

ACADEMIC YEAR 19/20

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 7TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YR R CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM
MONDAY 10TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM NO NETBALL CLUB THIS WEEK PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING 3.30-6PM
TUESDAY 11TH	NATIONAL SCHOOLS SAFER INTERNET DAY YR3 PERSONAL CHALLENGE FESTIVAL FOR SELECTED PUPILS @ FREEDOM LEISURE SPORTSHALL. 3.45-5PM
WEDNESDAY 12TH	PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING 5/5.30-7.30PM
THURSDAY 13TH	HEAD/TEACHER LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 14TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YR 6 CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM

MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST

HALF TERM

MONDAY 24TH	START OF TERM 4 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 27TH	REV CHRIS LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 28TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM YR 5 CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB RECOMMENCES 3.15-4PM

MARCH

MONDAY 2ND	YR 6 AND FF YR 6 TO LONDON FOR HoP TOUR AND LONDON TRIP CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 3RD	SELECTED YR3/4 PUPILS TAG RUGBY COACHING @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5PM
THURSDAY 5TH	WORLD BOOK DAY ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 6TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY U9 GIRLS EAST SUSSEX TOURNAMENT - EASTBOURNE BOROUGH FC. 9.30AM-2.30PM YR 4 CAFE. SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 2.40-3.10PM
MON 9TH-FRI 13TH	FEDERATION SCIENCE WEEK
MONDAY 9TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 10TH	SELECTED PUPILS - YR5/6 TAG RUGBY COACHING @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5PM
THURSDAY 12TH	ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
FRIDAY 13TH	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY 8.30-8.45AM ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY U9 MIXED EAST SUSSEX TOURNAMENT - EASTBOURNE BOROUGH FC. 9.30AM-2PM SPORTS RELIEF - STAFF vs PUPILS NETBALL MATCH AT 2PM. NO CAFÉ BUT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FOR A SMALL DONATION TOWARDS SPORTS RELIEF. ALL WELCOME TO WATCH FROM 2PM.

INSET DAYS:

* Friday 3rd April 2020 * Monday 01st June 2020 * Friday 10th July 2020



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 07th February 2020

Christian Value for Term : *COURAGE*

Dear Parents / Carers

Term 3 has seen us focussing on the Christian Value of Courage. It is great that there are lots of examples of children showing courage in school at present. It has been fantastic to hear staff talking about children having the courage to try tougher than usual challenges and for the children to be encouraging each other to do so. It has always been vital for us to ensure Blackboys isn't a school where children are afraid of making a mistake. After all, some of the best learning takes place having made a mistake; for adults as well as children!

Parent Consultation Meetings

At the upcoming Parent Consultation meetings, teachers will discuss your child's progress in class. By the end of the session, our aim is for you to understand what successes your child is having, together with specific areas that they can improve on. Working in partnership with your child, their teacher and yourself will provide the best environment for your child to develop further. We hope many children, and particularly our older pupils, will take the opportunity to go in to the consultations with their parents. Teachers are skilled in talking in "child friendly" terms and we expect it to be a positive, rewarding experience for all.

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, schools, libraries and book shops will be celebrating World Book Day. Feedback from pupils last year suggested they were disappointed not being given the chance to dress up as their favourite book character, like other local schools did. So this year we have decided to encourage children who would like to, to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. With nearly 4 week's notice and half term in between, it provides plenty of time for thinking and creating. Under no circumstances do we expect Oscar Ceremony worthy outfits and we certainly would not encourage specially purchased outfits. Fun, home-created outfits are entirely recommended. There will be some book prizes available for child-created outfits and all children will leave at the end of the day with a voucher for a World Book Day book.

PTA News

PTA Chair, Mr Rob Wevill, is endeavouring to challenge himself over the summer months, with an "official triathlon" to raise much needed PTA funds. The first leg of this "triathlon" will be the London to Brighton bike ride. Rob is hoping we can get together a team of willing cyclists, or Blackboys Bikers, who will pedal the route with him. Please feel free to speak to Rob, or Mr Sullivan, and sign up at www.bhf.org.uk/london-brighton/bike-ride-2020

Information for the forthcoming Spring Term Parent Consultation Meetings

As mentioned on the front page of the Newsletter, the Spring Parent Consultations are to take place next week.

