

## ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21

### NOVEMBER

MONDAY 16TH PUPIL/PARENTAL RETURN OF MUSTARD SEED 'LOVE IN A BOX' ~ PLEASE BRING YOUR BOX IN WITH YOU AT MORNING DROP OFF

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

THURSDAY 19TH RETURN OF ANY TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE (VIA THE YELLOW BOX SITUATED OUTSIDE THE GATES BY END OF SCHOOL DAY TODAY

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM

FRIDAY 20TH HAPPY SCHOOL RECYCLING SCHEME COLLECTION DATE FOR CLOTHES DONATIONS (PTA). PLEASE BRING FILLED BAGS INTO SCHOOL DURING THE MORNING DROP OFF

MONDAY 23RD CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH DEADLINE FOR JOINING THE PTA QUIZ NIGHT ON 27/11

THURSDAY 26TH CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM

FRIDAY 27TH PTA ZOOM QUIZ 7PM

MONDAY 30TH CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

### DECEMBER

THURSDAY 3RD CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM

SATURDAY 5TH - HOLY CROSS CHURCH UCKFIELD 'VIRTUAL' FESTIVAL OF  
TUESDAY 8TH CHRISTMAS TREES 2020

MONDAY 7TH - **LAST WEEK OF ALL LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULUM**  
FRIDAY 11TH **CLUBS**

MONDAY 7TH CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

THURSDAY 10TH REARRANGED FROM 12/11 - OPEN EVE - REARRANGED FROM 12/11 - 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.

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM

MONDAY 14TH CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

WEDNESDAY 16TH WHOLE SCHOOL (BUT IN BUBBLES) CHRISTMAS DINNERS AND IN CLASS PARTY GAMES

THURSDAY 17TH CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM

FRIDAY 18TH LAST DAY OF TERM 2

CUP ASSEMBLY VIA ZOOM. CUPS TO BE GIVEN OUT TO EACH CLASS 9.30 -10.30AM

DECEMBER 21ST - **CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
1ST JANUARY

### JANUARY

MONDAY 4TH **INSET DAY**

TUESDAY 5TH **START OF TERM 3**

#### INSET DAYS:

MONDAY 04TH JANUARY 2021  
THURSDAY 01ST APRIL 2021  
FRIDAY 23RD JULY 2021



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020

Christian Value for Term : **FELLOWSHIP**

### Dear Parents / Carers,

The first 2 weeks of term seem to have gone very quickly, and we are pleased to report that the children have settled back into routines and learning since the half term break. A huge thank you to parents for continuing to work with us on our Covid-19 guidelines. We endeavour to continue to keep as life as normal as possible for our pupils, but this takes a team effort and we are so pleased to see everyone playing their part.

### Christian Value of the Term

Linking beautifully to the above is our Christian Value of the term, **Fellowship**. We have been thinking about what Fellowship means in our Zoom assemblies and acts of worship. You will notice that our "thought for the week" board, at the front of school will always have a thoughtful quote to do with our Christian Value. This week has been a very timely quote by ballet dancer Misty Copeland: *"Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you."*

### Remembrance

On Wednesday 11th November, we joined people all around the world, as we thought about Remembrance and Armistice Day. Our Head Girl and Boy laid a wreath on behalf of the school at St Thomas a Becket Church, Framfield. As a mark of remembrance they read out the names of the villagers of Blackboys who gave their lives as members of the armed forces during World War 1 and 2. You can see a short video of the wreath laying on our school

YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2m6CymjJtg&t=14s>



### All Weather Sports Pitch

Work is taking shape on our exciting new all weather sports pitch. Although the wet half term didn't help matters, the companies we are working with are putting in lots of efforts to keep the project on track. Class 3, in particular, love seeing the project take shape and we hope that we will take ownership of the finished pitch at the beginning of December.

### Website

A reminder to all pupils and parents that there are reminders of homework, termly plans and spellings on each class page of the school website. Please refer to these for your homework.

