

**ACADEMIC YEAR 19/20**

**OCTOBER**

FRIDAY 4TH

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
SELECTED PUPILS TO ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY U11 GIRLS EAST SUSSEX TOURNAMENT @ EASTBOURNE BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB 9.30AM-2.30PM  
YEAR 4 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.40-3.10PM

MONDAY 7TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 8TH

PARENTS EVENING SIGN UP SHEETS DISPLAYED  
KS1 PARENTS PHONICS WORKSHOP IN THE SCHOOL HALL 9-10AM  
SELECTED YEAR 4/5/6 PUPILS GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.45-5.15PM

WEDNESDAY 9TH

CLASS 2 TRIP TO HASTINGS. RNLI AND SHIPWRECK MUSEUM.9AM-3PM

THURSDAY 10TH

ACT OF WORSHIP LED BY REV CHRIS 9-9.30PM ALL WELCOME  
SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

FRIDAY 11TH

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
YEAR 3 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.40-3.10PM

MONDAY 14TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 15TH

CLASS 1 TRIP TO RAYSTEDE 9.45AM-2.45PM  
SELECTED YEAR 3/4 PUPILS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.45-5.15PM

THURSDAY 17TH

CLASS 2 LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME  
SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

FRIDAY 18TH

SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
YR R SEPTEMBER 2020 PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES OPEN MORNING 9.30-10.30AM  
SELECTED PUPILS TO ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY U11 MIXED EAST SUSSEX TOURNAMENT @ EASTBOURNE BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB 9.30AM-2.30PM  
YEAR 2 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.40-3.10PM  
PTA MOVIE NIGHT 3.15-5.15PM £5 PER TICKET

MONDAY 21ST

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM  
NO NETBALL CLUB THIS WEEK  
PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING 3.30-5.30PM

WEDNESDAY 23RD

SELECTED PUPILS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 1.15-3.15PM  
PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING 5-7.30PM (KS2) / 5.30-7.30PM (KS1)

THURSDAY 24TH

ACT OF WORSHIP LED BY HEAD 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME  
SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

FRIDAY 25TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 1  
SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
CLASS 4 TRIP TO GLYNDEBOURNE 2-6PM  
YEAR 1 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.40-3.10PM

**MON 28TH OCT  
- FRI 1ST NOV**

**HALF TERM**

THURSDAY 31ST

PARENTAL/CARERS YR 6 APPLICATIONS TO EAST SUSSEX FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, STARTING SEPT 2020 TO BE COMPELTED VIA ESCC WEB PORTAL

**NOVEMBER**

MONDAY 4TH

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR START OF TERM 2  
WHOLE SCHOOL TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS BEING TAKEN 8.40AM-12PM  
NO CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL

**INSET DAYS:**

Friday 20th December 2019  
Friday 3rd April 2020  
Friday 10th July 2020



**Blackboys Newsletter**

Friday 04th October 2019

Christian Value for Term : *Perseverance*

**Dear Parents / Carers**

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the annual Harvest Festival which took place at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield on Wednesday of last week. It was heartening to see such a full church. The Uckfield Food Bank are very grateful for the donations of non-perishable food and we raised £17.64 through the retiring collection which will be donated to the Diocese of Chichester Harvest Appeal.

Parents will no doubt have noticed that we have re-doubled our efforts to encourage reading in school. Classteachers are checking reading records weekly and it is clear that parents and children are making real efforts at home. Thank you! English lessons involve teaching the skills of reading. This varies from class to class, but ranges from decoding, fluency, retrieving important information, predicting, inference and deduction and understanding settings and characterisation. These home and school efforts have had an impact already: some great conversations about books have been heard, class libraries have been well used, members of Mr Sullivan's reading club have doubled in number and one year 2 child has gone up 2 book bands this term already!

Please keep up the good work. If parents need any advice of how to read with their children at home, or book suggestions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Children in Class 1 and 2 have a daily phonics session lasting about 20 minutes. Phonics gives children the tools needed to become fluent and confident readers. However, great phonics knowledge also boosts spelling skills too.

With this in mind, could we remind parents of.....

