Monday at Blackboys and Framfield on Fridays. If you would like to talk to me I can usually find some time during the day, so let me know if you see me at morning drop off or email senco@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk



SEN Federation Governor Link

Dear parents and carers, I'd like to introduce myself as your newly appointed SEND parent link. My name is Zoe Holland and in addition to this new role I am a Framfield parent, and Inclusion Governor across the federation. I am also a teacher of children with SEN. I look forward to supporting you with any queries you might have related to SEN and will be happy to arrange a time to talk. You'll see me around school or on the school run. Feel free to say hello!



We are working hard to make sure that we are an inclusive school, and your thoughts are important to us. If you would like to join a small group of teachers and parents as part of an inclusion development group, please let us know. We will aim to meet two or three times a year to talk through some of the school's areas for development. Mrs Levey, our Special Needs Co-ordinator would love to hear from you. Please leave your name with the office and she will be in contact. Thank you.

What does the Governing Body do?

In the parent survey that we ran earlier in the year, we had a few more people than usual say they didn't know what the Governing Body did. To rectify this what follows is a very brief overview which I hope you will find helpful.

The primary purpose of any Governing Body is to help school improvement.

It does this by being a 'critical and challenging friend' by:

- (a) supporting the Headteachers in determining the strategy and direction of the school - ensuring there is clarity of vision and ethos;
- (b) implementing statutory requirements such as Safeguarding;
- (c) monitoring and evaluating pupil progress and holding the Headteachers to account for the educational performance of each and every child. This includes performance management of the Headteachers;
- (d) overseeing the financial performance of the School by making sure its money is well spent.

In addition, as we are a voluntary aided Church of England Federation the Governing Body is responsible for admissions and is the employer of all members of staff.

We are very fortunate in the St Thomas à Becket Federation to have a group of highly committed and skilled Governors who undertake this work voluntarily to ensure our schools deliver the very best for all our children. If you would like to discuss it more, please contact me via my email address: chair@stbchurchofenglandfed.co.uk

With thanks for your ongoing support, Katharine Rabson Stark.

BUG HOTEL PLEA!



We are hoping to make a 'bug hotel' within the Forest School area and would appreciate any donations of the following:

- *Bricks
 - *Tyres
 - *Pipes
 - *Tiles
 - *Guttering
 - *Bamboo
- Thank you!

Please drop Miss Pavitt an email with details of what you can offer if you are able to assist!
kpavitt@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

REMAINING INSET DAYS

FOR 18/19:
MONDAY 22ND JULY 2019
TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2019

Gold Book Awards for Week Beginning 29th April 2019

Class 1

Grayson Gavin: For trying his best when writing about our lamb visit.
Bertie Coles: For sharing lots of interesting facts about sheep.
Harrison Brodie: For recognising all coins and for counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Class 2

Rhys Williams: For slowing down and being super careful.
Henry Pistel: For achieving great marks in a Maths quiz.
Benji Lehotzky: For great capacity measuring work.

Class 3

Seth Goulson: For impressing Mr Sullivan with his poetry appreciation.
Harvey Wright: For great ideas in Literacy
Ellie Wevill: For some excellent work in RE.

Class 4

Tiya Ward: For impressing teachers with her work ethic.
Finley Patey: For showing renewed focus.
Fletcher Willcox: For super Science engagement.