

## ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21

### NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 27TH

PTA ZOOM QUIZ 7PM

MONDAY 30TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

### DECEMBER

THURSDAY 3RD

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM

FRIDAY 4TH

RETURN OF PUPIL CHRISTMAS LUNCH SLIPS FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH 16 12 20

SATURDAY 5TH -  
TUESDAY 8TH

HOLY CROSS CHURCH UCKFIELD 'VIRTUAL' FESTIVAL OF  
CHRISTMAS TREES 2020

MONDAY 7TH -  
FRIDAY 11TH

**LAST WEEK OF ALL LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULUM  
CLUBS**

MONDAY 7TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM  
LAST GUITAR CLUB OF TERM

THURSDAY 10TH

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM  
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 PROSPEC-  
TIVE FAMILIES LOOKING FOR A PLACE WITHIN YR SEPTEMBER '21.

MONDAY 14TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM  
NO GUITAR CLUB  
NO NETBALL CLUB

TUESDAY 15TH

NO GUITAR CLUB  
NO CHOIR CLUBS  
NO TAG RUGBY CLUB  
NO SPORTS CLUB

WEDNESDAY 16TH

WHOLE SCHOOL (BUT IN BUBBLES) CHRISTMAS DINNERS AND IN CLASS  
PARTY GAMES  
BLACKBOYS KS1 NATIVITY RELEASED (YOU TUBE)  
NO KNITTING CLUB  
NO KS1 FOOTBALL CLUB

THURSDAY 17TH

WHOLE CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY. PUPILS AND STAFF TO WEAR A CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER TO SCHOOL SHOULD THEY WISH!  
WHOLE SCHOOL CAROLS AT BLACKBOYS. ZOOM. 9.15-10AM  
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM  
NO GUITAR CLUB  
NO KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB

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 -  
1ST JANUARY

**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

### JANUARY

MONDAY 4TH

**NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL - INSET DAY  
SPRING RETURN TO SCHOOL LETTER AND CLUBS LIST OUT**

TUESDAY 5TH

**START OF TERM 3**

### INSET DAYS:

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



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

Christian Value for Term : **FELLOWSHIP**

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Covid-19 Updates

We currently have our Class 4 pupils in a period of isolation and home learning. This was a difficult decision to make in an ever changing context, but one that felt correct. Swift decisions based on official advice and community knowledge will continue to be made as we try to keep our school as safe as possible. Parents will be informed as soon as test outcomes are known. Due to the measures we have in place at school, there is currently no need for children in Key Stage 1, Class 3 or Class 5 to isolate and school is open as usual for those groups.

We have once again re-iterated to all our pupils the importance of good hand hygiene, the use of tissues and of keeping sensible distances, particularly in the school corridors. Please remember that children are very welcome to bring in hand sanitiser for personal use, as long as they are aware of how to use it properly.

One of the key tactics in keeping the school community as safe as possible is self-checking against symptoms and then self-isolating and testing. The 3 main symptoms often stated are:

- A new, continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature and/or
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

However other symptoms are also reported and parents should keep a look out for any perceived changes in their child's health. If you are in any way concerned with your health or your child's health, please keep your child home and seek a test. Please keep the school updated as time progresses.

With the end of the Second National Lockdown approaching, parents have asked whether the need for face coverings will continue. With Sussex being placed in Tier 2 it would not be sensible to reduce any of our safety measures, so we are asking parents to continue with face coverings until further notice.

Could we politely ask parents of older children, who wait outside the school gates, to ensure they are social distancing please. It is really important that parents do not congregate in groups around the gate and in School Lane and that they move off promptly after they have met their children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



### Love in a Box

Thank you to all those families who carefully put together and wrapped a 'Love in a Box'. The annual visit by the 'love in a box' team was made last week to collect donations and they were thrilled by the amount of support, especially in such an unusual year.

### Happy School Bag—PTA FundRaising

Last Friday the Happy School Bag collection was made, following all your donations of bags. The whole collection weighed a whopping 645kg in total and the amount raised was £322.50. These much needed funds will go into the PTA coffers.



### Last week of Lunchtime & After School Clubs

As we near the latter end of this term, to confirm the last week of ALL lunchtime and after school clubs will take place during week commencing Monday 07th December. There will be NO clubs during the final week of term.

Breakfast and after school clubs will of course continue during the last week and should you need to use these facilities please use the email address [bcandasc@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:bcandasc@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk) to make a booking. We ask for at least 24hours notice of bookings.

### Christmas Lunch

Thank you to all those who have returned their completed slip which denoted pupils choices for Christmas Lunch which will be taking place at School on Wednesday 16th December. If you haven't sent your slip back, please ensure that you do so by Friday 04th December. Can we also remind you our kitchen, run by Chartwells, is urging all Parents/Carers who pay for their child's lunch to utilise ParentPay rather than sending in cash. Thank you.

### Thursday 17th December

On Thursday 17th December we will be inviting children to wear a Christmas Jumper for the day in lieu of their every day Blackboys jumper if they wish in exchange for a £1 charity donation. The money we raise will be split between our very own PTA and our traditional Christmas Charity; St Martin's in the Field Homelessness Appeal.

### Christmas

Sadly due to the current pandemic we will be unable to hold our traditional end of term Christmas parties. However, not wanting the children to go without we have arranged for the afternoon of the 16th to be spent in Class enjoying controlled party games and festivities. Your child is welcome to bring with them clothes to change into to add to the celebration of our Christmas afternoon at School. To adhere to government guidelines there will be no mixing of bubbles and children will remain in their own class group within their own classroom.

We understand that there will be a special socially distanced visit from Father Christmas to Classes 1 and 2 and are delighted that the restrictions allow for this.

We will bring you more news of our KS1 Nativity which will be available via a 'you tube' link this year as well as information relating to our whole School Christmas Carol Service and Cup Assembly (both will be via Zoom) in the next Newsletter.

### PTA Quiz

Thank you to all those families who have signed up for tonight's online PTA Zoom Quiz. We are looking forward to seeing everyone rack their brains. If you have signed up and not received the Zoom codes to access the quiz at 7pm this evening please contact the PTA Chair Mr Rob Wevill or School Office.

### ParentPay, Message from the Kitchen

Please can we ask all Parents/Carers within KS2 (Classes 3,4 &5) who use the system to pay for their child's School lunches to keep an eye on their account. Please top up as necessary.

There are currently a number of accounts with large amounts of debt occurring.

**Please note that from January the kitchen will not be taking cash and ParentPay will be the only way of paying for lunches.**

### Gold Book Awards for week beginning 23rd November

#### Class 1

Arthur Thompson: For his participation in maths group activities; trying really hard to problem solve and explain his thinking.

Charles Dove: For the effort he is putting in to his writing and letter formation.

Florence Riley: for working hard in maths, ordering numbers, writing numbers and counting forwards and backwards.

#### Class 2

Elizabeth McLean: For being much more independent in her learning, especially maths.

Harrison Brodie: For a great 'Paul Klee' style castle picture.

Alice Passey: For a great 'Paul Klee' style castle picture.

#### Class 3

Huw Ridgwell: For excellent work in literacy with imperative ways.

Monty Coates: For creating a good sequence on the apparatus in gymnastics.

Noah Beale: For resilience and determination.

#### Class 4

Henry Pistel: For amazing enthusiasm in Class 4.

Caitlyn Luck: For writing an amazing description.

Ayla Wright: For a super positive and smiley attitude.

#### Class 5

Jude Cottingham: For excellent effort in practising his handwriting.

Seth Goulson: For catching up brilliantly on his first full week back.

Arthur Redman: For his continued hard work in home learning.