



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 05th November 2021

Christian Value for Term : Fellowship

Dear Parents / Carers,
We have been delighted by the positive way the children have returned to school after the mid term break and they have all resumed their learning with renewed vigour.

House Points

Our Christian Value of the term is now Fellowship and we have been linking this value into our newly revitalised House Point system.

To clarify the house point system and to make it more motivational to pupils, we will now be awarding house points for learning and school work (including homework) only. There is a separate reward system for manners and behaviour. Between 1 and 5 house points can be awarded at any one time and these will now be tallied on a class chart, as opposed to house point tokens being placed in a box. The class tally charts will help house captains keep track of the scores more accurately and will help class teachers recognise those children who are learning and working well on any given week.

For rewards, the pupil from each class with the highest weekly house point total will be able to eat their lunch on "The Golden Table" (with cushions, a smart table cloth, choice of drinks, napkins and a small tasty treat). We still have our weekly house point totals, but now the house who wins most weekly competitions over the course of a term will win a non-uniform day for all their house members. More details will come about this as the term progresses. Well done to Green House for their win this week.

Dog Fouling

It has come to our attention that there has been an increased amount of dog fouling in School Lane. Please could we remind all members of our school com-

munity that when they walk their dogs, it is vital to ensure dog mess is cleared up. However, this is more likely to be a village wide issue and we are currently in conversation with the Parish Council.

Road Safety Week

We are also in conversation with local groups regarding speed limits and safe driving in the village. It is important that we make our own school community aware of the situation first, and therefore we will be having a special Road Safety Assembly as part of the upcoming Road Safety Week.



Allergies

Because of the prevalence of food labelling saying "may contain traces of nuts", we have never claimed to be a nut free school, but with a growing number of pupils having nut allergies, please can we take this opportunity to ask parents to be extremely mindful of the contents of packed lunch boxes. As a safety matter, we would suggest not having nuts, or obvious nutty products in lunch boxes please. We had a near miss on Year 5 and 6's trip to Glyndebourne and the wellbeing of pupils must come first.

Christmas

The early signs of Christmas, namely Key Stage 2 Christmas hymns and nativity songs, have been wafting through the school this week. We aim to have a full range of festive activities this year and it would be wise if parents checked the online diary on the school website to stay aware of dates.

As the term progresses, dates will also be added to the back page of the newsletter.

Diary Dates Term 2

Please note that the following Class led Thursday Acts of Worship have been set for this term.

Date	Class Led Act of Worship
Thursday 18th November	Class 1
Thursday 02nd December	Class 3
Thursday 16th December	Class 4

KS1 Early Reading Zoom Workshop

We look forward to welcoming Class 1 and 2 Parents/Carers to an 'Early Reading Zoom Workshop' led by Class 1 Teacher, Mrs Booth on Wednesday 10th November at 9.30am. The Zoom access code and information will be sent via Parentmail email Tuesday 09th November. In the event of being unable to attend, the session will be recorded and subsequently accessible via the School website homepage. We look forward to seeing you there!

Early Reading Zoom Workshop for all KS1 Parents/Carers



We are offering the opportunity to all parents/carers of Reception Year 1 and Year 2 pupils to attend the forthcoming Zoom Reading Workshop as detailed below. We look forward to seeing you on screen!

Purpose of Workshop:

- To share how to use the monster phonic reading books and how it is taught to the children.
- To develop parents' confidence in helping their children with early reading.
- To outline the different stages in reading.
- To share strategies to practise at home.

Who are the Workshops for?

These workshops are for all Parent/Carers of children who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We encourage that all parents/carers take part.

When?	Where?
Wednesday 10th November 9.30 - 10.00am	Via Zoom (details to be sent by Parentmail the day before)

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the session.

Mrs S Booth
Class 1 Teacher



PTA Pupil Christmas Card Design Orders

You will have received via your child's bag their Christmas Card design, alongside an order form. Should you wish to place an order, please complete the order form, returning alongside monies owed in the envelope provided, sealed to the School Office by at the latest, Wednesday 10th November. This is a PTA initiative and any funds raised will go back into the PTA coffers.

Pupil Flu Immunisations

Please can we remind you that the East Sussex Nurse team will be visiting School on Tuesday 16th November to deliver the flu immunisation to all pupils whose parents/carers have consented to it.

The e-portal for consent closes on Monday 08th November. Please can we remind you to complete the e-consent even if YOU DO NOT want your child to receive the immunisation. Please refer to the ParentMail emails sent out about this 21st October and 01st October.

