

## ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 09th October 2020

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
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
	NO NETBALL CLUB THIS WEEK
	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	<b>AUTUMN TERM BREAK</b>
SATURDAY 31ST	CLOSING DATE FOR YR 6 TO YR 7 (TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 2021) APPLICATIONS TO HAVE BEEN MADE VIA ESCC PORTAL
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
MONDAY 2ND	START OF TERM 2
	WHOLE SCHOOL TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS BEING TAKEN IN SCHOOL HALL
	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 3RD	FLU IMUNISATION FOR ALL PUPILS WITH PERMISSION
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
FRIDAY 13TH	CLASS 2 TRIP TO MICHELHAM PRIORY 9AM-3PM
MONDAY 16TH	CLASSES 4 AND 5 TRIP TO BATTLE ABBEY 9AM-3PM
	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 19TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM
FRIDAY 20TH	HAPPY SCHOOL RECYCLING SCHEME COLLECTION DATE FOR CLOTHES DONATIONS (PTA)

### INSET DAYS:

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

### Dear Parents / Carers,

The children are all continuing to follow our school motto: "Be the best you can be; living life in all its fullness (John 10:10). However with increasing infection rates of Covid-19 this is a challenging time and we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and children about the measures we brought in, during September, which were designed to help our school community to be as protected as possible from the illness and also from further possible school disruption.

We reiterate that should a child or family member be displaying symptoms of Covid-19 that they isolate for 10 days and get a test, however difficult that might be. Please communicate with us on this, contacting the school before posting your child's symptoms on social media.

Should we have any suspected cases of Covid-19 in the school, we will alert parents from the affected "Key Stage Bubble" so that they can be extra vigilant for symptoms. Should we have any positive cases of Covid-19, we will work alongside Public Health England and East Sussex County Council, taking their recommendations for partial school closure, potential isolation periods and parental communication.

To limit contacts in the school building, we would like to remind parents to communicate with the school office by using either email or telephone. If coming into the school office is absolutely necessary, we request that parents wear a mask or face covering, as they would do in a shop. Meetings between parents and teachers will take place by telephone unless there are exceptional circumstances.

With the transmission of the virus currently growing in the local community, we need parents to play their part at pick up time. Parents need to be punctual in picking their children up. The pick-up time for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 remains at 3:15pm. Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pick-up time is 3:20pm. Class 1 parents will

continue to use the one way system around the outside of the school to pick up in Class 1's outside area. Class 2, 3, 4 and 5 parents should stand on one of the yellow footprints around the edge of the playground, socially distancing from each other while they await their children. Class 2 parents should stand on the yellow footprints closest to Class 2, so that Mrs Sullivan can see you. Class 3, 4 and 5 children will be led on to the playground by their classteachers.

If parents need to wait in the playground for Key Stage 2 children to be dismissed, they should stay on their yellow footprint, with the younger siblings. The end of the school day is not extra playtime.

Families are expected to leave the playground quickly and not congregate in the entrance/exit to School and go home. We ask parents to think carefully before arranging play dates and ask everyone to follow the Governments "Rule of 6". We would also ask parents to refrain from organising sleepovers at the present time.

Hand sanitiser is available for parents, pupils and visitor use which is located at the gates to school. Please use before entering the school grounds. Handwashing with soap and water is also available for pupils and expected.

There is an even greater emphasis of children staying seated in their places in Key Stage 2 classrooms during lesson time and we have reduced the expectation for loud singing. Choir clubs will take place, but with the children distanced further from each other.

To aide entrance to school outside of normal hours, there is now a separate doorbell for access to Breakfast and After School Club. If using either of these facilities, please use this bell and not the main school buzzer.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Flu Consent Forms

Please can you complete and return the individual pupil flu consent forms which were sent out last week via your child's bag. These are needed in preparation of the School nurse team visiting on Tuesday 03rd November. Consent forms need to be returned at the very latest, Monday 19th October. Please return via the yellow box located at the School gates at drop off and collection times.

## Tempest, School Photographs

Our annual visit by School Photographer, Tempest will be made on Monday 02nd November (first day back from mid term break). From 9.05am. This year, due to Covid-19, distancing and our internal bubble arrangements we will only be able to facilitate individual pupil pictures. There will unfortunately be no pre school sibling or in school sibling pictures.

## Fuller & Scott, Uckfield

We were contacted by local funeral director, Fuller & Scott during June asking our Key Worker pupils to enter a competition to design the brim of a top hat. The top hat is traditionally worn as part of a Funeral Directors' uniform. Pupils designs were sent in to be judged and Emma Naylor, Funeral Director, contacted us earlier this term to inform us that some entries had won their categories. Winners will be informed shortly but in the meantime should you wish to view all entries, these are currently displayed in the window of Fuller & Scott in Uckfield.



### 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:

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@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackboys.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.***

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	

## Happy School Bag

As per the ParentMail email sent out 29th September, our PTA have arranged with 'Happy School Bag' for a School fundraising initiative. On Friday 20th November you are encouraged to bring into School any unwanted, yet reusable clothing, paired shoes, handbags & accessories. Please pop any donations in a sturdy bag and drop them off at School on the **20th November**. The 'Happy School Bag' van will then come an collect your donations, they will then be weighed and any monies raised will be returned to the School PTA for much needed funds.

## Telephone Parents' Consultations

Earlier this week the letter detailing the forthcoming Parents Evenings was sent out via ParentMail and pupil bags.

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to sign up for your 10 minute slot with your child's teacher.

We encourage pupils to be part of the consultation conversation, as we would in normal face to face appointments and you are welcome utilise 'speaker phone' should you wish to.

## Telephone Parent Consultations:

Monday 19th October

3.30-6.00pm

Wednesday 21st October

5.30-7.30pm

## 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**.

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 5th October

### Class 1

Charles Dove: For his amazing maths this week and for using the equipment in the classroom to challenge himself to write number sentences.

Ella Hart: For choosing to use her 'busy book' to write letters and number sentences.

Arthur Thompson: For great work in maths this week—finding number bonds within 10.

### Class 2

George Ward: For neatly presented science homework about materials used to build his house.

Grayson Gavin: For trying really hard to answer the questions about Dogger in whole class reading.

Myla Butler: For lovely descriptive writing about how the seasons change in our Literacy text, 'The Something'.

### Class 3

Huw Ridgwell: For good effort in his subjects and being enthusiastic, always offering an answer.

Nathaniel Fordham: For following our class moto of 'always having a go' and always trying his best.

Arthur Pollitt: For really hard work in maths.

### Class 4

Harrison Hearn: For settling in to Blackboys well and for persevering with his writing.

Lola Luck: For writing an amazing newspaper report in Literacy.

Danny Willett: For always having a positive attitude and being the best he can be.

### Class 5

Faye Ward: For excellent effort in her writing.

Heidi Saunders: For her fantastic writing at school and at home.

Harriet Marchant: For getting on well with her work on fractions.