### ParentPay

As some of you will have noticed we are now able to utilise ParentPay to enable Parents/Carers to pay for items such as School trips, Breakfast and After School club as well as some after school clubs. At the end of all letters which require a payment to School you will get the option to pay via ParentPay, please denote this on your return slip and the amount will be added on to your ParentPay account for you to pay.

### Love in a Box, a reminder

Please remember to bring in your filled 'Love in a Box' after the weekend, Monday 16th November ideally at School drop off. Your box will be taken from you at the gate by a helpful school prefect. Should you bring them at the end of the School day please leave in the yellow box located at the School gates.

### New Open Day Date

Due to the new Government guidelines our Open Day event which was planned to take place yesterday, 12th November will now take place on Thursday 10th December. If you had secured an appointment slot to view our School, your appointment time will remain the same. All Parents/Carers who had made an appointment have been notified by separate email last week. Please continue to spread the word about Blackboys School to friends and relations. If you are able to display a poster, please speak to the school office.

### Parental Spelling Workshop

Thank you to all those Parents/Carers who joined Mr Sullivan for the re-arranged Parental Spelling Workshop which took place Wednesday of this week. Due to internet issues we were unable to complete the originally planned workshop but pleased that we were successful in delivering it to you this week. Should you wish to view the session and accompanying slides, we are delighted to say that it was recorded and will soon be available via the school website.

### Tempest School Photographs

Individual School photographs, alongside order forms have now been distributed. Any orders which you wish to be placed need to be returned to the School Office (via the yellow box) by at the latest 3.20pm, Thursday 19th November. We are hoping that completed orders will be returned in time for distribution before the Christmas break.

### Inset Days

The remaining Inset Days for the rest of the academic year 20/21 are now confirmed as; Monday 04th January, Thursday 01st April and Friday 23rd July 2021. Please make a note of these dates.

### PTA Column, with PTA Chair Mr Rob Wevill.

#### Happy School Bag

As previously advertised the 'Happy School Bag' collectors will be attending the school during the morning of Friday 20th November. We would therefore advise that you bring your filled bags into school on Friday morning at drop off time. We will be storing bags under the shelter by the PE shed. Please remember to wear your face coverings and to leave the school premises quickly and efficiently after you have dropped off the bags. Once collected, bags will be taken away, weighed and any monies raised will be returned to the school PTA. If you require additional bags, please contact the school office. Please also note that there is no limit to the number or type of bags used and clothes/shoes can include that for both children and adults!

#### PTA School Quiz

Further to the flyer sent out earlier in the week, we are excited to announce that the PTA will be holding an 'Interactive Family Quiz' via Zoom on Friday 27th November at 7pm. Please confirm your family's attendance with the school office and pick up your 'goodie bag' during the final few days leading up to the event. £20 Entry fee or donation.

#### Easy Fundraising

We will be sending out a poster via ParentMail to remind parents how they can help the PTA raise funds while doing their Christmas shopping. Please keep your eyes peeled.

### Gold Book Awards for week beginning 9th November

#### Class 1

Jessica Passey: For trying really hard to write the first sound she hears in a word, writing Dragon School Rules!  
Benjamin Cottingham: For the effort he is putting in to his handwriting and independent writing about dragons.  
Evie Colgate: For her amazing detailed painting of a dragon.

#### Class 2

Eva Cooper: For being the best she can be in all subjects.  
Emilia Briscall: For a fantastic Goldfish piece of artwork based on a painting by Paul Klee.  
William Pistell: For being really respectful in the Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday.

#### Class 3

Nico Jaques: For trying really hard with his presentation in his work.  
Theo Morton-Cobb: For being polite and respectful.  
Sophie Wevill: For a really good Remembrance Day poem.

#### Class 4

Ivy Davies: For persevering with maths when she finds it really tricky! Ivy is putting a lot of effort into her work. Well done.  
Leo Blackmore: For doing some brilliant work at home.  
Harrison Hearn: For working really hard with his handwriting and spelling. He is really getting the hang of cursive writing.

#### Class 5

For doing brilliantly in their 'challenges' this week:  
Fyfe Dunbar: 50/50 SPAG  
Kate Eldrett: 20/20 Spelling  
Astrid Willcox: 28/30 Maths