

ACADEMIC YEAR 19/20



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2019

Christian Value for Term : *Perseverance*

Dear Parents / Carers,

As Term 1 begins to come to a successful close, it is an opportunity for the school community to take a moment to reflect on how far we have come. What has been noticeable is the amount of effort the children are putting into their learning in the classroom. Another pleasing aspect has been the way children have worked together, cooperated with each other and generally lived well together. This is entirely in keeping with our vision for the school, encapsulated in our motto: Be the best you can be; living life in all its fullness (John 10:10). The children have responded well to our assemblies and acts of worship focussing on the parable of the Good Shepherd in John 10, and it is brilliant to hear them articulate and link this to their school life. Well done everybody.

Linked to our vision and motto, we received a super letter this week from **The Sussex Sports Awards 2019**, informing us that we had been nominated for the Active Primary School of the Year Award. We are proud of being nominated, and await news of whether we have been shortlisted as one of the 3 finalists. Thank you to whoever nominated us!

Next Wednesday, 23rd October, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Gill Bradnam to the school. Mrs Bradnam is a Diocese of Chichester School Inspector, and will be conducting our 4 yearly SIAMS Inspection. SIAMS stands for Statutory

Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. When we were inspected last, in November 2015, we received a Good grading. Since then the inspection framework has been altered considerably, but we will be aiming to keep or even better that Good grading. You can learn more about what we have done in preparation of our SIAMS Inspection through the SIAMS tab on our school website at <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/siams/> Mrs Bradnam will be visiting each class on Wednesday and will be speaking with staff, children, Governors and parents. We are sure everyone will make her feel welcome.

Next week also sees 2 days of parent consultations. Meeting with your child's teacher is extremely important, as parents and staff work well together in helping pupils make progress. In the days following the meeting, you will receive an individual report card, detailing your child's attitude to learning, highlighting their strengths and clearly informing parents of their child's areas for development. Parent consultation always begins in the hall, where each child's tray will be situated to view. Parent consultations have worked well when the child is present in the meeting too, however, if you feel this is not appropriate, it is not something we insist on, it is merely a recommendation.

Due to parent consultation, there will of course be no netball club on Monday.

OCTOBER

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 NO HOCKEY CLUB THIS WEEK 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 SKIPPING WORKSHOP DAY. SKIPPING ROPES ON SALE AT END OF DAY FROM £4 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 THIS WEEK
TUESDAY 5TH	RETURN OF COMPLETED PUPIL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION DESIGNS FOR MP NUS GHANI TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY CLASS 3 TRIP TO PIZZA EXPRESS, UCKFIELD. 9.25—10.50AM
WEDNESDAY 6TH	PARENTAL MATHS WORKSHOP. SCHOOL HALL BLACKBOYS. 9-10AM PARENTAL MATHS WORKSHOP. FRAMFIELD SCHOOL 6-7PM.
THURSDAY 7TH	SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 8TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YEAR R CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.40-3.10PM
MONDAY 11TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 12TH	SELECTED PUPILS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - UTOPIA SPORTSHALL. 3.45—5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 13TH	YR R SEPTEMBER 2020 PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES OPEN MORNING. 9.30-10.30AM & 6.30-7.30PM
THURSDAY 14TH	FEDERATION CLASS 3 TRIP TO FISHBOURNE PALACE 8AM—3.45PM NO CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL DUE TO CLASS TRIP
FRIDAY 15TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM CLASS 3 TO UCKFIELD CINEMA 9.25—10.50AM CHILDREN IN NEED CAFE. YR 6 LED. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME.

Rearranged Skipping Workshops, Thursday 24th October

We are delighted to inform you of the re-arranged Skipping Workshop date. On Thursday 24th October Lizzie from Skipping Workshop will be visiting to work with the whole school teaching different skipping skills to every class.

Skipping Workshops have presented demonstrations in over 2000 schools, represented Great Britain in international skipping events and appeared on many TV shows.

Their aim is to encourage children and adults to skip for health, fun and fitness, whilst introducing modern and traditional skipping games including individual rope tricks, speed skills and Double Dutch, back into the playground. The school supports these aims.

At the end of the day Lizzie will be selling high quality 'speed ropes' as used by the international team, at a reduced cost of £4.00. The ropes are made to a high standard, are light and turn easily to allow children and adults to progress rapidly. Colour change solar ropes are £5. Adult ropes are also available for older siblings and your personal fitness/weight loss etc at £6 each, 4m 'family ropes' at £7.50 each and 2 x Double Dutch ropes for £12.

Tempest, School Photographs

Our annual visit by School Photographer, Tempest will be made on **Monday 04th November** (first day back from mid term break).

From 8.40am pre school siblings are invited into the Jubilee Barn to have their family picture taken if desired

All in school sibling pictures will be taken during the morning as well as individual pupil photographs.

Nus Ghani, MP, Christmas Card Competition

Alongside other Wealden Schools, we have been invited by our local MP, Nus Ghani for pupils to design a Christmas Card to be used by her to send out to colleagues in Parliament and alike during the festive period.

We would very much like to encourage all pupils to take part in this, perhaps using half term to design a card. The design will need to be A5 (half A4) in size, in colour and follow one of the themes of Christmas in Wealden or Parliament.

The winner will be invited to Parliament to meet Nus for tea and a tour. Please ensure that your child's name, age and Blackboys CEP School is included on the reverse of the design. Entries will need to be received into the **School Office by Tuesday 05th November** at the latest.

Love In a Box

Yearly as a School, we support the Charity 'Love in a Box'. This year is no exception! The leaflets will be sent out next week with all the details of what to put in your donated boxes. Your filled 'Love in a Box' will then need to be returned to the School Office by Tuesday 19th November.



Aldi Stickers

Don't forget up until and including 03rd November, Aldi stores are giving stickers to shoppers who spend £30 or more in one transaction. Please bring any collected stickers into the School Office. If we manage to collect 300 stickers the School will then be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win £20,000 and a sports kit.

**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.

INSET DAYS:
Friday 20th December 2019
Friday 3rd April 2020
Friday 10th July 2020

Gold Book Awards for W/B 7th October

Class 1

James Eves: For putting great effort into his writing.
Jonah Beale: For being the best he can be when ordering numbers.
Barnaby Briscall: For using his amazing imagination.

Class 2

Piers Redman: For making great improvements to his handwriting.
Jack Rance: For some quality artwork.
Marcie McKeever: For some great reasoning in Maths.

Class 3

Emilia Butler: For exceptional effort with times tables.
Leo Blackmore: For excellent efforts in class discussions.
Evie Messmer: For brilliant writing effort

Class 4

Lola Ramel: For her hard work improving her Maths in school and at home. Well done.
Owen Cottingham: For using his own knowledge in topic work.
Rebecca Sullivan: For seeking out new ways to develop her handwriting.