

# St Thomas á Becket Church of England Federation

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**Headteacher: Mr G Sullivan**

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08<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Welcome Back**

After nearly 6 months we have all been reunited! We are delighted to have welcomed back all pupils and there is a real sense of purpose, a warmth and vibrancy about the School. All children have settled well into the 'new normal' and it seems apt that our Christian value for this term is Perseverance!

A special warm welcome must be extended to all our new starters be it in Reception or in other years. You have all made starting a new School in exceptional circumstances look incredibly easy. Well done.

We know that you will join us in welcoming two new teachers to our School team. Miss Sanderson will be teaching Class 3 and Miss Mayhew, Class 4. We are excited to have increased our classes from 4 to 5 with Class 3 being located in the Jubilee Barn and Class 4 upstairs in the main School building alongside Class 5.

## **School Uniform**

It has been particularly noticeable that Blackboys School pupils have returned looking super smart this September. We are encouraging all uniform orders to be placed directly with our supplier C&S Teamwear. There is a direct link to their bespoke Blackboys School ordering pages via the School website [www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/](http://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/) We strive to keep our high expectation of uniform and neatness.

## **School Office**

The School Office is open daily and due to the current climate we urge Parents/Carers to either email [office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk) or call 01825 890 423 should you require Office assistance or have any queries. The Office is open daily with Mrs Sheffield working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 7.45-3.30pm and Mrs Doherty Thursday and Friday 8.30-3.30pm.

## **School Dinners**

As per the ParentMail email sent out Friday 04<sup>th</sup> September the cost of our daily School lunches is now £2.10. Meals for all KS1 pupils are fully subsidised via the governments UIFSM (universal infants free schools meals) initiative. Pupils within KS2 can pay daily/weekly by cash or via ParentPay. Parents of Year 3 pupils should have received an activation code to access their account. Please contact the School Office if you have any questions.

As communicated at the end of last term, Mrs Withers, previous School Cook, left for a new cooking challenge. These are big boots to fill. Chartwells, the company who runs all East Sussex Schools' kitchens, are currently in the process of recruiting a replacement for Mrs Withers and we look forward to sharing with you news of the new member of our team when appointed. Mrs Lucy Bond remains our kitchen assistant and for an interim period a 'supply' cook will cook our daily Blackboys lunches.

### **Class Planning Meetings**

We will be inviting parents to join a 'Zoom' meeting with the class teacher in order that they can give you an overview of the curriculum and classroom routines for the term ahead. These will be taking place from week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, as below;

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September @9.30am - Class 1 Parents  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September @9.15am - Class 2 Parents  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September @9.15am - Class 3 Parents  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September @9.15am - Class 4 Parents  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September @9.15am - Class 5 Parents

The joining instructions will be sent via ParentMail. Following the planning meetings being held, a class newsletter will be distributed.

### **Reading**

All children will have had a reading record book in their book bag, together with a book from school. The book from school will naturally be changed more often in Key Stage 1 classes, as older children tend to pick longer novels that may take them a couple of weeks to finish.

If at any stage your child is without a reading book or reading record book, please contact their classteacher in the first instance. When a child has completed their reading record book, they will be rewarded with a certificate and issued with a new record.

### **Diary Dates**

Keeping up with all the things that go on in school couldn't be simpler. We produce a fortnightly newsletter which is sent to all Parents via ParentMail and also given out on the school gate. Our first newsletter of the academic year will be distributed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. You can also always access our school diary via the website, <http://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/>

### **Breakfast Club & After School Club**

We are delighted to be able to re-introduce our daily Breakfast and After School services. Our fabulous Breakfast Club is run by TA, Miss Pavitt, daily 7.45-8.45am with our After School Club being run by TA, Mrs Pomfret. Should there be children from different Key Stages at the clubs, they will be kept separate and equipment will not be shared.

Please see below the costings for each club.

| <b>BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL PRICES 2020</b>   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>BREAKFAST CLUB 7.45-8.45AM</b>   | <b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 3.15-5.30PM</b>      |
| £4.50 BREAKFAST & CHILDCARE<br>£3.50 CHILDCARE ONLY   | £4.50 3.15-4.15PM                         |
| REDUCTION FOR<br>SIBLINGS ATTENDING:<br><br>£3.50 BREAKFAST & CHILDCARE<br>£2.75 CHILDCARE ONLY | £6.00 4.15 - 5.30PM<br>INCLUDES LIGHT TEA |

PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT IDEALLY AT LEAST 24HOURS NOTICE IS GIVEN WHEN BOOKING EITHER SERVICE TO ENABLE CORRECT RATIOS.

In the first instance please email [office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk)

## Volunteering in School

We welcome parental assistance in school, be it reading in a class or helping at Forest School. If you are able to offer a regular hour or two it would be very much appreciated. All our volunteers require an up to date Blackboys School DBS and we will happily arrange this with you free of charge. Please see Mrs Sheffield in the School Office to start the process. During these current times we ask that only members from the same household can volunteer in their child's corresponding bubble.

## Forest School

During Autumn term Class 3 will be partaking in weekly Forest School on a Thursday. Mrs Godfrey our fabulous Forest School leader is solely reliant upon Parent Volunteers to enable the children to enjoy Forest School down at the woods. Please can we urge you to volunteer for a session. Class 3 Forest School dates and rotas have been distributed via ParentMail and bookbags last week. Please contact the School Office who will be able to pop your name down next to a date. Should we not have enough offers of assistance, Forest School will remain in School.

Class 1 Forest School will continue all year round on a Monday afternoon, using the School grounds.

## Contact with teachers

Should you wish to make contact with your child's teacher, please can we ask that in the first instance you email them. All staff will happily communicate through email. Please see below contact email addresses for our teaching staff and other key School contacts.

