

ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21

MARCH

FRIDAY 19TH	NATIONAL RED NOSE DAY. MUFTI DAY. PUPILS TO WEAR OWN CLOTHS IN EXCHANGE FOR £2! SEE PARENTMAIL EMAIL SENT OUT 15/03/21
MONDAY 22ND	FOREST SCHOOL - CLASS 1 - 1-3PM - SPLIT YEAR GROUPS SEE ROTA
THURSDAY 25TH	FOREST SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6 - 1.30-3PM 3.20PM CUT OFF FOR REGISTERING FOR THE PTA KAHOOT QUIZ
FRIDAY 26TH	ZOOM DETAILS FOR THE PTA KAHOOT QUIZ TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS TODAY PTA KAHOOT QUIZ 7-8.30PM
MONDAY 29TH - WEDNESDAY 31ST	NO CLUBS
MONDAY 29TH	FOREST SCHOOL - CLASS 1 - 1-3PM - SPLIT YEAR GROUPS SEE ROTA
WEDNESDAY 31ST	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 VIRTUAL EASTER SERVICE - END OF TERM ASSEMBLY WITH REV CHRIS VIA ZOOM 9.15-10.15AM

APRIL

THURSDAY 1ST	INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
FRIDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 16TH	EASTER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 12TH	ASSA EASTER SOCCER SCHOOL COURSE 9.30-3PM
TUESDAY 13TH	ASSA EASTER SOCCER SCHOOL COURSE 9.30-3PM
FRIDAY 16TH	ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL IN YEAR R, SEPTEMBER 2021 LETTERS/ EMAILS TO BE SENT TO PARENTS/CARERS
MONDAY 19TH	START OF TERM 5 FOREST SCHOOL - CLASS 1 - 1-3PM - SPLIT YEAR GROUPS SEE ROTA
MONDAY 19TH - WEDNESDAY 21ST	BACK TO SCHOOL WELCOME LETTER AND CLUB CHOICES OUT
MONDAY 26TH	FOREST SCHOOL - CLASS 1 - 1-3PM - SPLIT YEAR GROUPS SEE ROTA

INSET DAYS:
THURSDAY 01ST APRIL 2021
FRIDAY 23RD JULY 2021



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

Christian Value for Term : RESPECT

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome Back!

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming our pupils back to school since the 8th March. Their resilience and attitude is a real testimony to the tremendous job you as parents did during the partial school closure; thank you.

On a personal note I would also like to applaud the staff here for the effort they put into remote learning, together with supporting the children of critical workers at school.

Our attitude in these difficult times has always been teamwork and positive thinking. We all genuinely hope that disruption to schooling will be a thing of the past as we face a brighter future.

Welcome!

We were delighted to welcome 4 new pupils and 1 new member of staff to Blackboys School on 8th March. Freya and Jacob joined us in Year 1, Delilah in Year 2 and Claudia in Year 5. They have all been given a warm welcome by the school community and we hope they have a productive time with us. We also welcomed Mrs Samantha Riley to the role of MDSA and Cover TA. Mrs Riley has already had a positive influence on lunchtimes and in Class 4 as she covers for the shielding Mrs Vance.

Lateral Flow Test

As communicated in our Covid-19 guidelines, school staff have all been taking a rapid response Lateral Flow Test twice a week as a further measure in keeping the

school community safe. We have recorded 106 negative results and 0 positives so far. As an extra layer of reassurance, such tests are now available for families. The link below leads to a letter from the East Sussex Director of Public Health and contains all the information you need.

<https://czone-backoffice.azurewebsites.net/media/7751/testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-final.pdf>

Assessments

Next week all pupils in Years 1 to 6 will be sitting assessments in reading and mathematics. These assessments will be extremely useful for teachers to measure the children's attainment, particularly following this period of partial school closure. The assessments are called "Standardised Assessments" and allow us to compare our pupils' scores to a test group of over 1000 pupils nationally who have previously sat the same assessments. It will let us know which children are attaining in line with their particular year group. Most usefully, these assessments will allow teachers to pinpoint who may need extra support, who may need further extension and whether there are any areas of the curriculum the class as a whole need extra work on. Reviewing these assessments and planning our next steps will be a major part of our upcoming INSET Day on Thursday 1st April. I know Class teachers will be delighted to discuss outcomes with parents, so please get in touch.

