

## ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21

MONDAY 7TH - FRIDAY 11TH	<b>LAST WEEK OF ALL LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULUM CLUBS</b>
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) KS1 FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT IN EACH CLASS & PARTY IN EACH CLASS & KS2 IN CLASS PARTY GAMES 1.30-3PM 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! £1 DONATION WHOLE SCHOOL CAROLS AT BLACKBOYS. ZOOM. 9.15-10AM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM NO GUITAR CLUB NO KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB CHRISTMAS ZOOM KAHOOT QUIZ HOSTED BY DJ SNOWMAN 4.15-5.15PM
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	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	
MONDAY 4TH	<b>NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL - INSET DAY</b> SPRING RETURN TO SCHOOL LETTER AND CLUBS LIST OUT
TUESDAY 5TH	<b>START OF TERM 3</b>
MONDAY 11TH	RETURN OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS CLASS 1 PUPIL PLANNING MEETINGS (VIA ZOOM. PLEASE REFER TO INFORMATION SENT VIA PARENTMAIL) 9.15-9.45AM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 12TH	CLASS 2 PUPIL PLANNING MEETINGS (VIA ZOOM. PLEASE REFER TO INFORMATION SENT VIA PARENTMAIL) 9.15-9.45AM
WEDNESDAY 13TH	CLASS 3 PUPIL PLANNING MEETINGS (VIA ZOOM. PLEASE REFER TO INFORMATION SENT VIA PARENTMAIL) 9.15-9.45AM EXTRA CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM (AS NONE ON 7TH JAN)
THURSDAY 14TH	CLASS 4 PUPIL PLANNING MEETINGS (VIA ZOOM. PLEASE REFER TO INFORMATION SENT VIA PARENTMAIL) 9.15-9.45AM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1.30-3PM
FRIDAY 15TH	CLOSING DATE FOR STARTING SCHOOL, YR R, SEPTEMBER 2021 APPLICATIONS TO HAVE BEEN MADE VIA THE ESCC PORTAL CLASS 5 PUPIL PLANNING MEETINGS (VIA ZOOM. PLEASE REFER TO INFORMATION SENT VIA PARENTMAIL) 9.15-9.45AM

### INSET DAYS:

MONDAY 04TH JANUARY 2021

THURSDAY 01ST APRIL 2021

FRIDAY 23RD JULY 2021



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020

Christian Value for Term : FELLOWSHIP

Dear Parents / Carers,

### All Weather Pitch

Apart from the external landscaping, we are pleased to report that the all-weather pitch is complete and has already been utilised for PE, football club and tag rugby club. We know that this is going to enhance our outside physical activity at school.

Once Covid-19 restrictions are eased, we will organise an official opening.

Our thanks go to the PTA for their massive fundraising efforts, and to the two companies involved: Easigrass and SportPlay.



### Class 4

We were thrilled to welcome Class 4 and four members of staff back to school following their 2 week self-isolation period on Wednesday. The class, led by Miss Mayhew, conducted themselves brilliantly during their period of home learning. We are pleased to report that there were no further Covid-19 infections.

### Lions Roar 2020

Every two years we take part in Lions Roar, a national primary school completion to create an invention that "will change the world". We were thrilled this week to hear that our school representatives earned first place in the south of England for the model competition. Their bike powered clothes washer really caught the eye. Well done to Harriet, Evie and Ellie.



### Christmas

This is our final newsletter before the Christmas break. We would like to wish all families and friends of the school a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Everyone's patience and stamina this year has been truly brilliant and the whole community deserve some happy family time.

There is a final week events planner as an insert to this newsletter.

Staff have INSET training on Monday 4th January 2021, with pupils therefore due back on Tuesday 5th January.

### Last week of Autumn Term

Included with this newsletter you will find a 'last week of term' calendar which details events taking place in school during the final week of term. Please do keep this handy and refer to it as we go through the final days as there is much to be involved in, albeit remotely.

### Warmer Layers

Despite the weather reflecting the season, we still have children coming to School without a Coat to wear outside during break and lunchtimes. Please can you ensure that your child brings with them to School, daily a coat.



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### Lunchtime and After School Clubs

With the exception of breakfast club and after school club, this week was the final week for all other clubs. There will be no extra curriculum clubs running next week. Should parents need to extend their child's After School Club attendance please remember to inform us of any changes. A new clubs letter for the Spring term will be distributed at the start of next term.

### Return to School, Spring Term

Please remember that Monday 04th January 2021 will be an Inset Day and no pupils will be in School. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 05th January. You can find all other Inset Days planned for the remainder of the academic year on the dates section, on the back of this newsletter.

### Forest School, Spring Term

The Spring term Forest School rotas for Class 1 and now Class 4 up until February mid-term break will be distributed shortly.

### ParentPay

Please can you check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that it is not in debt. The kitchen are reporting there are a lot of accounts which require topping up. Please remember that from January the kitchen will no longer be taking cash as a payment option.

### Holy Cross Christmas Tree

If you haven't already viewed the virtual 'Holy Cross Christmas Tree' extravaganza, we encourage you to follow the link;

<https://youtu.be/mKC8-tGen30>

See if you can spot the Blackboys CEP School tree at around 2mins 28secs as well as our Federation School, Framfield, which follows later in the film.



### PTA News

#### Quiz

Thank you to all those teams who took part in the first PTA Zoom quiz. 24 teams took part and fun was had by all. Mr Boorman and his family were crowned the overall winners. Well done Mr Boorman!

#### Whole School Tea Towel

If you haven't already, don't forget to purchase your 2020/21 Blackboys CEP School Tea Towel. These are £5 each or 5 for £20.00. These would make perfect Christmas gifts and all monies raised will go towards the Blackboys PTA. Each child (who was at School during October) and member of Blackboys staff feature on the Tea Towel. An enjoyable game is trying to find people! Members of the PTA team are selling them in the playground at the end of each School day. Please bring the exact money if paying via cash.

#### DIY Wreath Kits

If you haven't already done so and would like to order one of Mrs Beale's (from Fern Cottage Floristry) super do-it-yourself wreath kits please email the Office with your request. The kit is £30 and if paying via cheque please make these payable to 'Blackboys PTA'.

#### Christmas Tree - a Thank You!

Our annual thanks must be extended to the Cottingham family and Staverton Nursery for generously donating our beautiful Christmas tree which is currently adorning our school hall.

### Gold Book Awards for week beginning 7th December

#### Class 1

Sylvie Coates: For the effort she is putting in to her writing, both with directed tasks and in her independent time.

Eddie Vine: For sharing the torch with Vivi and being a kind friend.

James Vine: For joining in with our number songs in maths.

#### Class 2

Grayson Gavin: For trying really hard to work independently in maths.

Hattie Dunbar: For really great writing this term.

Karina Eldrett: For amazing reading during a Year 2 reading assessment.

#### Class 3

Ralph Brinkhurst: For a great book review of the BFG.

Joseph Mylon: For good use of time connectives and carefully chosen adjectives in his Roman dinner instructions.

Noah Dille: For great use of technical language and punctuation in his Roman dinner instructions.

#### Class 4

Rhys Williams: For writing an amazing description of a forest.

Mischa Floyd: For going above and beyond at home and giving Miss Mayhew extra work to practice her literacy.

Zac Sharp: For editing his description really well to make sure it's the best that it can be!

#### Class 5

Ella Brodie: For her excellent effort with writing for her homework.

Lowenna Godfrey: For her passionate contributions in history.

Logan Hill: For his excellent work on his 'How to be a Viking' writing.