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|-------------------------|--|
| Class 1, Mrs Booth      | <a href="mailto:sbooth@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk">sbooth@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk</a>         |
| Class 1, Mrs Nobes      | <a href="mailto:jnobes@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk">jnobes@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk</a>         |
| Class 2, Mrs Sullivan   | <a href="mailto:hsullivan@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk">hsullivan@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk</a>   |
| Class 3, Miss Sanderson | <a href="mailto:esanderson@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk">esanderson@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk</a> |
| Class 4, Miss Mayhew    | <a href="mailto:damayhew@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk">damayhew@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk</a>     |
| Class 5, Mr Boorman     | <a href="mailto:rboorman@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk">rboorman@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk</a>     |
| Mr Sullivan             | <a href="mailto:head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk">head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk</a>             |
| School Office           | <a href="mailto:office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk">office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk</a>         |

## Thursday Act of Worship

As all our Acts of Worship are currently classroom based we will postpone our weekly charity collection on Thursdays.

## Cafe

Until we are more confident about larger groups gathering in the hall, we will postpone our Friday café sessions. We will still though look for opportunities for the children to cook in class.

## Inset Days 20/21

Inset days set for this academic year are:

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| <b>INSET DAYS 20/21</b>  |
| MONDAY 05 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020   |
| THERE WILL BE THREE MORE INSET DAYS TO BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR AND WE SHALL NOTIFY YOU WHEN THESE HAVE BEEN DECIDED. |

## Parental Contact Details

In case of emergencies, School holds contact details for all parents (and other family members which you have given as a contact) against each pupil. Should you have moved house, jobs or wish to add another contact number please can you make sure that you inform the School Office of this. If in doubt you are welcome to check with the office what numbers etc. are held.

### **ParentMail**

As a school we use ParentMail to communicate things like fortnightly school newsletters, uniform orders etc. with Parents via the Parentmail texting/emailing service. Please ensure that you update your contact details on this to ensure that you are kept up to date with all news The school office is unable to amend any parents details who have 'connected' via ParentMail.

### **Medicine and Illness**

Please can we remind all parents that we are only able to administer medicines prescribed by a Doctor in School. You will need to complete a medicine consent form when you first bring the medicine to the School Office.

Please continue to be vigilant with the symptoms of Covid-19.

In the event of your child being sick or having an upset tummy, we ask that you keep your child away from school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is to hopefully help with the reduction of keeping illnesses away from school.

### **Clubs - Autumn Terms 1&2 2020**

Attached are the lunchtime and after school club options for the term. We are delighted to be able to offer a large number of choices for clubs this term. As ever we are particularly thankful to all the parent volunteers who are running clubs.

**Please note the start dates of clubs as these do vary.**

You will note there are limited clubs available for the new Reception pupils. This is a deliberate decision to allow the pupils time to adjust to the school environment and routine.

Please fill in the tear off slip at the bottom of this letter with any club choices and return it to the School Office via the yellow box located outside the main gates at drop off and collection time. If the club has a maximum number of attendee's a Parentmail text will be sent out informing you of your child's allocation of place or not, as the case may be. Please ensure your contact details are up to date!

Where payment is due for a club please can you arrange payment (noting who made payable to dependent on which club!) to be brought in alongside the club choice slip. **We are also asking that should you put your name down for a club, that attendance is required for the duration of the club.**

Yours sincerely

Mr G Sullivan  
Headteacher

**Club Authorisation:**

Please return this slip to the School Office via the yellow box located outside the main gates at drop off and collection time. You can also return via a scan and email to [office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk)

I would like my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_

| DAY       | CLUB   | ATTENDING<br>(PLEASE TICK) | PAYMENT REQUIRED? |   |  |
|-----------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| MONDAY    | SCHOOL LEARNING COUNCIL                                  |                            |                   |   |  |
|           | NETBALL  |                            |                   |   |  |
| TUESDAY   | CHOIR CLUB   |                            |                   |   |  |
|           | TAG RUGBY  |                            |                   |   |  |
|           | GUITAR CLUB  |                            |                   | RED BUTLER MUSIC SCHOOL WILL CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY - PLEASE LEAVE CONTACT DETAILS IN THE 'ATTENDING' TICK BOX  |  |
|           | AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB (INCORPORATING BASKETBALL CLUB) |                            |                   | SESSIONS ARE CHARGED AT £3.00 PER SESSION, £18.00 FOR 6 SESSIONS, UNTIL MID-TERM BREAK, OCTOBER. IF PAYING VIA CHEQUE PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO BLACKBOYS SCHOOL |  |
| WEDNESDAY | KNITTING (STARTS AFTER HALF TERM)                        |                            |                   |   |  |
|           | AFTER SCHOOL CHESS                                       |                            |                   |   |  |
|           | KS1 FOOTBALL SESSIONS                                    |                            |                   |   | CHARGED AT £4 PER SESSION FOR 6 UNTIL MID-TERM BREAK, OCTOBER, £24 IN TOTAL. CHEQUES MAUDE PAYABLE TO ALL STAR SOCCER ACADEMY. ALL MONIES TO BE HANDED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. |
| THURSDAY  | GUITAR CLUB  |                            |                   |   | RED BUTLER MUSIC SCHOOL WILL CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY - PLEASE LEAVE CONTACT DETAILS IN THE 'ATTENDING' TICK BOX   |
|           | KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATING GIRLS' FOOTBALL          |                            |                   |   |  |
| FRIDAY    | SOCIAL CLUB  |                            |                   |   |  |
|           | READING CLUB   |                            |                   |   |  |

I agree to pay any fees due in advance directly to the appropriate agency and will ensure that I arrange to collect my child/ren at the stated time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

