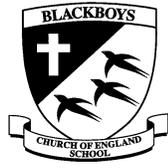


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03rd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back

We know that you will join us in welcoming two new members of staff to our School team. Miss Reis will be teaching Class 3, Year 3 in the Jubilee Barn and Mrs Mylon has joined the Class 1 team as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant. We know you will join us in welcoming them to our School community.

School Uniform

It has been particularly noticeable that Blackboys School pupils have returned looking super smart this September. We are encouraging all uniform orders to be placed directly with our supplier C&S Teamwear. There is a direct link to their bespoke Blackboys School ordering pages via the School website www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/. We strive to keep our high expectation of uniform and neatness.

School Office

The School Office is open daily. We encourage Parents/Carers to either email office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk or call 01825 890 423 should you require Office assistance or have any queries. The Office is open daily with Mrs Sheffield working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 7.45-3.30pm and Mrs Doherty Thursday and Friday 8.30-3.30pm. There is also a window of opportunity to speak to Office staff at drop off and pick up.

School Dinners

As per the ParentMail email sent out Wednesday 01st September the cost of our daily School lunches is now £2.15. Meals for all KS1 pupils are fully subsidised via the governments UIFSM (universal infants free schools meals) initiative. Pupils within KS2 can pay daily/weekly by ParentPay. Should Parents of Year 3 pupils require an activation code for their child's account. Please contact the School Office. Please can we remind you to regularly check your ParentPay account and 'top up' as necessary. We will be regularly sending out reminders to Parents/Carers who have built up a debt.

Class Planning Meetings

We will be inviting parents to join a meeting with the class teacher in order that they can give you an overview of the curriculum and classroom routines for the term ahead. These will be taking place from week commencing Monday 06th September, as below:

Monday 06th September @2.45pm - Class 1 Parents/Carers in Class 1 Classroom
Tuesday 07th September @2.45pm - Class 2 Parents/Carers in Class 2 Classroom
Wednesday 08th September @2.45pm - Class 3 Parents/Carers in Class 3 Classroom
Thursday 09th September @2.45pm - Class 4 Parents/Carers in Class 4 Classroom
Friday 10th September @2.45pm - Class 5 Parents/Carers in Class 5 Classroom

Following the planning meetings being held, a class newsletter will be distributed.

Reading

All children will have had a reading record book in their book bag, together with a book from school. The book from school will naturally be changed more often in Key Stage 1 classes, as older children tend to pick longer novels that may take them a couple of weeks to finish.

If at any stage your child is without a reading book or reading record book, please contact their classteacher in the first instance. When a child has completed their reading record book, they will be rewarded with a certificate and issued with a new record.

Monster Phonics

As a School we have started to use a new scheme called Monster Phonics. Monster Phonics is the fun way to teach Systematic Synthetic Phonics. Its advanced multisensory approach uses 10 Monster characters to create interest and engagement for children. As an aide to help with Parents/Carers understanding of the way this will be delivered in School we have arranged for a virtual familiarisation with the scheme which will take place on Tuesday 14th September at 7pm. Further access details will be sent to all KS1 Parents/Carers via Parentmail email nearer the time.

Diary Dates

Keeping up with all the things that go on in school couldn't be simpler. We produce a fortnightly newsletter which is sent to all Parents via ParentMail. Please contact the School Office if you would like a paper copy put in your child's bag. Our first newsletter of the academic year will be distributed on Friday 17th September. You can also always access our school diary via the website, <http://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/>

Breakfast Club & After School Club

We are delighted to be able to offer our daily Breakfast and After School services. Our fabulous Breakfast Club is run by TA, Miss Pavitt, daily 7.45-8.45am with our After School Club being run by TA, Mrs Pomfret.

Please see below the costings for each club.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL PRICES 2021	
BREAKFAST CLUB 7.45-8.45AM	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 3.15-5.30PM
£4.50 BREAKFAST & CHILDCARE £3.50 CHILDCARE ONLY	£4.50 3.15-4.15PM
REDUCTION FOR SIBLINGS ATTENDING: £3.50 BREAKFAST & CHILDCARE £2.75 CHILDCARE ONLY	£6.00 4.15 - 5.30PM INCLUDES LIGHT TEA

PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT IDEALLY AT LEAST 24HOURS NOTICE IS GIVEN WHEN BOOKING EITHER SERVICE TO ENABLE CORRECT RATIOS.

