

ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21

SEPTEMBER	
MONDAY 28TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
OCTOBER	
THURSDAY 1ST	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM
MONDAY 5TH	INSET DAY FOR ALL PUPILS
TUESDAY 6TH	PARENTS EVENING INDIVIDUAL CLASS LETTERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED VIA PARENTMAIL
THURSDAY 8TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM
MONDAY 12TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 14TH	OPEN DAY - SMALL GROUPS, SOCIALLY DISTANCED TO TOUR THE SCHOOL THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS. 9.30-10.15AM. 10.15-11.00AM. 1.45-2.30PM. TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES LOOKING FOR A PLACE WITHIN YR SEPTEMBER '21
THURSDAY 15TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM
MONDAY 19TH	PARENTAL RETURN OF FLU CONSENT FORMS TO BE HANDED BACK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. VIA THE YELLOW BOX LOCATED AT THE MAIN GATES
	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
	PARENT 'VIRTUAL' CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6PM
WEDNESDAY 21ST	PARENT 'VIRTUAL' CONSULTATIONS 5.30-7.30PM
THURSDAY 22ND	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM
FRIDAY 23RD	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
MON 26TH-FRI 30TH	AUTUMN TERM BREAK
SATURDAY 31ST	CLOSING DATE FOR YR 6 TO YR 7 (TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 2021) APPLICATIONS TO HAVE BEEN MADE VIA ESCC PORTAL
NOVEMBER	
MONDAY 2ND	START OF TERM 2 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 4TH	LUNCHTIME KNITTING CLUB STARTS 12.30-1PM
THURSDAY 5TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM
MONDAY 9TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 12TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM
	OPEN DAY - SMALL GROUPS, SOCIALLY DISTANCED TO TOUR THE SCHOOL THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS. 9.30-10.15AM. 10.15-11.00AM. 1.45-2.30PM. TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES LOOKING FOR A PLACE WITHIN YR SEPTEMBER '21
	OPEN EVENING - SMALL GROUPS, SOCIALLY DISTANCED TO TOUR THE SCHOOL THROUGHOUT THE EVE ON THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS. 6-6.45PM & 6.45-7.30PM. TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES LOOKING FOR A PLACE WITHIN YR SEPTEMBER '21

INSET DAYS:

Monday 5th October 2020

There will be x3 more Inset Days for this academic year.
Once the dates have been confirmed, we shall of course inform you.



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2020

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are already at the end of the third week of the Autumn term. We have been delighted that all children have settled into (or back into) school life incredibly well: They are focussed and energised for learning.

New parents may be interested to learn that this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters we produce. A huge amount of school news is communicated in this way and we hope that you find this, and future editions, informative.

In our acts of worship, we have been exploring our school motto "Be the best you can be; Living life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). The children have enjoyed looking deeper into the sheep and shepherd metaphor themes within John 10 and now have a greater understanding of what "Life in all its fullness" means.

Bikeability

As is tradition at Blackboys, our Year 6s undertook the ESCC Bikeability programme every morning throughout last week. Well done Year 6!



Twitter

Please be aware that Blackboys School is on Twitter. News and events from our school are tweeted regularly. Please keep an eye on @blackboyschool. It's a great way of seeing what the children are experiencing and can be used as a discussion point with your children at home.



Parents Consultations

We hold two sets of Parent Consultation evenings throughout the academic year to enable parents/carers and class teachers to talk about their children's progress and areas for development. Consultations take place in Autumn and Spring term. Due to the current climate, this year we won't be able to offer face to face meetings for the Autumn term consultations. Undeterred, we shall instead be offering 10minute slots for **telephone conversations** with your child's class teacher.

More information about this, alongside the link for parental sign up will be sent out on Tuesday 06th October. With this new facility please note that all Parents/Carers will need to sign themselves up for this service and not via the School Office.

Telephone Parent Consultations:
Monday 19th October
3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 21st October
5.30-7.30pm

Harvest Festival, Thursday 24th September

We held our virtual Harvest Festival yesterday.



Thank you to all those who kindly contributed. These donations will be distributed by Uckfield Foodbank within our local community to those in need of additional support.

Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '21

A reminder for all Year 6 Parents/Carers that their Secondary School applications for a place within Year 7 needs to be completed via the ESCC online portal by **Saturday 31st October 2020**.

Year R September '21

We are currently looking at projected pupil numbers for next September. Can you therefore please let the school office know if you have a sibling of a pupil already at Blackboys CE School, for who you intend to be naming Blackboys as your first choice of School on your application with County.

office@blackboyse.e-sussex.sch.uk / 01825 890 423

As an additional reminder, even if you have a child already attending Blackboys, you still need to register preference of schools on-line via the East Sussex County Council website. The deadline for primary school choices for September 2021 is Friday 15th January 2021.

OPEN DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 RECEPTION PUPILS

Please join our Headteacher, Mr Sullivan, on one of our tours for potential pupils starting school in Year R, September 2021. Choose from:

Wednesday 14th October	9.30-10.15am	Thursday 12th November	9.30-10.15am	6.00-6.45pm
	10.15-11.00am		10.15-11.00am	6.45-7.30pm
	1.45-2.30pm		1.45-2.30pm	

All sessions will be held socially distanced and in small groups. We shall be requesting full contact details for 'track and trace' purposes and all adult visitors will need to wear a face covering.

To make an appointment on your preferred date and time please email office@blackboyse.e-sussex.sch.uk OR telephone 01825 890 423.

If you are unable to join us on dates/times offered & would like to view our thriving school at another time, you would be most welcome to contact the school office to make an appointment on the contact details above.

If you are able to display a poster for our open mornings and evening, please let the school office know. We are always keen to publicise.

Pupil Leadership

We are thrilled to have Miles Redman and Heidi Saunders in the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year. They both wrote excellent letters of application, and we are confident that they will do a great job.

We are also delighted to announce that our school prefects for the coming year will be: Ruby Nicholas, Kate Eldrett, Rebecca Sullivan, Evie Doherty, Harry Fletcher and Jude Cottingham and they will be led by Ellie Wevill (who has the

role of senior prefect).

Our House Captains this year will be Faye Ward and Isaac Cottingham representing St Thomas, yellow house.



Seth Goulson and Emilia Gill representing St Richard, red house.



Kailah Hill and Dylan Wood representing St George, green house.



Lowenna Godfrey and Callum Willcox representing St Catharine, blue house.



We know they will be excellent ambassadors for our school.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 21st September

Class 1

Vivi Cottingham: For her great retelling of the Cinderella story.
 Ida Owen: For great participation in maths activities, counting forwards and backwards from different numbers.
 Saffron Morton-Cobb: For her effort she put into writing the retell of the Cinderella story.

Class 2

Hattie Dunbar: For all-round awesomeness! All her work is carefully done and neatly presented and she always listens carefully.
 Barnaby Briscall: For amazing counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
 Elizabeth McLean: For coming into School so well by herself.

Class 3

Eva Cottingham: For trying really hard in lessons, especially maths.
 Amelie du Toit: For surprising Miss Sanderson by knowing her 9 times tables.
 Piers Redman: For excellent description of the city in Journey with a good selection of adjectives, even though he missed most of the lessons on it!

Class 4

Tabatha Jordon-Richards: For having a really positive attitude and working hard all week!
 Jacob Fordham: For great work in literacy this week!
 Rhys Williams: For some amazing discussions in RE and creating a beautiful symbol of God.

Class 5

Lowenna Godfrey: For some insightful input in RE/History.
 Fyfe Dunbar: For his excellent hero advert.
 Isaac Cottingham: For his confident work with negative numbers.