

ACADEMIC YEAR 19/20

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 18TH	DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR TAKEOVER DAY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 19TH	KS2 CAROL WORDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LEARN AT HOME LAST DATE FOR LOVE IN A BOX BOXES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL SELECTED PUPILS FOR INDOOR ATHLETICS AT UCKFIELD LEISURE CENTRE SPORTS HALL. 3.45-5.15PM
THURSDAY 21ST	DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF PARENT/CARER COMPLETED CONSENT FORMS FOR FLU VACCINATION CLASS 1 LED ACT OF WORSHIP - SCHOOL HALL SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 22ND	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM NATIONAL COMMISSIONERS TAKE OVER DAY IN SCHOOL YEAR 5 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.40-3.10PM
MONDAY 25TH	RETURN OF COMPLETED TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER FORMS TO SCHOOL CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 26TH	PTA POTS TO BE FILLED AND RETURNED IN TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR YEAR 2 MULTI SKILLS TOURNAMENT. UTOPIA SPORTS HALL. 3.45-5PM
WEDNESDAY 27TH	RETURN OF PUPIL CONSENT SLIPS (KS2) TO TAKE PART IN UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING CHOIR - 06/12/19 @ 5PM
THURSDAY 28TH	CLASS 3 LED ACT OF WORSHIP CLASS 4 DR DAVIES MAYA PRESENTATION AND VISIT. SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 29TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM WHOLE SCHOOL MUFTI DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR WEARING HOME CLOTHES - KS1 PUPILS TO BRING IN SMALL PUZZLES, CRAYONS, SMALL GAMES, TOLIETRIES, BUBBLE BATH, HAND CREAM ETC AND KS2 PUPILS TO BRING IN CHOCOLATE, WINE AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES YEAR 4 CAFÉ ALL WELCOME! 2.40-3.10PM LAST AFTER-SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB FOR TERM 2
DECEMBER	
MONDAY 2ND	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM CHRISTMAS LUNCH LETTERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED
TUESDAY 3RD	KS1 AND KS2 PARTY SIGN UP SHEETS FOR FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE KS1 AND KS2 PARTIES TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE PLAYGROUND IF DRY OR IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE AREA IF WET
WEDNESDAY 4TH	PTA, IN ASSOCIATION WITH MRS BEALE FROM FERN COTTAGE FLORISTRY, EVENING WREATH MAKING EVENT IN THE SCHOOL HALL 7-9PM
THURSDAY 5TH	ACT OF WORSHIP LED BY REV CHRIS. ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM SCHOOL CHOIR TO VISIT TO HOLY CROSS PRIORY TO SING CAROLS & READ CHRISTMAS BOOKS WITH RESIDENTS 3.30-4.30PM
FRIDAY 6TH	KS1 NATIVITY COSTUMES TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN A NAMED BAG SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM CONSENTED PUPILS INFLUENZA SPRAY VACCINATION TO TAKE PLACE. CLASS 4 & SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING - KS2 CHOIR ON STAGE AT 5.00PM. (PUPILS TO MEET MR BOORMAN AT 4.55PM BY THE STAGE STEPS)
SATURDAY 7TH	PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR 12-2PM

INSET DAYS:

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



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2019

Christian Value for Term : *Fellowship*

Dear Parents / Carers

Since the last newsletter 3 weeks ago, our School Vision motto "Be the best you can be; Living life in all its fullness" (John 10:10) has certainly been personified many times over! In the space of 3 weeks we have had both our Church of England SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection and, this week, our long awaited OFSTED Inspection. Both Inspection Frameworks have been updated as recently as September 2019, and both Frameworks are considerably more challenging and robust than the previous inspections we have been involved in. At all times I have been particularly proud of the conduct and resilience of our staff, pupils and governors and have been buoyed by the support and well wishes of our parents and wider community. In all instances there is a notable desire to uphold the values of our school and it demonstrates a sense of teamwork which I believe makes Blackboys a special place to be.

Thank you.
Mr Sullivan

SIAMS

On 23rd October we welcomed Mrs Gill Bradman, SIAMS Inspector, to Blackboys CE School. Despite a far more rigorous Inspection Framework, we are delighted to report that Blackboys continues to be judged a *GOOD* church school. This overall judgement is made by the inspector having considered the question "How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?" The report findings stated that the school, was driven by good leadership at all levels; that the school is a supportive and inclusive community; that pupil behaviour was exemplary; and that there is a clear focus on care and respect between everyone. There was praise for our acts of worship and we are pleased the inspector

highlighted our charitable work and the opportunities available for enriching visits and extra-curriculum activities. There is still some work to do in a rapidly improving RE curriculum, and the staff will be working hard to embed a new RE assessment system so we can support and challenge children's learning of RE even more effectively. A full copy of our report can be found on our school website at: <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Blackboys-S48-October-2019.pdf>

If you would like a printed copy, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Likewise, if you would like to discuss the report, please contact Mr Sullivan. A special thank you should go to our RE Subject Leader, Mrs Sullivan, our parish vicar Rev Chris Lawrence and our Governor Ethos Committee led by Mrs Sarah Cottingham. Their input was vital in achieving this Good outcome.