In the first instance please email office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

Volunteering in School

We welcome parental assistance in school, be it reading in a class or helping at Forest School. If you are able to offer a regular hour or two it would be very much appreciated. All our volunteers require an up to date Blackboys School DBS and we will happily arrange this with you free of charge. Please see Mrs Sheffield in the School Office to start the process.

Forest School

During Autumn term Class 3 will be partaking in weekly Forest School on a Thursday. Mrs Godfrey, our fabulous Forest School leader, is solely reliant upon Parent Volunteers to enable the children to enjoy Forest School down at the woods. Please can we urge you to volunteer for a session. Class 3 Forest School dates and rotas have been distributed via ParentMail and bookbags. Please contact the School Office who will be able to pop your name down next to a date. Should we not have enough offers of assistance, Forest School will remain in School.

Class 1 Forest School will continue all year round on a Monday afternoon, using the School grounds.

Contact with teachers

Should you wish to make contact with your child's teacher, please can we ask that in the first instance you email them. All staff will happily communicate through email. Please see below contact email addresses for our teaching staff and other key School contacts.

Class 1, Mrs Booth	sbooth@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk
Class 1, Mrs Nobes	jnobes@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk
Class 2, Mrs Sullivan	hsullivan@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk
Class 3, Miss Reis	freis@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk
Class 4, Miss Mayhew	damayhew@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk
Class 5, Mr Boorman	rboorman@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk
Mr Sullivan	head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk
School Office	office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

Class Assemblies and Thursday Act of Worship

We have been delighted to return to whole school assemblies. It has been over 18months since we had last been in the hall altogether. We are welcoming Parents/Carers back to share our Thursday Act of Worship weekly with us. In addition our traditional class assemblies will be returning to a Thursday slot, please see the below table for notable Thursday Acts of Worship. Please keep an eye on the diary and forthcoming whole school newsletters for other class assemblies taking place during term 2.

EVENT	WHEN	DETAILS
YEAR 5/6 PGL ROUND UP AND ACT OF WORSHIP	THURSDAY 30 TH SEPTEMBER	PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME TO WATCH AT 9.05AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
ANNUAL WHOLE SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL	THURSDAY 07 TH OCTOBER	CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF DIRECTLY AT ST THOMAS Á BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD, FROM 8.30AM+. ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. KS1 PUPILS WILL BE RETURNING TO SCHOOL VIA A COACH (SUBSIDISED BY THE SCHOOL). SHOULD YOU WISH YOUR CHILD NOT TO RETURN ON THE COACH PLEASE CAN YOU INFORM US. THE PUPILS WITHIN KS2 WILL BE TAKING THEIR TRADITIONAL HIKE BACK TO SCHOOL. THEY WILL NEED A CHANGE OF CLOTHES IN A BAG (RUCKSACK) WITH SUITABLE WALKING/WEATHER 'GEAR' AND PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED. THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST CLUB TAKING PLACE.
CLASS 2 ACT OF WORSHIP	THURSDAY 14 TH OCTOBER	PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME TO WATCH AT 9.05AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.

We are also delighted to be able to re-start our regular collection on a Thursday, if you are able to send your child into School with a couple of pennies each Thursday they will then be given the opportunity to offer their contribution during the assembly. All monies collected go towards a charity each term and this term we have decided to support a British based charity who support and work with refugees.

Inset Days 21/22

Inset days set for this academic year are:

INSET DAYS 21/22
TUESDAY 04/01/22
MONDAY 21/02/22
FRIDAY 01/04/22
THURSDAY 21/07/22

Please find included within the ParentMail email distribution of this letter a copy of the East Sussex County Council Term Dates for the Academic Year. Please note that this is an updated version.

Parental Contact Details

In case of emergencies, School holds contact details for all parents (and other family members which you have given as a contact) against each pupil. It really is very important that should you have moved house, jobs or wish to add another contact number please can you make sure that you inform the School Office of this. If in doubt you are welcome to check with the office what numbers etc. are held.