Virtual Easter Service

Similar to our Harvest Festival and Christmas Carol Service, we will be having an online, virtual Easter Service on Wednesday 31st March at 9:15am. All classes are busy practising songs which we will play as part of the service, together with Easter readings and prayers. Children will stay in their classrooms and watch on their screens. Rev Chris will be leading the service and we would be thrilled if parents were able to attend via Zoom. Nearer the time we will distribute the Zoom joining code.

Contact Details

We are aware that over the past 6 months there have been lots of house moves and therefore changes of address. It is really important that you inform the office if you have changed address and contact numbers as your child's record needs to be kept up to date for correspondence and in case of emergencies. Please email the office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk if you need to make any changes.

Clubs

The last sessions of Wednesday and Thursday after school football clubs will take place during w/c 22/03. There will be no clubs taking place during the last week of term w/c 29/03. We hope to return from the Easter break being able to offer our full spectrum of lunchtime and after school clubs for the Summer. Information about this will be sent home during the first few days back to School. We are excited about having a parent-led Sustainability Club and Archaeology Club after the Easter Holidays!

Breakfast and After School Club, Summer Term

If you wish to use our Breakfast and After School Club regularly through the Summer term please can you email office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk to register your child's place. We ask that at the start to each term a place(s) request is completed (via email). As guidance currently stands we will remain at limiting spaces for each club to 15. Children will remain only within their Key Stage bubble and staff will continue to will help with this. Provision will only be available to support Parents at work, attend education or to access medical care. It is not be used as a lifestyle choice or as 'play date' opportunities.

ParentPay

Please can you regularly 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 the kitchen no longer accept cash or cheques.

Inset Day, Thursday 01st April

As per previous communication there will be an Inset Day taking place on Thursday 01st April and therefore no children will be at School.

Holiday Football Course

Alongside our friends at All Star Soccer Academy we are pleased to offer Soccer School during the Easter holidays at Blackboys CEP School. There are two days which your child can participate in Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April, 9.30am-3pm. Participation is welcome for one or both days. Cost is £25 per day. A packed lunch and football boots as well as trainers will be required, alongside shin pads. To secure your place please contact head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

PTA Quiz Night!



The PTA are inviting all our families to join them for a virtual Quiz Night. This is taking place on Friday 26th March, starting at 7pm, and you will need two devices to play; one for Zoom to join the quiz and one for the app Kahoot to record your answers to the questions poised.

The cost is £15 per household and to secure your place please email office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk by Thursday 25th March at 3.20pm.

Zoom access information will then be emailed out to all participating households registered to take part during the day on Friday 26th March.

Red Nose Day

We have enjoyed a mufti day today to raise funds for both Comic Relief and the PTA. £248 was raised which was split 50:50.



Gold Book Awards for week beginning 15th March

Class 1

Freya Chadwick: For always having lots of ideas to share with her friends during whole class discussions.

Jacob Chadwick: For his great Maths work in our daily skills session—counting forwards and backwards in 5s.

Indi Fowden-Heffer: For all the effort she is putting into all her learning and for being a kind and helpful friend to lots of children in Class 1.

Class 2

Alex Gill: Mrs Riley and Mrs Sullivan are pleased with how well he has learnt to read and spell his common exception words.

Emilia Briscall: For a great design for her Victorian-style toy cart, it was very neat and well labelled.

Eva Cooper: For using all the features of playscripts to write an effective scene from Oliver Twist.

Class 3

Theo Morton-Cobb: Really good effort expanding his character description.

Jacob Bremner-Bloomfield: Very enthusiastic, always contributing and great knowledge about mammals.

Amelie Du Toit: With only a few minutes notice she performed a scene from the BFG. She was Sophie. Well done for having the confidence to do it!

Class 4

Daniel Barker: For having the courage to practice his French conversation in front of the whole class!

Harvey Wright: For having some great ideas and explaining them really well during a class RE discussion.

Harrison Hearn: For making serious progress with his handwriting! Keep it up!

Class 5

Astrid Willcox: For excellent work on her biography, bringing her own flourishes to the info.

Ella Brodie: For her great ideas about river cities in Geography.

Louis Harris: For smashing maths.