



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a productive fortnight at school since the previous newsletter.

As a school we have been visited by our School Improvement Partner, who was delighted with the purposeful learning in all classes, as well as the progress our younger pupils are making with their phonics and early reading. We have been thrilled with the start class 1, 2 and 3 have made with our new Monster Phonics scheme and it is having a real impact on children's ability to decode words and read more fluently. If parents missed the workshop on Monster Phonics, you can view a recording of the session by clicking [here](#).

We have also had a big push on Maths calculations this term, including the re-launch of Times Table Rockstars. This online package has real benefit for our Key Stage 2 pupils. The quicker they can secure their times tables (and corresponding division facts) the better they will get on with other elements of the Maths curriculum. You can watch a video of Mr Boorman's Maths workshop by clicking [here](#).

## Parent Consultations

These take place on Monday and Thursday of next week. Please come to the hall initially, where all the children's trays will be available to look at. Sharing work with your son and daughter will give parents a great deal of satisfaction and will

be great fun. When the time comes to meet with your child's teacher, we expect year 4, 5 and 6 pupils to go in the meeting too. This is because the children themselves can make a big contribution. Other year groups are also welcome to attend with their parents, but in the past this has had a bigger effect on our oldest pupils. If there is something delicate that you need to discuss with classteachers, then naturally we understand that a child may not attend.

## Forest School

We are always on the look out for Forest School helpers on a Thursday afternoon. We would be very happy to accept volunteers from different classes and also Grandparents make super Forest School helpers. Please speak to Mrs Sheffield in the first instance, who can help with DBS safeguarding checks. A sign up sheet is also available on her office door, for those who already hold a DBS.

## PTA

There has been a slight change to the date of our Christmas Fair, which is now taking place on Saturday 11th December from 12-2pm. The next planning meeting is on Wednesday 3rd November at 7:30pm at the Blackboys Inn. On Sunday we have our Autumn Family Ramble leaving school at 2pm and finally the school has been a hive of industry as children have designed their fundraising Christmas cards. More to come on that soon!

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those who attended last week's Harvest Festival. It was lovely to celebrate once again as a community at our Church. A huge thank you to all contributions which were given to the Uckfield Community Fridge and Uckfield Food Bank.

## Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '22

A final 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**.

## Parenting Courses

Our East Sussex Parenting Team have put together a great range of parenting courses for this autumn. Whether it is support with sibling squabbles, getting your child to listen to you, building your teens survival skills and resilience or E-Safety that you could use some tips on, the Parenting Team has got you covered! Full details, including how to register can be found attached alongside this newsletter in the Parenting Teams workshop brochure for October to December '21.

## School Lunches, ParentPay

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers to keep a close eye on their child's ParentPay account. You will not receive a reminder when your account goes into debt.

## Love in a Box

Yearly as a School, we support the Charity 'Love in a Box'. This year is no exception and your gifts are required more than ever. Leaflets have been sent out with the details of what to put in your donated boxes.



Your filled 'Love in a Box' will then need to be returned on Tuesday 23rd November. Unfortunately, we are unable to take them before this date

## Autumn Family Ramble

This coming Sunday (17th) you are invited to join the PTA and some members of staff on a Autumn Ramble. Meet at School for 2.00pm for a ramble around Blackboys which will include a Autumn Vegetable Hunt! Well behaved dogs on short leads are welcome to join. We will end the ramble back at School around 3.45pm.

## Parent Consultations

Next Monday 18th and Thursday 21st October will see the return of face-to-face parent consultations here at School. If you haven't signed up yet, please refer to the letter sent out via ParentMail on the 06th October which details instructions on how to do so.

**REMINDER: THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL OR NETBALL CLUBS TAKING PLACE NEXT WEEK DUE TO THE PARENT CONSULTATIONS.**

## Tempest School Photos

On the first day back following the October mid-term break, Monday 01st November we have our annual visit by Tempest, the School photographer.

The photographer will be located in the School Hall from 8.40am. We invite all pre-school siblings in from this time for pictures to be taken should you wish. In school sibling and individual pupil photographs will then be arranged and taken in School during the morning.

Please ensure that your child is dressed super smart for the occasion.

## JUST ONE Tree

Today we invited pupils to come to School dressed in their 'home clothes' in exchange for £1.

The donations will be put together and given to the charity 'JUST ONE Tree'.

JUST ONE Tree is a non-profit initiative removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.justonetree.life/>

Thank you and well done to our School Learning Council for arranging this super day and for continuing to champion environmental causes.



## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 11th October

### Class 1

Fred Bell: For his great work in phonics. Sounding out and reading 3 letter words.

Lyla Hayes: For working really hard in the ICT suite, not giving up when it was tricky.

Keegan Jenkins: For his great work in maths fact families!

### Class 2

Saffron Morton-Cobb: For speaking up loudly and clearly in our class assembly.

Charles Dove: For getting on really well with his literacy.

Myla Butler: For generally working really hard and being really confident in phonics.

### Class 3

Harrison Brodie: For displaying an excellent work ethic every day and always challenging himself to push his learning.

Alex Gill: For working really hard on his literacy this week; came up with some great conversations when learning about direct speech.

William Pistel: For always being a great example of how to act in the classroom for his peers. William always chooses to do the right thing.

### Class 4

Noah Beale: For using some excellent editing skills on his story and getting to grips with his WAC sheet.

Jack Rance: For not only editing his own work but helping out others too!

Sophie Wevill: For some brilliant work in geography this week and showing a great attitude.

### Class 5

Zac Sharp & Zachary Morton-Cobb: For using their WAC sheets to do some excellent writing this week.

Louis Harris: For some great investigating in Maths.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22

### OCTOBER

FRIDAY 15TH	JUST ONE TREE CHARITY DAY. HOME CLOTHES TO BE WORN. £1 DONATION. 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— <b>CANCELLED</b> 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 @ 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 NETBALL CLUB— <b>CANCELLED</b> DUE TO PARENTS EVENING 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
MON 25TH-FRI 29TH	<b>AUTUMN TERM BREAK</b>
FRIDAY 29TH	PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM
SUNDAY 31ST	YEAR 6 (TO 7) SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOICES TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ONLINE BY FOR A PLACE AT SECONDARY SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER '22
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
MONDAY 1ST	START OF TERM 2 TEMPEST WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO'S INDIVIDUALS AND SIBLINGS. PRE SCHOOL SIBLING PICTURES TO BE TAKEN BETWEEN 8.40-9.00AM, IN SCHOOL SIBLING PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE MORNING. HALL WILL BE REQUIRED. NO ASSEMBLY. CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE LOOK AT ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART EACH WEEK 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 3RD	PTA MEETING - BLACKBOYS INN @ 7.30PM
THURSDAY 4TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE REFER TO ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE WHICH SESSION (S) YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART IN 1-3PM
FRIDAY 5TH	SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED U11 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM EAST SUSSEX QUALIFIER - EASTBOURNE BOROUGH FC - LEAVE SCHOOL AT 8AM FOR A 9AM START. FINISH AT 1.30PM RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR END OF SCHOOL DAY 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