ParentMail

As a school we use ParentMail to communicate things like fortnightly school newsletters, uniform orders etc. with Parents via the Parentmail emailing/texting service. Please ensure that you update your contact details on this to ensure that you are kept up to date with all news The school office is unable to amend any parents details who have 'connected' via ParentMail.

Medicine and Illness

Please can we remind all parents that we are only able to administer medicines prescribed by a Doctor in School. You will need to complete a medicine consent form when you first bring the medicine to the School Office.

Please continue to be vigilant with the symptoms of Covid-19.

In the event of your child being sick or having an upset tummy, we ask that you keep your child away from school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is to hopefully help with the reduction of keeping illnesses away from school.

Clubs - Autumn Terms 1&2 2122

Attached are the lunchtime and after school club options for the term. We are delighted to be able to offer a large number of choices for clubs this term.

Please note the start dates of clubs as some do vary.

You will note there are limited clubs available for the new Reception pupils. This is a deliberate decision to allow the pupils time to adjust to the school environment and routine.

Please fill in the tear off slip at the bottom of this letter with any club choices and return it to the School Office (you are welcome to complete, scan and return the slip via email). If the club has a maximum number of attendee's a Parentmail text will be sent out informing you of your child's allocation of place or not, as the case may be. Please ensure your contact details are up to date!

Where payment is due for a club please can you arrange payment (noting who made payable to dependent on which club!) to be brought in alongside the club choice slip. **We are also asking that should you put your name down for a club, that attendance is required for the duration of the club.**

For those of you who use After School Club and your child takes up a club it is important that you notify the office of your wish to remove your child from the relevant session of the After School Club, there is a chance that you will be charged if we are not informed.

PTA

We are looking forward to our PTA being able to meet in person this year and to hopefully be able to be in a position to plan for much loved School events, things such as the annual Christmas and Summer Fair and the PTA Quiz. These and more cannot go ahead without you, the Parent(s) and family engaging. We urge you to join our current PTA Chair, Mr Rob Wevill on the evening of Thursday 23rd September at 7pm in the School Hall where the PTA annual general meeting will take place. Voting for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will take place. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Sullivan
Headteacher

Club Authorisation:

Please return this slip to the School Office. You can also return via a scan and email to office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

I would like my child/ren _____

DAY	CLUB	WHO CAN ATTEND	PAYMENT REQUIRED?	PLEASE TICK IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND
MONDAY	SCHOOL LEARNING COUNCIL	TWO REPRESENTATIVES PER CLASS - PUT YOURSELF FORWARD IN CLASS!		
	GUITAR CLUB	OPEN TO ALL PUPILS	PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO RBMS WHO WILL BE IN CONTACT	
	KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATING GIRLS' FOOTBALL	KEY STAGE 2 (YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6) CHILDREN ONLY		
TUESDAY	CHOIR CLUB	OPEN TO ALL PUPILS		
	GUITAR CLUB	OPEN TO ALL PUPILS	PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO RBMS WHO WILL BE IN CONTACT	
	AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB (INCORPORATING BASKETBALL CLUB)	KEY STAGE 2 (YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6)	5 SESSIONS TERM 1 £3 A SESSION £15 CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO BLACKBOYS CEP SCHOOL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE COST TO BE UPLOADED TO YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.	
WEDNESDAY	TAG RUGBY	KEY STAGE 2 (YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6)		
	KNITTING & CROCHETING	KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6) CHILDREN ONLY		
	KS1 FOOTBALL SESSIONS	KEY STAGE 1 ONLY (YEARS R, 1 & 2)	5 SESSIONS TERM 1 £4 A SESSION £20 CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO ALL STAR SOCCER ACADEMY	
THURSDAY	NETBALL	KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6) CHILDREN ONLY		
FRIDAY	SOCIAL CLUB	OPEN TO ALL PUPILS.		
	GUITAR CLUB	OPEN TO ALL PUPILS		
	READING CLUB	OPEN TO ALL PUPILS		

I agree to pay any fees due in advance directly to the appropriate agency and will ensure that I arrange to collect my child/ren at the stated time.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

