

## ACADEMIC YEAR 19/20

### NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 29TH DEADLINE FOR KS2 RETURN OF UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING CHOIR CONSENT SLIPS  
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  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH LETTERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

### DECEMBER

MONDAY 2ND CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

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  
DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF COMPLETED SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH SLIPS  
RETURN OF FILLED PTA POTS & RAFFLE TICKET STUBS IN PREPARATION OF PTA FAIR TOMORROW  
SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
CONSENTED PUPILS INFLUENZA SPRAY VACCINATION TO TAKE PLACE.  
CLASS 4 & SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 1.30-3PM  
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

MON 9TH—FRI 13TH **LAST WEEK OF ALL CLUBS**

MONDAY 9TH RAINBOW THEATRE PERFORMANCE PANTO DICK WITTINGTON! 9-10.45AM  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 10TH LAST TUESDAY GUITAR CLUB FOR TERM 2  
LAST KS2 AFTER SCHOOL MULTI SKILLS CLUB FOR TERM 2

WEDNESDAY 11TH LAST AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB FOR TERM 2  
LAST AFTER SCHOOL KS1 FOOTBALL CLUB FOR TERM 2

THURSDAY 12TH ACT OF WORSHIP LED BY HEADTEACHER. ALL WELCOME.  
LAST THURSDAY GUITAR CLUB FOR TERM 2  
SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM  
KS1 NATIVITY DRESS REHEARSAL 2-3PM  
KS2 CAROL SERVICE AT ST THOMAS A BECKETT CHURCH, FRAMFIELD.  
ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME TO ATTEND. STAFF WILL BE AT CHURCH FROM 6.15PM TO ENABLE PUPILS TO BE DROPPED OFF.

FRIDAY 13TH PARENTS/CARERS OF CUP ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS NOTIFIED  
SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM  
KS1 NATIVITY PLAY 'LITTLE STAR'- IN THE SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND. SCHOOL GATES WILL OPEN TO ENABLE ENTRY FROM 1.40PM.

#### INSET DAYS:

Friday 20th December 2019 \* Friday 3rd April 2020

\* Monday 01st June \* Friday 10th July 2020



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2019

Christian Value for Term : *Fellowship*

### Dear Parents / Carers

#### Advent

As December rapidly approaches, we start thinking first of Advent. Although for children this might mean Advent Calendars, as a Church of England School, we are keen to explain Advent in biblical terms, and will be doing so in Acts of Worship and RE lessons. The word advent itself means "arrival" or "an appearing or coming into place." Christians often speak of Christ's advent - Christmas time. The Advent season lasts for four Sundays. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Perhaps families would like to discuss this with their children when the Advent Calendars come out?

#### After School Club - Extended to Terms 3 and 4.

We are pleased to see that there has been some positive take up to our new After School Club. Although we are yet to break even financially with the venture, we see enough potential to continue until at least the Easter Holiday. We would very much like this to be a permanent wrap-around-care offer but as previously stated, it mustn't be at the detriment to the already tight financial situation schools find themselves in. It would be extremely useful if parents could contact the school office to express interest for term 3 and 4 and if possible make bookings. We are also, of course, still taking bookings for term 2. Much praise for this venture must go to After School Club leader, Mrs Pomfret,

who is ensuring the club is engaging and fun for those who attend.

#### Takeover Day

We take great pride each year of running a Takeover Day for pupils to experience the different roles adults have within the school. Last Friday saw multiple takeovers, including midday assistants, teachers, café and headteacher. In order to gain these positions, children had to apply to specific job advertisements, stating what qualities they had that were relevant for the role. For some future feedback for children, it is essential that they read the job advertisement well, and tailor their letter of application to the actual advertisement. This will be an important skill in years to come.

#### Attendance

We pride ourselves on having a high attendance rate here at Blackboys. In a recent ranking document from East Sussex County Council, we found ourselves in second place in the county in terms of attendance which is both good news, but leaves us something to aim for! Inside this newsletter you will be able to see the breakdown of class attendance in the school, but we are particularly impressed with our youngest pupils, who have ensured that Class 1 have the highest attendance percentage in the school. They are clearly a hardy bunch. Please remember that we expect children to be in school each and every day, and that treats, trips and holidays take place at weekends or in the 13 weeks of school holidays.