OFSTED

This week we have welcomed Mrs Frances Nation and Miss Sam French from OFSTED. They have conducted a very thorough inspection of Blackboys School and have left no stone unturned. The OFSTED Inspection Framework has been revised twice since our previous inspection in 2009 and the most recent change, September 2019 has created a very robust set criteria in which to judge schools. As soon as the report has been published, we will let parents know, but like the SIAMS Inspection, the children, staff and governors have been a credit to the school. We were also thrilled to see the huge level of parental engagement with the OFSTED process through the high number of people who completed OFSTED's online questionnaire. Thank you for your support.

Love In a Box

REMINDER! Don't forget to pop your filled 'Love in a Box' to the School Office by this coming Tuesday 19th November. Thank you to those who have already dropped them in.



KS1, Nativity, Little Star

Class 1 and 2 parents! Today a letter has been sent out regarding pupil parts for the Christmas Nativity, as well as what costume for the production will be required. Please keep an eye out in your child's bag for these! Costumes will need to be back into School (in a named bag) by Friday 06th December.

Term 2, Class Act of Worship and dates for the remainder of term

CLASS	DATE
Class 1	Thursday 21st November, School Hall 9.05am
Class 3	Thursday 28th November, School Hall 9.05am

The Autumn term especially as we near December is an incredibly busy time for all the School community. Next week a special 'Christmas Events Calendar' will be sent out to KS1 (classes 1 and 2) and KS2 (classes 3 and 4). Please keep an eye out for this which will be sent via ParentMail and your child's bag.

Orders for your child's Tempest School photos which are distributed via pupils bags will need to be returned to School by at the very latest Monday 25th November. We are hoping to get these orders filled and returned before the Christmas break.

After School Club Provision

As previously communicated we have been excited to launch a brand new after school club 5 days a week running from the School Hall. Teaching Assistant Mrs Pomfret leads the club providing opportunity to complete homework, take part in craft, play sports and socialise in a happy familiar environment. This initiative is being trialled for term 2 and if found popular enough and viable to continue, will do so for term 3.

For further information or to book your child's slot please contact the School Office. The club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each day and there is the option of a light tea which is served during the latter hour, 4.15-5.30pm. Charges are currently £10.50 for the whole session or £4.50 for 3.15-4.15pm and £6.00 for 4.15-5.30 (including light tea).

HEADLICE

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers to regularly check their child's hair for head lice and treat as required.

With festivities starting to loom ever closer, don't forget to sign up for the popular 'PTA Wreath Making Workshop'. Run by renowned local florist and Parent Mrs Laura Beale, the evening always seems to mark the start of the Christmas season.



Socks, trainers and tracksuit bottoms!

With the colder weather now fully upon us please can we remind parents that if your child comes to school in tights and should they have PE that day they will need to wear socks for PE. Please can we ask that you ensure your child has a pair of socks available for this in their PE kit. As many of you realise, the specialist sports coaches from All Stars, prefer their sessions on Tuesday to be outdoors (and on the field where possible). If parents would prefer to send in a pair of old trainers for Tuesday sessions, we are very happy for these to stay in PE Kits. Likewise, in the chilly winter months, a pair of tracksuit bottoms would be a useful in addition to shorts.

HOCKEY CLUB

Hockey Club will be finishing for the Winter months on Friday 29th November. Hockey Club will re-start again towards the end of February 2019 and further information about sign up and start dates will be communicated in the New Year.

Gold Book Awards for W/B 11/11/19

Class 1

Elizabeth McLean: For putting amazing effort into her reading.
James Eves: For showing excellent manners to staff and other children.
Arthur Thompson: For spending lots of time at the writing table and for working hard on his letter formation.

Class 2

Ralph Brinkhurst: For always contributing well in Maths.
William Pistel: For excellent understanding of fact families.
Huw Ridgwell: For great progress in reading.

Class 3

Joel Hudson: For showing great geographical knowledge about The Netherlands.
Lucas Cottingham: For showing great geographical knowledge about The Netherlands.
Danny Willett: For some excellent work in addition and subtraction.

Class 4

Harry Fletcher: For showing great enthusiasm to write.
Tiya Ward: For showing great perseverance in Maths
Camille Bourgeois: For completing his classroom learning and Head Boy duties with enthusiasm.