



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 01st October 2021

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

Harvest Festival, Thursday 07th October

As we prepare for our annual Harvest Festival celebrations we wanted to communicate with you how we will be supporting our local community at the festival.

On Monday, Mrs Fieldhouse from Uckfield Community Fridge visited our assembly to talk to the children about this initiative. We would like to support Uckfield Community Fridge at Harvest Festival.

The whole idea of the community fridge is to reduce food waste. Therefore we ask families to donate some spare food from home at our Harvest Festival. That might be an spare/extra bag of carrots from the fridge; some bananas from the fruit bowl that won't get eaten; fruit or vegetables leftovers from allotments and gardens or that lockdown bag of pasta that was never needed. The idea is, where possible, not to go out and buy something special for the Harvest donation. Fresh items will go straight to the community fridge after the service. Non-perishables will be donated to Uckfield Food Bank.

We are asking that all children are dropped off directly to St Thomas a Becket Church, from 8.35am and the service will start at 9.00am prompt. Parents are of course welcome to join us for this annual

celebratory service, and we ask you to wear a mask/face covering in the church. Please could pupils be wearing their smartest uniform.

Following the service our KS1 (classes 1&2) pupils will be taken back to school via coach. KS2 (classes 3,4 & 5) will be hiking back from the Church. Please ensure that your child brings with them in a bag to the Church: wellies or walking boots, a change of bottom half of uniform ie jogging bottoms or leggings, weather dependent outer wear and a packed lunch. A rucksack would be best to make carrying easier.

REMINDER:
THERE IS NO BREAKFAST CLUB TAKING PLACE ON THE MORNING OF THURSDAY 07TH OCTOBER. DUE TO HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Punctuality

With October just beginning, we are delighted that the vast majority of our pupils have the hang of the new routine for the start of school. The gate opens at 8:40am, whereby families are welcome to come on the playground and wait for the 8:50am bell. Once the bell sounds, children head straight into school. The gate closes at 8:55am when all pupils are expected to be in school. If there are known traffic issues or the start to the day is challenging, please allow yourself some extra time for an arrival before 8:55am.

Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '22

A reminder for all Year 6 Parents/Carers that Secondary School applications for a place within Year 7 needs to be completed via the ESCC online portal by **Sunday 31st October 2021**.

OPEN DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 RECEPTION PUPILS
Please join our Headteacher, Mr Sullivan, on one of our tours for potential pupils starting school in Year R, September 2022. Choose from:

Wednesday 13th October	9.30-10.30am 1.30-2.30pm	Thursday 11th November	9.30-10.30am 11.00-Midday 6.00-6.45pm 6.45-7.30pm
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To make an appointment on your preferred date and time please email office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk
OR telephone 01825 890 423.

All sessions will be held socially distanced and in small groups. You may wear a mask if you wish.

If you are unable to join us on dates/times offered and would like to view our thriving school at another time, you would be most welcome to contact the school office to make an appointment on the contact details above.

If you are able to display a poster for our open mornings and evening, please let the school office know. We are always keen to publicise.

Thursday 07th October Menu Change

Next Thursday 07th October will see a change to the advertised lunch menu. The lunch choice will be from a special 'Census Day' menu—please see insert. This will be applicable to KS1 only as KS2 will be hiking back from the Church

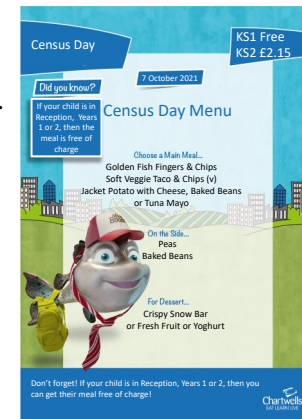
Parents Consultations

We hold two sets of Parent Consultation evenings throughout the academic year to enable parents/carers and class teachers to talk about their children's progress and areas for development. Consultations take place in Autumn and Spring term. We shall once again be returning to face to face meetings.

Next Wednesday 06th October you will be sent a ParentMail email with information relating to how to register online for your

appointment. With this new facility please note that all Parents/Carers will need to sign themselves up for this service and not via the School Office. We are encouraging Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils to attend the Parent Evening with their Parents/Carers.

Autumn Term Parent Consultations:
Monday 18th October
3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 21st October
5.30-7.30pm



Twitter

Please be aware that Blackboys School is on Twitter. News and events from our school are tweeted regularly. Please keep an eye on @blackboysschool. It's a great way of seeing what the children are experiencing and can be used as a discussion point with your children at home.