Akin to Autumn Parent Evenings, all pupils are welcome to attend the meeting alongside their parent/carer, however, this isn't obligatory. Because the discussion is focussed on your child's learning, having the child present really helps to make a positive difference the moment the consultation has finished.

As well as looking through your child's books there will be some additional things which we will be asking Parents/Carers for their input in.

1. We will be asking you to check and update as necessary the details which we hold for your child. This is referred to as 'individual pupil data collection sheets'.
2. Traditionally we have asked you to complete a Parent/Carer survey. Following the brilliant response to the Online OFSTED survey, and the information gleaned from that, our survey will this year be focussed specifically on homework. Homework is a subject which we are looking streamline and parents' opinions will be vital. The survey will be online and some laptops will be available for parents to use. A link to the survey will also be emailed out to parents following the final consultation session.

Due to the aforementioned, please can we ask all Parents/Carers to arrive 5 minutes earlier than their appointment time in order that they can complete these tasks.

Parking

We worry about parking in & around School for 3 key reasons:

1. Irresponsible parking creates bottlenecks and congestion in School Lane.
2. We like to live in harmony with village residents.
3. Most importantly, we want to keep our pupils safe.

We appreciate that we are limited on space in and around the School area and that parking can be sometimes tricky. We do however, ask that Parents/Carers park considerately, do not park on grass verges, block residents driveways and adhere to the Highway Code in general. We have an agreement with the Blackboys Inn that Parents/Carers dropping off children to School, can utilise the Inn car park. The walk up to School doesn't even take 5 minutes.

Can we also remind you not to stop or park on the yellow "School - Keep - Clear" and "zig-zag" even for 30 seconds. There is a large sign to the right of the school entrance explaining this.



**THERE WILL BE NO
AFTER SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB
TAKING PLACE ON MONDAY
10TH FEBRUARY
DUE TO THE PARENT
CONSULTATIONS TAKING
PLACE.**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL
CONTINUE AS USUAL BUT WILL
TAKE PLACE IN THE JUBILEE
BARN. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR
CHILD FROM THE BARN IF YOU
ARE USING THE AFTER SCHOOL
CLUB NEXT MONDAY OR
WEDNESDAY**

Internet Safety Day

As a School, on this coming Tuesday, 11th February, we will be taking part in the National Safer Internet Day. Throughout the day children, in class will take part in a lesson centring around the safe use of the world wide web.

Swimming

Last Wednesday a small team of Year 5/6 pupils took part in a Swimming Gala at Freedom Leisure in Uckfield.

Eleven local Primary Schools were invited to take part. Our Year 5/6 team came a credible 4th overall and the girls team winning their side of the event.

There were a number of notable performances; Noah Farley came first in his heat of the 50 m freestyle. Willow Rideout won the overall 50m freestyle gold, Kailah Hill came overall 2nd in the 25m breaststroke, Ellie Wevill came overall 3rd in front crawl and the girls' relay team came overall first.

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who helped with the transport enabling our pupils to take part in the event.

Gold Book Awards for W/B 27/1/2020

Class 1

Amelia Ansell: For making a book in the writing area.
Bolton Richardson: For putting good effort into his Maths.
Saffron Morton-Cobb: For having lots of information about Polar Bears.

Class 2

Theo Morton-Cobb: For excellent time telling
Finlay Fowden-Heffer: For working hard in Maths.
Eva Cooper: For really improving her handwriting.

Class 3

Rhys Williams: For redrafting his story well.
Nancy Cottingham: For some excellent work in Maths.
Josh Saunders: For making some excellent effort with his handwriting

Class 4

Evie Doherty: For persevering in Maths.
Ruby Nicholas: For working hard at home on her fractions.
Ellie Wevill: For pushing herself and having a go.