

ACADEMIC YEAR 20/21

MAY

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	YEAR 6 PARENTAL CONSENT SLIPS FOR TERM 6 SWIMMING SESSIONS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TODAY CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 28TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 5 WHOLE SCHOOL RAINBOW MUFTI DAY CLASS 3'S CLIMB EVEREST MISSION! 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 YR6 SWIMMING - PARENTAL VOLUNTEERS LIFTS TO AND FROM 11-12.30PM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
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 * WHOLE SCHOOL FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER OUT
MONDAY 14TH - FRIDAY 18TH	TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR TO BE AT SCHOOL!
MONDAY 14TH	YR6 SWIMMING - PARENTAL VOLUNTEERS LIFTS TO AND FROM 11-12.30PM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 16TH	YR R SEPTEMBER 21 STARTERS TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15PM
THURSDAY 17TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 18TH	YEAR 5/6 PGL, SEPTEMBER '21 2ND INSTALLMENT DUE TO BE PAID BY
MONDAY 21ST	YR6 SWIMMING - PARENTAL VOLUNTEERS LIFTS TO AND FROM 11-12.30PM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 23RD	PPG TRIP TO ADVENTURE LEWES (INC LEWES CASTLE) 9AM-3PM 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 & 2-3PM SEPTEMBER YEAR 5/6 TRIP TO PGL PARENT/CARER MEETING 3.20-4.20PM

INSET DAYS:

FRIDAY 23RD JULY 2021



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 21st May 2021

Christian Value for Term : Understanding

Dear Parents / Carers,

Despite not enjoying the best of May weather, we have been able to utilise the school field and woodchip area in recent weeks, giving the children far more scope for creative play. Seeing and hearing the children playing so nicely together has been a pleasure after the confines of lockdown earlier in the year. We hope soon to be able to allow key stage 1 and key stage 2 children to mix at playtime too.

Year 1 and Year 5 2021/22

Next week we will send out letters to current Reception and Year 4 parents offering the opportunity for a telephone conversation with Mr Sullivan to discuss Year 1 and Year 5 class placement. As parents are aware, to have manageable class sizes, we need to share our Year 1 cohort between Class 1 and Class 2 and our Year 5 cohort between Class 4 and Class 5. It is important for parents to understand that children follow their year group curriculum regardless of what class they are placed in. Our classteachers are skilled in differentiating work for mixed year groups and we have a specially designed curriculum to ensure no one repeats any subject content. All circumstances are unique, but to make decisions about Year 1 placements we look back at how a child has got on in Reception; looking at their independence and skills in reading, writing and maths together with how well they independently demonstrate the characteristics of

effective learning (engagement, motivation and thinking) Parents may wish to peruse <https://www.earlyyearsresources.co.uk/blog/2018/09/characteristics-of-effective-learning/>

For Year 5 placement we look carefully at Year 4 reading and maths assessment results and teacher assessments for writing, as we need to pick out children who will be able to cope with some elements of the Year 6 curriculum if they are placed in class 5.

At no stage is there any talk about children being "kept back" in a class. That is certainly not what the process is about. Please watch out for the letter with instructions on how to arrange a phonecall.

Times Tables

Pupils make excellent use of our online Maths programmes Mathletics and TT Rockstars, but recently we have discovered a different times tables practice website which parents may enjoy exploring with their children. Found at <https://completemaths.com/teaching-tools/digital-manipulatives/timestables> this super little programme allows pupils to select which times tables to work on (or a mixture!) and how long the quiz lasts. Times tables are then presented to the children in a variety of ways, perfect for those who like to visualise their sums. Please give it a try over the weekend. A trial with Class 5 proved popular.

Whole School 'Wear the Rainbow' Mufti Day, 28/05/21



On the last day of term, Friday 28th May and in exchange for a £1 donation we are inviting all pupils to wear their own clothes to School. The idea of wearing bright colours is a pupil led idea from Class 4 pupil Evie Messmer, alongside the School House Captains. We are looking forward to seeing everyone wearing bright, super colourful clothes.

All monies raised on the day will be put towards sending former pupil, Jacob Doherty to Uganda to assist with 'Play Action International' and building a playground for children.

Class 3 to climb Mount Everest!

Coinciding with 'Wear the Rainbow' Mufti Day, Class 3 are taking on the challenge of virtually 'climbing' Mount Everest on Friday 28th May.



Mount Everest stands at 8849m, and to achieve the virtual climb we are hoping that each child in Class 3 manages to complete 1404 step ups on a PE bench each, throughout the day. To add to the challenge Class 3 will be asking for sponsorship and all monies raised will once again be contributed to Jacob Doherty's trip to Uganda to assist with playground building.

Class 3 have each been sent home sponsorship forms. Should your child not be in Class 3 and you wish to sponsor the class please make contact with the School Office who will be happy to assist.

Parental Readers—Volunteers

If there are any parents or grandparents who have 1 hour to spare a week, we would love to hear from you. We remain in 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 real difference. Please contact Mr Sullivan or the School Office so that we can get the ball rolling. Your anticipated help is much appreciated.

PTA Updates

Pip Sports Day

As per the ParentMail email sent out last week, Waitrose supermarkets are running an initiative this Summer to support schools across the country by donating some refreshments after active endeavors on School Sports Day!



For every 1000 multipacks of 'Pip Kids' juice cartons, smoothie cartons and piptastic fruity ice lollies sold, they will be donating a Pip-top refreshment pack to a school sports day! The PTA has subsequently begun the process by nominating Blackboys Primary School. To be in with a chance of winning we need as many nominations as possible!

Please can we encourage you to access the Pip portal and nominating the School by following the link <https://piporganic.com/sportsday>

Happy School Bag

Thank you to all of you who supported the 'Happy School Bag' initiative by bringing in unwanted clothes and accessories on Monday.



In total we had an incredible 529kg brought in which raised £158.70 in total. This money will be added to the PTA funds.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 17th May

Class 1

Benjy Cottingham: For taking pride in his work and really thinking about presentation.

Vivi Cottingham: For some great independent writing, spending time at the writing table and using her sounds to retell the Handa's Surprise Story.

Ayla Williams: For the progress she is making with her reading, trying really hard at home and School. She is always very keen to read and share a book with an adult.

Class 2

Max Marden: For getting really excited about shapes in Maths and making his own 3D shapes at home.

Harrison Brodie: For always being the best he can be and making some great contributions in all his lessons.

James Eves: For making a huge effort to speed up his writing.

Class 3

Jacob Bremner-Bloomfield: For always working really hard in his lessons and always doing his best.

Sophie Wevill: For being an enthusiastic and positive member of the class, always making everyone smile.

Finlay Fowden-Heffer: For always being an active participant in class discussions and always having a go at answering everything.

Class 4

Rhys Williams: For amazing enthusiasm and knowledge about ancient Greece!

Joel Hudson: For getting really involved in our close reading discussion and making some excellent inferences.

George Saunders: For some excellent perseverance using the bus stop method in maths and really trying to improve problem solving skills.

Class 5

Astrid Willcox: For making some excellent points during our close reading discussion.

Robbie McLean: For his excellent written answer in close reading, really thinking about what the question is asking.

Zachary Morton-Cobb: For his brilliant work at solving problems in Maths.