

ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21

MAY	
MONDAY 10TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 13TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 14TH	CHARITY BAKE SALE 3.15PM * ALL CAKES 50P EACH AND PLEASE BRING CORRECT CHANGE AS NO CHANGE GIVEN *
MONDAY 17TH	PTA - HAPPY SCHOOL BAG COLLECTION DAY 9AM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 20TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 21ST	FORTNIGHTLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER YEAR 5/6 PGL, SEPTEMBER '21 FIRST INSTALLMENT DUE TO BE PAID BY CHARITY BAKE SALE 3.15PM * ALL CAKES 50P EACH AND PLEASE BRING CORRECT CHANGE AS NO CHANGE GIVEN *
MONDAY 24TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 27TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 28TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 5 WHOLE SCHOOL RAINBOW MUFTI DAY CHARITY BAKE SALE 3.15PM * ALL CAKES 50P EACH AND PLEASE BRING CORRECT CHANGE AS NO CHANGE GIVEN *
MONDAY 31ST	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
31ST MAY - 4TH JUNE	MAY HALF TERM
JUNE	
MONDAY 7TH	START OF TERM 6 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 10TH - WEDNESDAY 16TH	TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR TO BE AT SCHOOL!
THURSDAY 10TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM KS2 ARCHAEOLOGY CLUB STARTS 3.20-4.15PM
FRIDAY 11TH	YR R SEPTEMBER 21 STARTERS TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM CHARITY BAKE SALE 3.15PM * ALL CAKES 50P EACH AND PLEASE BRING CORRECT CHANGE AS NO CHANGE GIVEN *
MONDAY 14TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 17TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 18TH	YEAR 5/6 PGL, SEPTEMBER '21 2ND INSTALLMENT DUE TO BE PAID BY YR R SEPTEMBER 21 STARTERS TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15PM
MONDAY 21ST	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 23RD	YR R SEPTEMBER 21 STARTERS TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM
THURSDAY 24TH	HEADTEACHER PARENTAL / CARER TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS FOR CURRENT YR R / 4 CLASS PLACEMENT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22 10AM-12PM CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM YR R SEPTEMBER 2021 STARTERS PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME MEETING WITH CLASS 1 TEAM AND HEADTEACHER 5.30-6.30PM
FRIDAY 25TH	HEADTEACHER PARENTAL / CARER TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS FOR CURRENT YR R / 4 CLASS PLACEMENT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22 11AM-1PM HEADTEACHER PARENTAL / CARER TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS FOR CURRENT YR R / 4 CLASS PLACEMENT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22 2-3PM

INSET DAYS:
FRIDAY 23RD JULY 2021



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 07th May 2021

Christian Value for Term : Understanding

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome Back and a Plea!

Our first 3 weeks of Term 5 have flown by, fuelled no doubt by everyone's hard work and effort. Our young people are embracing their learning and it is great to see so much enthusiasm for our wide range of club opportunities. Sustainability Group are certainly causing a buzz and the Big Pedal initiative at the start of term proved to be very successful. We were comfortably in the top 20 schools nationally based on percentage of pupils travelling at least part way to school by sustainable means. Well done everyone!

Thank you to parents who have contacted classteachers to find out about their child's attainment in the assessments that took place before the Easter break. These assessments provided us with a picture of how our pupils are performing following the Term 3 and 4 lockdown. It highlighted the fact that in some year groups the standard of reading is a little lower than we would like. I am therefore asking for help. If there are any parents or grandparents who have 1 hour to spare a week, we would love to hear from you. We are in desperate need of volunteers to hear individual children read. We have a large number of children who are not heard to read at home, so some extra one to one time at school would be hugely beneficial. Volunteers would be able to follow our covid-safe guidelines, have access to regular rapid covid tests, receive training and have the satisfaction of knowing they are making a difference. Please contact me directly on head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk so that we can get the ball rolling. Your anticipated help is much appreciated.

Staffing

We are delighted to inform you that we have a new Bursar, Mrs Heather Camsell, who will be working across the

Federation at both Blackboys and Framfield CEP Schools. She will work specifically at Blackboys on Wednesdays and Thursdays and can be contacted via finance@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk. Sadly Mrs Vance is poorly, having returned from covid shielding but hopes to be well enough to re-start work again in Term 5. Our thoughts and prayers are naturally with Mrs Vance. In the meantime our MDSA Mrs Riley has kindly stepped up and is providing valuable Teaching Assistant support for Miss Mayhew and Class 4.

New Governors

I am delighted to tell you all that this school year we have welcomed two new members to our Governing Body. That two people wish to contribute to the leadership of our Federation during this troubling time is testament to the commitment they have to our community and I look forward to working with them in the years to come.

Katherine Hall is mum to Edwin and Gregory at Framfield School and worships at St Thomas à Becket Church. She lives with her family in Uckfield and is a Geotechnical Engineer by training. She sits on our Finance Committee which is responsible for a large range of activity including approval of the school budgets and overseeing Health and Safety at the schools. She also will sit on our Ethos committee as she is a Foundation governor elected by the Diocese of Chichester.

