



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 19th November 2021

Christian Value for Term : Fellowship

Dear Parents / Carers,
We continue to talk to the children about our Christian Value of the Term, Fellowship, in our assemblies and acts of worship. This was personified recently when County Councillor Chris Dowling joined us for a special assembly at the start of Road Safety Awareness Week. Following the assembly, Chris spoke with 6 pupils about their road safety concerns in the village and I was particularly proud of the articulate way they spoke, on behalf of their community. It was also personified in Class 1's excellent assembly on Thursday, where the pupils showed how confident they are becoming and again, how well they speak to an audience.

Miss Pavitt

Miss Pavitt will be leaving us at the end of Term 2 to take up her dream job of coaching with Sussex Cricket. As a hugely popular member of staff, there will be sadness for her leaving, but it is important that we acknowledge the huge contribution she has made in her 5 plus years here and wish her well in her exciting new coaching role. We will make a presentation to Miss Pavitt to thank her for her work in our end of term cup assembly.

Miss Pavitt covered many roles in our school and it is vital that we appoint her replacement quickly so we can guarantee continuation of services such as Breakfast Club. With that in mind we are advertising Miss Pavitt's role now and should there be interest, potential candidates

should view the East Sussex jobs portal or contact the school office in the first instance.

Covid-19

Like many of you, I am keeping a close eye on rising infection rates in our local area. We have had a small number of cases in our school community which we continue to communicate to staff and parents. In the run up to Christmas, it is important that we all stay vigilant and make good use of the available PCR and lateral flow tests. To reiterate, if a sibling or parent has Covid-19 in the home, we would advise that a PCR negative result is obtained prior to family members coming to school.

Chess

We are keen to bring chess back to Blackboys. We have made contact recently with a Sussex Chess coach who could offer us a weekly, 40 minute lunchtime session at the cost of £3 per pupil per week. We write now to gauge interest in such an offer, with a target of 16 pupils to make the club viable. If you have an interest in Chess and potentially would like to be involved please contact the school office by email.

Cross Country Running

A huge congratulations to Nancy Cottingham and Rhys Williams who have qualified to represent North Wealden in the Sussex Cross Country Championships. We wish you well on your next races in Brighton, taking place in March '22.

Latest PTA News

On Friday 26th November all children are invited to wear 'home clothes' to School in exchange for items for the forthcoming PTA Christmas Fair.

Pupils in KS1 (Classes 1 and 2)

Please bring in sweets or a 'beauty item' e.g. bath fizzers, hair scrunchies etc

Pupils in KS2 (Classes 3, 4 and 5)

A bottle, any bottle! Be it a bottle of bubble bath or even perhaps a bottle of wine!

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Don't forget to sign up via the School Office for your place on the Christmas Wreath Making workshop which takes place on Thursday 02nd December from 7pm in the School Hall here at School.

Christmas Fair

Preparations for the forthcoming PTA fair are in full swing. The fair is taking place on Saturday 11th December, midday-2pm. In and around School you will see posters advertising the fair, well done to pupil Monty Coates who designed them!

Raffle Tickets

Coming home soon via your child's bag will be a couple of books of raffle tickets. The PTA would appreciate any support which you can give in selling these. Please return monies and stubs to the School Office. There is a glittering array of prizes to be won!

KS1, Nativity, A Wiggly Nativity! Class 1 and 2 parents.

On Friday 19th November a letter was sent out regarding pupil parts for the KS1 Christmas Nativity, as well as what costume for the production will be required. Please keep an eye out in your child's bag for these!

Costumes will need to be back into School (in a named bag) by Friday 10th December.

The nativity is to take place on Wednesday 15th December in the School Hall. We are currently planning on being able to allow Parents/Carers to come and watch the performance, further details will be communicated.



CHRISTMAS

WREATH MAKING!

With floristry expert Laura Beale from...



Make your own festive door wreath!
Wow and welcome your Christmas visitors!

Thursday 2nd December
7pm - 9pm
Taking place in the School Hall

£35 cash or cheque (payable to Blackboys PTA)
To secure your place, please book with the School Office

All equipment/materials provided and
Wine, mince pies, biscuits & nibbles included!



PRIZE TIME

It's that time of year!
Don't miss out on these AMAZING prizes at the Christmas Fair Raffle

- Free Range Turkey
- Luxury Family Glamping Mini Break
- Luxury Hamper
- £100 Waitrose Voucher
- Christmas Tree
- East Sussex National Afternoon Tea for 2
- Drusillas Children's Day Passes x2
- Tickerage Vineyard Bottle in presentation box
- Martineez voucher cut and style (worth £40)
 - Blackboys Inn £50 voucher
 - The Cow Shed - Box of 4 cupcakes
 - Bottle of Baileys
 - Claire Davies Hair Salon Cut & Blowdry

You've got to be in it to win it!