**KS1 Phonics Workshop Reminder**

All Parents/ Carers of pupils within Classes 1 and 2 are reminded to attend the Phonics workshop taking place next Tuesday 08th October 9am in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

We seem to have celebrated lots of children's birthdays in recent weeks. Although the sharing of sweets is a delightful tradition, should parents want an alternative offering, could we suggest a class book. With shops like 'The Works' offering sensibly priced books, the birthday boy or girl would be very welcome to present a class book, dedicated in their honour for the classteacher to share.

The school office will have some book dedication slips to glue inside the front cover for a lasting memory of the birthday. Should children still prefer to give out sweet treats however, classteachers will be reminding pupils that the treats are not to be eaten until they have left the school premises and have their parents' permission. It is clear that some parents wish that sweets are saved for the weekend and this must be honoured.



We are offering the opportunity to all parents/carers of pupils within Classes 1 & 2 to attend the forthcoming Phonics Workshop as detailed below. We look forward to seeing you!

- Objectives of Workshop:**
- To show how phonics is taught
  - To develop parental 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 of phonics development
  - To show examples of activities and resources we use to teach phonics
  - To give parents an opportunity to ask questions

**Why are the Workshops for?**

These workshops are for all Parent/Carers of children that are in Classes 1 & 2. 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.

When?	Where?
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 9 - 10am	Blackboys School, School Hall

You are very welcome to come for the first time or take advantage of a refresher! We very much look forward to welcoming you to the session.



My Phonics 5 sound mat

### Year R September '20

We 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 for who you intend to be naming Blackboys as your first choice of School 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 2020 is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Please spread the word and join us for our open morning for potential pupils in Year R, September 2020:

**Friday 18th October 2019, 9.30-10.30am**

**AND**

**Wednesday 13th November 2019, 9.30-10.30am AND 6.30-7.30pm**

*For all sessions a short presentation will take place at the start in the School Hall. No appointment necessary. Website: [www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk)*

### Parent Consultations, Autumn Term

As previously communicated, the Autumn Parent Consultations will be taking place on Monday 21st October 3.30-6.00pm AND Wednesday 23rd October starting at 5.00pm for Classes 3 and 4 and for Classes 1 and 2 starting at 5.30pm. All with a final appointment of 7.30pm.

The sign up sheets will be displayed from next Tuesday 08th October. Please select a convenient appointment time/ date and sign your name next to the required slot.

For all pupils within Classes 2, 3 & 4 the sign up sheets will be on a board which is available in the School playground in dry weather and in the office foyer if wet. For Class 1 the sign up sheet will be located on the door to the Class 1 play area (where children are collected from).

This year we are encouraging ALL pupils to attend the consultations alongside their Parents.

***N.B Reminder to all pupils who attend after school netball club on a Monday; Netball Club will not be running on the 21st October due to the Parent Consultations taking place.***

Don't forget if you shop at Aldi to pick up your sticker (given for shopping over £30) and hand it into the School Office. We are collecting the stickers so the School can be entered in to a prize draw to win £20,000 & an exclusive sports kit!

### Term 1 Charity

The School Council have chosen the RNLI as our charity to support for Term 1. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is the largest charity that saves lives at sea around the coasts of the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, as well as on some inland waterways. Our Thursday acts of worship collection monies will be collected together at the end of this term and sent to the Charity. We look forward to letting you know how much is raised. In addition, our Class 2 will be visiting Hastings RNLI during their Class trip to Hastings, next Wednesday 09th October. The Class are looking forward to telling the RNLI Hastings, that as a School we are raising money for them.

### Bikeability

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

### Gold Book Awards for W/B 30/9/19

#### Class 1

Marlo Owen: For his super positive attitude.

Amelia Ansell: For her amazing re-telling of 'On the Way Home'.

Benjamin Fletcher: For great work with his number bonds to 20.

#### Class 2

Finlay Fowden-Heffer: For making progress with his handwriting

Reuben Saunders: For having a great attitude to writing.

Amelie Du Toit: For being a great conductor in singing lessons.

#### Class 3

Harvey Wright: For excellent 'suspense' story writing.

Agnes McKeever: For excellent 'suspense' story writing.

Fyfe Dunbar: For writing an thoughtful letter in a history lesson.

#### Class 4

Ellie Wevill: For making great contributions in RE this week.

Hugo Ullmann: For his involvement in a whole class writing session.

Willow Rideout: For showing enthusiasm in her writing and editing.

### **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

Thursday 31st October 2019.