Tim Murray is a highly experienced Governor having served in a school in London before moving to Uckfield where he was a Governor at Manor Primary for 12 years. Tim is a management consultant, and brings his broad range of skills to our Finance Committee, our staff pay and performance committee as well as leading with other Governors on ensuring the wellbeing of our children and staff.

Summer Term Dates

With lockdown slowly lifting, the country continuing to follow the Covid-19 recovery road map, we are anticipating a lot of our annual Summer Term events will take place in School. Please remember to keep an eye on our calendar, available on the homepage of the Blackboys CEP School website as this is always being updated. We are planning for a whole school Sports Day to take place on Wednesday 30th June from 1.10pm (reserve date 07/07/21 in case of inclement weather).

The traditional whole school production however will be slightly different this year. This will be a Year 4, 5 and 6 performance, with three shows taking place, Wednesday 14th July 2-3pm and 6-7pm and Thursday 15th July 6-7pm. We will be limiting tickets for each production to 40 and will be encouraging only immediate family to come and watch. Further information about this and other events will be circulated further into the term and should plans change we will of course let you know.

PTA News

Our PTA have and continue to try to raise funds for our School despite the current restrictions. The virtual quiz night run at the end of Term 4 was another great success and we hope that during the Summer term we may even be able to offer some 'in school' fund raising and a re-gathering of our School community.

With news that Mr Wevill current PTA Chair will be stepping down at the end of this year, we urge you to consider whether you may be able to fill the position of the next PTA Chair. The role could also be shared if two people would like to step forward to be Joint Chairs.

After a very successful stint at the helm which has included fundraising and installation of the all weather pitch Mr Wevill has decided it is time to step aside. If you feel that this may be something which you may consider and would like to find out some more information and what the role involves, please chat with Mr Sullivan or Mr Wevill to express your interest.

PTA Happy School Bag Collection: 17th May

The PTA have arranged a collection for Happy School Bag on Friday 17th May. Happy School Bag offers schools the opportunity to raise funds and at the same time to help our environment by keeping valuable and reusable resources out of landfill. The pre-loved garments collected by Happy School Bag are sold to secondhand markets abroad for the purpose of re-use and provide affordable quality clothing to disadvantaged people in need.

They accept:

- Reusable clean clothing in good condition
- Reusable paired shoes and footwear
- Fashion accessories, handbags, belts, light jewellery, scarves, hats, etc...
- Console games, souvenirs (small ornaments, unwanted gift boxsets)

They do not accept:

- Single shoes
- Mats, Carpets
- Duvets, Pillows, Blankets, Bedlinen
- Curtains
- Bric-a-Brac
- Dirty-Damaged-Wet-Damp-Smelly items
- Old Fashioned Clothing
- No uniforms or toys (soft or hard)
- No Books - DVD's



Please start collecting together your donations now and filling your bags which were distributed at the end of last week.

Charity of the Term: Ex-pupil Jacob Doherty for Charity 'Play Action International'

Jacob visited the School on Thursday 21st April to tell us about his plans to make a charity journey to Uganda in the Summer as a volunteer to work with a local community to help build a playground for a local primary school.

We will be supporting his efforts to fundraise with some Charity Bake Sales run by some groups of very enthusiastic Class 4 & 5 Pupils. Class 3 will be attempting to climb a virtual Mount Everest and there will be a Rainbow Non-School Uniform Day on the last day of term, Friday 28th May (more details to follow).

To keep covid-safe for the Bake Sales, queue on the yellow footprints in the playground, all cakes will be individually wrapped and charged a flat-rate of 50p each (please bring correct change).

Dates of the bake sales are on the back page.



Gold Book Awards for week beginning 3rd May

Class 1

Missy-Rose Richardson: For all her hard work with Ms Butler learning her sounds and counting.
Sophie Cooper: For trying really hard at home and school with her reading.
Arthur Thompson: For his great problem solving in Maths, sharing and grouping objects.

Class 2

William Pistel: For an amazing piece of artwork in the style of Mondrian.
Hattie Dunbar: For making great links about the parables we were reading and what happened with Noah's Ark.
Grayson Gavin: For trying really hard with his handwriting and getting onto the Treasure Chest twice this week!

Class 3

Reuben Saunders: For his extra hard work and excellent attitude in lessons and for re-doing his work at home to make it better).
Ruben Owen: For his positive attitude in school now he's got his glasses!
Nico Jaques: For his enthusiasm singing in assembly and for encouraging others to sing louder, helping others be the best they can be.

Class 4

Tabatha Jordan-Richards: For working really hard on her description of the cyclops!
Josh Saunders: For working really hard independently in all lessons, but especially in maths this week!
Harvey Wright: For putting a lot of effort in to improving his writing and being really clear with what he needs to do to make it even better.

Class 5

Dylan Wood: For his great attitude in class at the moment.
Heidi Saunders: For continuing to work hard across all subjects, with excellent presentation.
Logan Hill: For excellent work in maths, solving problems with fractions.