Christmas School Events

December is traditionally a very busy month at School and this year is no exception. Please can we ask you to keep a close eye on the School calendar and ParentMail communications that are sent out. Please find below a list of key events but by no means is this a comprehensive, full list:

Friday 03rd/12 7.10pm	UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING. KS2 CHOIR SINGING AND ON UCKFIELD FM STAGE 7.10PM.
Tuesday 07th/12 3.30pm	OPEN THE BOOK - DONKEY WALK AROUND BLACKBOYS. PARENTS/CARERS MUST ATTEND WITH YOUR CHILD
Saturday 11th/12 Midday—2pm	PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR
Tuesday 14th/12 6pm	KS2 CAROLS AT ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD
Wednesday 15th/12 2pm	KS1 NATIVITY 'A WRIGGLY NATIVITY' IN THE SCHOOL HALL
Thursday 16th/12 1.30-3.15pm 6-8.00pm	KS1 CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE SCHOOL HALL KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE SCHOOL HALL
Friday 17th/12 Midday—1pm 2pm	WHOLE SCHOOL WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER INSTEAD OF YOUR BLACKBOYS JUMPER TO SCHOOL DAY. £1 DONATION. FOR CHARITY. WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY IN THE HALL

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 15th November**Class 1**

Oscar Messmer: For great shape knowledge and a super shape monster drawing.

Aggie Thompson: For demonstrating her great understanding of repeating patterns.

Jessica Passey: For super neat handwriting along with some great sentences.

Class 2

Ida Owen: For making good progress in Maths when subtracting using "First, then and now" stories.

Oliver Ingram: For making good progress with his phonics and reading.

Florence Riley: For a great start to her version of Vanessa Gardiner's seascape using pencil and a ruler.

Class 3

Max Davies: For his overall enthusiasm for learning as well as a huge improvement in handwriting and general presentation.

Eva Cooper: For coming back to school with a tremendous positive attitude and showcasing her learning that she did at home.

Bolton Richardson: For his super work in phonics, taking it really seriously and focussing really hard.

Class 4

Benji Lehotzky: For putting in a lot of effort to improve in Maths and working really hard on times tables.

Theo Morton-Cobb: For really improving his focus this week and making a great start on his play-script.

Josh Saunders: For showing a great understanding of square numbers in Maths.

Class 5

Ivy Davies: For the excellent presentation of her work.

Fyfe Dunbar and Harvey Wright: For a great job so far on their balanced arguments.

NOVEMBER

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

THURSDAY 25TH

REV CHRIS LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM

FRIDAY 26TH

WHOLE SCHOOL WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES TO SCHOOL DAY. PUPILS PLEASE BRING IN AS A DONATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS PTA FAIR KS1 - SWEETS OR A 'BEAUTY' ITEM AND KS2 - A BOTTLE, ANY BOTTLE!
PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM

MONDAY 29TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY 1ST

INTER SCHOOL BOCCIA COMP RUN BY UCKFIELD COLLEGE AT FREEDOM LEISURE SPORTS HALL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM

THURSDAY 2ND

CLASS 3 LED ASSEMBLY / ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
PTA WREATH MAKING EVENT IN THE HALL 7-9PM

FRIDAY 3RD

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING PUPIL CHRISTMAS MEAL CHOICES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRUBUTED
YEAR 5 AND 6 - SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY - IN THE HALL 1.45-3PM
UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING 5-8.30PM. KS2 CHOIR SINGING AND ON UCKFIELD FM STAGE 7.10PM.
PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM**LAST WEEK OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**MONDAY 6TH -
FRIDAY 10TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

MONDAY 6TH

OPEN THE BOOK - DONKEY WALK AROUND BLACKBOYS. PARENTS/CARERS MUST ATTEND WITH YOUR CHILD 3.30-4.30PM

TUESDAY 7TH

WEDNESDAY 8TH

NORTH WEALDEN FOOTBALL FINALS GIRLS TEAM UCKFIELD COLLEGE - 3G PITCH. 12.30 ARRIVAL, 12.45PM START, FINISH AT 2.30PM

THURSDAY 9TH

REV CHRIS LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
PTA MOVIE NIGHT 3.15-5.30PM

FRIDAY 10TH

KS1 NATIVITY COSTUMES INTO SCHOOL IN A NAMED BAG
PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM

SATURDAY 11TH

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR 12-2PM

**INSET DAYS 21/22:**

Tuesday 04th January

Monday 21st February

Friday 01st April

Thursday 21st July