PTA AGM

Many thanks to those parents who attended the PTA AGM on Wednesday evening. It was heartening to have so many people attend. During the meeting, the following election of officers took place:

Chair: Mrs Glenn

Vice Chair: Mr Wevill

Secretary: Ms Pitt

Treasurer: Mr Glenn

Committee: Mrs Coates, Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Brinkhurst, Miss Morton, Mrs Sabatini, Mr Sullivan

Class Reps: Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Sabatini (Class 1); Mrs Coates and Mrs Chadwick (Class 2); Mrs Brodie (Class 3); Mrs Brinkhurst and Mr Wevill (Class 4); Miss Morton (Class 5)

Some exciting events are planned for the year. Highlights in term 1 and 2 include:

Autumn Family Ramble - Sunday 17th October 2pm-3:45pm

Wreath Making - Thursday 2nd December - with Mrs Beale of Fern Cottage Floristry.

Xmas Fair - Saturday 4th December 12-2pm

PTA Children's Movie Night - Thursday 9th December 3:15-5:30pm

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 27th September

Class 1

Evie Colgate: For her great work in phonics, sounding out some very tricky words!

James Vine: For the detail he is putting in to his drawing, with good pencil grip and control.

Ariana Capitanu: For always making good choices and being a kind friend.

Class 2

School trip to Hastings.

Class 3

Nomination for the whole class for being so quiet and respectful during our class trip to Framfield School for Hands on History. Class 3 were silent and attentive as they listened to the experts from Hands on History; they answered questions and did what was asked of them without fuss. They were trying to be the 'best they could be'!

Class 4

Arthur Pollitt: For coming up with some amazing examples of complex sentences in English.
Lucas Butler: For working super hard in both literacy and maths this week!
Josh Saunders: For consistently showing an excellent attitude, working hard independently and never giving up.

Class 5

Tabatha Jordan-Richards: For the excellent effort she is putting in to her maths work.

Jacob Fordham: For excellent work in his Harvest artwork.

Astrid Willcox: For being a great example to others with her behaviour for learning.

ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22

OCTOBER

MONDAY 4TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE LOOK AT ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART EACH WEEK 1-3PM
TUESDAY 5TH	YR3/4 SELECTED PUPILS FOOTBALL MATCH AT MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 6TH	PARENT EVENING SLOTS TO ENABLE SIGN UP FOR 18TH OCT AND 21ST OCT PARENT EVENINGS TO BE DISTRIBUTED VIA PARENTMAIL EMAIL
THURSDAY 7TH	NO BREAKFAST CLUB TODAY WHOLE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD 9-10AM. KS1 TO COACH BACK AND KS2 HIKE. CHILDREN CAN BE DROPPED AT THE CHURCH FROM 8.30AM. ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME TO JOIN. CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE REFER TO ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE WHICH SESSION (S) YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART IN 1-3PM
FRIDAY 8TH	PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM
MONDAY 11TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL— SESSION CANCELLED
TUESDAY 12TH	CLASS 1 TRIP TO RAYSTEDE 9-1.30PM YR3/4 SELECTED PUPILS FOOTBALL MATCH AT MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 13TH	INFORMAL VISITS FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR R SEPT '22 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS/ PUPILS. THERE WILL BE TWO SESSIONS RUN THROUGH TODAY 9.30-10.30AM AND 1.30-2.30PM. CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE.
THURSDAY 14TH	CLASS 2 ASSEMBLY 9-9.30AM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE REFER TO ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE WHICH SESSION (S) YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART IN 1-3PM
FRIDAY 15TH	SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM
SUNDAY 17TH	PTA AUTUMN FAMILY RAMBLE 2-3.45PM
MONDAY 18TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE LOOK AT ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART EACH WEEK 1-3PM KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB—CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING. IN PERSON AT SCHOOL. 3.30-6PM
TUESDAY 19TH	YR4/5/6 SELECTED GIRLS FOOTBALL MATCH AT MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 20TH	SELECTED PUPILS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL. LEAVING BLACKBOYS AT 12.50PM. FINISHING AT 3.15PM. PARENTS TO COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM MANOR 12.50-3.15PM
THURSDAY 21ST	WHOLE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE REFER TO ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE WHICH SESSION (S) YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART IN 1-3PM PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING. IN PERSON AT SCHOOL. 5.30-7.30PM
FRIDAY 22ND	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 YEARS 5/6 TO GLYNDEBOURNE OPERA HOUSE FOR PRODUCTION - DON PASQUALE 9.45AM—2.15PM PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM

INSET DAYS 21/22:

Tuesday 04th January

Monday 21st February

Friday 01st April

Thursday 21st July