## Christmas Events

We hope that you will find the school Christmas events calendar useful which was distributed last week. As you will have gathered this term is incredibly busy with various events, a couple of which have further information below:

### Late Night Shopping & Singing

On Friday, 06th December, is the Late Night Shopping Extravaganza in Uckfield. Members from our KS2 classes will be on the Uckfield FM stage at 5.00pm singing three songs. We are hoping that as in previous years this will be aired live so if you are unable to make the event in person, don't forget to tune into Uckfield FM to listen to Blackboys sing! Good Luck to all taking part!

### Class 4 Senior Citizen Christmas Party

As is annual tradition. Class 4 invite local senior residents to the School for an afternoon of light food, chat and to watch some festive performances. This year, this event is to take place on Friday 06th December. Class 4 Parents/Carers are invited in at normal Café time, 2.40pm to enjoy some of this event alongside our guests. If you are able to make a cake for the party and are happy to drop this in on the morning of Friday 06th, donations would be most welcome.

## Winter Months

With the winter weather taking hold please don't forget to send your child in daily with a warm coat. We try to allow the children to spend time outside at break and lunchtimes as much as possible and a coat should always be worn during the colder months. A hat, scarf and gloves can also be brought in. Don't forget



we sell our very own Blackboys Beanie Hat, these are available to purchase via the School Office for £7.70 or directly from our School Uniform supplier C&S Teamwear [www.csteamwear.co.uk/collections/blackboys-c-of-e](http://www.csteamwear.co.uk/collections/blackboys-c-of-e)

## PTA Wreath Making & Christmas Fair

Don't forget that next Wednesday 04th December starting at 7pm in the School Hall is a wreath making event led by talented local florist Mrs Laura Beale. There are still come spaces left, to sign up please pop along to the School Office to reserve your space. Members of the PTA are busy gearing up to make our School Christmas Fair as spectacular as ever. Taking place on Saturday 07th December, starting at midday, please do pop along to this popular festive event. Rumour has it there will even be a visit from Father Christmas!

## 19/20 Whole School

### Attendance

Below you will find a table which details class and overall school attendance from start of academic year up and until and including 22/11/19:

CLASS 1	98.3%
CLASS 2	97.6%
CLASS 3	98.0%
CLASS 4	98.0%
OVERALL SCHOOL	97.9%

These are great attendance scores. Well done everyone.

## Health Matters

We seem have a on going problem with headlice across the School. Can we urge all Parents to check their child's hair regularly and treat as necessary.

It is also vitally important that children stay as healthy as possible in the run up to Christmas. With this in mind, staff are regularly reminding children about good hygiene and hand-washing. We believe children who have good hygiene habits, and who maintain consistent, regular bedtimes have a greater likelihood of being fit and healthy to enjoy the festivities.

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers of the 48 hour rule when it comes to sickness/upset tummy. Children who have been unwell need to refrain from School for 48hours (48hours starting from when they were last sick/unwell).

Please can we also remind Parents/Carers that a piece of fruit at breaktime can be eaten by pupils. For KS1 fruit / vegetables are supplied, for all KS2 pupils a piece of fruit or veg can be brought in from home to be enjoyed during morning break.



Gold Book Nominees- Week Beginning 25th November

### Class 1

Karina Eldrett- for all the effort she is putting into reading at home and at school.

Saffron Morton-Cobb- For choosing to spend time in the writing area and for learning to write her name.

Marlo Owen- For his great work with 3D shapes.

### Class 2

Eva Cottingham- For really trying hard to listen in Maths and for getting on really quickly.

Theo Morton-Cobb- For producing more work in all subjects.

Amelie Du Toit- For fantastic effort and understanding in PE.

### Class 3

Robbie Mclean- For great input in Literacy and Maths lessons.

Art Redman- For excellent effort with homework.

Joshua Saunders- For some good work in Maths.

### Class 4

Kailah Hill- For showing great engagement during our Maya Day.

Noah Farley- For showing great engagement and asking great questions during our Maya Day.

Willow Rideout- For impressing Maya Archaeologist Dr Davies.