

# St Thomas à Becket Church of England Federation

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22nd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term! This term is traditionally an incredibly exciting term, but at the very least it is starting with a further period of home learning. Like everyone, we are staying in touch remotely and awaiting further information from the Government as to when a full return to school can take place.

## Home learning

Thank you for all the positive feedback regarding home learning. This has now re-started and will continue during term time for the duration of the partial school closure. Each day children will receive work on phonics/spelling, English and Maths. They will also receive set work on Art (or Music) on Mondays; Science on Tuesdays; History or Geography on Wednesdays; RE on Thursdays; and Computing on Fridays. Children are to complete the work set, remembering to "be the best they can be", in their exercise book. Should their exercise book be full, and no further paper or notebooks are available at home, please contact Mr Sullivan for a replacement exercise book.

It is super important that children keep up with their reading. There is access to online books through the Oxford Owl website, [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) ; Username: Antarctic20 ; Password: Class1 **OR** Username: Rainforest20 ; Password: Class2 . Please contact Mr Sullivan if you would like to arrange a physical book swap.

## Class Planning Meetings

As we do each term, we are still keen for parents to have some direct contact with class teachers in order that they can give you an overview of the curriculum for the term ahead. These will be taking place next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April via Zoom Video Conferencing. If parents would like to hear their child's class teacher talking about the curriculum for the Summer Term they will need to download 'Zoom', which is relatively simple to do. The school office will send out an email containing a web link to the meetings on Monday morning. With potential for as many as 30+ parents being part of the Zoom Class Planning Meeting, please be patient and thoughtful with the asking of questions at the end of the meeting. It may even be more productive for Parents to email the class teachers once the meeting has finished. We are in uncharted territory after all!

DATE	TIME	CLASS ZOOM MEETING
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00pm	Class 1 Parents' Zoom Meeting
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	1.45pm	Class 2 Parents' Zoom Meeting
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00pm	Class 3 Parents' Zoom Meeting
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	1.45pm	Class 4 Parents' Zoom Meeting

Should you wish to discuss anything with your child's teacher, as we continue with this unprecedented period of home learning, please email the relevant class teacher.

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Mr Sullivan	head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

### **BBC Online Learning**

From this week, the BBC has a dedicated set of lessons and accompanying videos for year groups 1-6. Although staff will not be setting work from this source, it is a great resource for families who wish to go above and beyond the "Blackboys School set work". The BBC Bitesize Home Learning can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

### **September 2020**

Before the Easter break, we were delighted to recruit two new members of teaching staff to start in the new academic year, September 2020. Miss Emily Sanderson and Miss Daisy-Anne Mayhew greatly impressed in interview and will be class teachers, joining Mr Boorman in our newly expanded Key Stage 2. This is a new development for Blackboys and is due to our rising numbers throughout the school.

From September we will have three Key Stage 2 classes. The formerly named Jubilee Barn, will be utilised as a revamped classroom for Class 3 (comprising of Year 3 only). Class 4 will be situated in the current Class 3 classroom (comprising of a mixed age Year 4/5 class) and Class 5 will be located in the current Class 4 room (comprising of a mixed age Year 5/6 class). This exciting development will have the benefit of slightly smaller class sizes in Key Stage 2 and will allow a positive transition to Year 3.

In term 6 we will confirm which teacher will be teaching which class and begin the process, with consultation with parents, of allocating pupils to classes.

When the time comes, I know you will give a warm welcome to Miss Sanderson and Miss Mayhew as they begin their teaching careers with us.

### **Ways to keep in touch**

Although there is no requirement for this, children and parents are very welcome to email class teachers with examples and photos of work. On top of this we continue to add daily content on our popular School 'YouTube' channel (search Blackboys School on the YouTube site). We also endeavour to keep the School twitter feed updated, which can be accessed via @blackboysschool or via the homepage of the School website. It is very important that we keep our motivation, routines and strong sense of community.

### **Community Initiative**

There has been an exciting community initiative in both Blackboys and Framfield, seeing the bus shelters in the village turn into book swapping sites. As long as you are safe to do so, please use these facilities as they contain books for both adults and children and reading certainly can help break the monotony of lockdown. To aid this, books from the parent book swap that we began here at school following World Book Day have been added to the bus shelter at the crossroads of School Lane.

As has been said before, we are in unprecedented times and we look forward to the time when our school can be back together again. If there are any questions or anything we can help with please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Sullivan  
Headteacher

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