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

We hope that you are enjoying filling your 'Love in a Box' boxes.



Please remember that the return to School date for completed, decorated boxes is Tuesday 23/11. Due to limited space we are unable to take boxes before this date. Should you require additional leaflets please contact the School Office.

Mexican Fiesta, 18th November

We shall be taking part in a special lunch offered by Chartwells on Thursday 18th November. Instead of the normal lunch option, the lunch choices will be Mexican themed. See the menu below for further information.



The themed menu links well to Classes 4 and 5's theme for this term of learning and discovering more about North and South America.

Children In Need

On Friday 19th November, we shall be joining Schools across the UK in marking national Children In Need.

This year we are asking pupils to bring in some spare change /coins which will help mark out a Pudsey Bear on the playground. All monies raised will then be sent to the charity, Children In Need.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 1st November

Class 1

Evie Colgate: For great participation in RE, asking lots of questions about Diwali.

Heidi Cottingham: For her great writing about Superman and for finishing her work in the time!

Eva Dzandza: For all the effort she is putting in to her writing and great sounding out of 3 letter words.

Class 2

Darcey Shingles: For working hard in Literacy and pushing herself to try the Year 2 challenges.

Bea Bell: For persevering in Maths to find all the facts in the fact family.

Arthur Thompson: For being curious about our learning of Mary Seacole and going to find her statue in London.

Class 3

Alex Gill: For coming back to school after half term with a great attitude to learning.

Elizabeth McLean: For some great work with column addition and subtraction.

Grayson Gavin: For taking pride in his work, especially Maths, and showing Miss Reis what he's capable of.

Class 4

Arthur Pollitt: For some great work in English this week; coming up with some amazing ideas.

Huw Ridgwell: For showing amazing resilience and perseverance in class—never giving up!

Ayla Wright: For writing an excellent summary of everything we have read so far in 'The Last of the Mohicans'.

Class 5

Caitlyn Luck: For some excellent work on multiplication.

Evie Messmer: For good history work about the 'Trail of Tears'.

George Saunders: For excellent work and effort in writing and maths.

ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22

NOVEMBER

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
MONDAY 8TH	LAST DAY FOR PARENTS/CARERS TO SIGN UP FOR THE FLU VACCINATIONS TO BE DELIVERED IN SCHOOL NEXT TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER. PLEASE REFER TO PARENTMAIL EMAILS SENT OUT ABOUT THIS. NO CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK
TUESDAY 9TH	YEAR 5/6 BASKETBALL @ FREEDOM LEISURE SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM FOR SELECTED PLAYERS
WEDNESDAY 10TH	RETURN OF COMPLETED PUPIL PTA CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS VIA 'CLASS FUNDRAISING' TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THE END OF TODAY KS1 PARENTAL READING WORKSHOP 9.30-10AM. THIS WILL BE RECORDED FOR WATCHING AT LEISURE.
THURSDAY 11TH	INFORMAL VISITS FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR R SEPT '22 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS/ PUPILS. FOUR SESSIONS AT 9.30AM, 11.00AM, 6.00PM AND 6.45PM. CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE. REV CHRIS ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME. CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 12TH	U11 MIXED 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
MON 15TH -FRI 19TH	ROAD SAFETY WEEK
MONDAY 15TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 16TH	FLU VACCINATIONS FOR ALL PUPILS YEAR 6 INDOOR ATHLETICS - FREEDOM LEISURE - SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 17TH	MATHS PARENTAL WORKSHOP - VIA ZOOM. 9.30-10.30AM. WILL BE RECORDED TO WATCH AT LEISURE. CROSS COUNTRY QUALIFIERS RACE AT BEACON 6TH FORM 12.15 -2.30PM. PARENTS TO COLLECT DIRECT FROM BEACON NO NEED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.
THURSDAY 18TH	CLASS ONE LED ASSEMBLY & ACT OF WORSHIP CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 19TH	KS1 NATIVITY - COSTUME LETTERS OUT DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF TEMPEST PHOTOS NATIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED DAY. WE SHALL BE MARKING OUT A PUDSEY BEAR FACE ON THE PLAYGROUND USING SMALL COINS - PLEASE BRING IN SOME SPARE CHANGE IF POSSIBLE FOR THIS! WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM
MONDAY 22ND	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 23RD	DATE TO RETURN FILLED 'LOVE IN A BOX' TO SCHOOL YEAR 2 MULTISKILLS FREEDOM LEISURE - SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM

INSET DAYS 21/22:

Tuesday 04th January
Monday 21st February
Friday 01st April
Thursday 21st July