



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 03rd December 2021

Christian Value for Term : Fellowship

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am sure you read with interest yesterday's ParentMail regarding some amendments to guidance for dealing with the pandemic. The next 2 weeks contain many exciting events, and it is important that the whole community work together to help make them a success.

Two major events which potentially see a larger than normal gathering are the KS2 Carol Concert and the KS 1 Nativity.

**KS2 Carol Concert**—Tuesday 14th December 6pm start time (doors open at 5:40pm) at St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield. The church is naturally well ventilated, members of the congregation will need to wear masks unless exempt, there will be hand gel on arrival and we recommend adults take a rapid Lateral Flow Test before arriving.

**KS1 Nativity**—Wednesday 15th December, 2pm (doors open at 1:45pm) School Hall. We ask for just 1 or 2 members of the audience per child please and that everyone wears a mask unless exempt. There will be hand gel on entry, plenty of ventilation and we recommend adults take a rapid Lateral Flow Test before arriving.

As you will have seen by now, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the PTA Christmas Fair and PTA Film Night. Please do keep selling raffle tickets though and returning them to the school office as the draw will be made and publicised after the KS 1 Nativity. Please also continue to create your Christmas Pots. These will go on sale at the end of the last day of term, Friday 17th December.

As a Federation with Framfield School, each year we put a Christmas Tree into

the Holy Cross Festival of Trees, which is part of Uckfield Late Night Shopping. This year, our tree celebrates the excel-



ent Open the Book Assemblies that the children enjoy taking part in. Please visit our tree to see the children's work.

As part of Late Night Shopping most of our Key Stage 2 children will be taking the Uckfield FM Stage at 7:10pm tonight (Friday) to entertain the crowds. Please come along or tune in live to Uckfield FM.

## Chess

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a potential lead for returning chess back to Blackboys. We currently have interest from 7 pupils, so as we are quite a way short of the target of 16 I will repeat the message below, with a deadline of expression of interest being Friday 10th December

*"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."*

## Last week of Lunchtime and After School Clubs

As we near the latter end of this term, could we confirm the last week of ALL lunchtime and after school clubs will be week commencing Monday 06th December.

There will be NO extra-curricular clubs during the final week of term. Wrap around care of Breakfast and after school clubs will continue during the last week. Please note that should you have a regular Breakfast or After School booking for your child these have been 'rolled' over' for Spring term.

Invoices for Term 2's provisions will be sent out next week/first week back to School, January 2022.

A term 3 and 4 lunch time and after school clubs list will be distributed alongside a return to School letter during the first few days back to School, January.

## KS1 Parents/Carers

Please remember to send your child in with their costume for the nativity. Please send it in a named bag. As previously mentioned the nativity is to take place on Wednesday 15th December at 2pm in the School Hall.

## Christmas Parties

We are planning on holding our two Christmas parties for each Key Stage. Both will take place on Thursday 16th December, with Key Stage 1's party taking place from 1.30pm in the School Hall and Key Stage 2's party from 6-8pm in the School Hall.

**KS1** (classes 1 and 2) - please bring a change of clothes in a named bag ready for the party! Rumour has it there will be a visit from a very special person.

**KS2** (classes 3,4 & 5) - please drop your child off to School at 6pm, returning again at the end of the party, 8pm.

Of course, no party is complete without party food, please keep your eye out for further information on how we will need your help with this.

For both we would appreciate offers of parental volunteers to assist with games and distribution of food. If you are able to assist, please email the office; [office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk) and we shall be in touch.

There will be a **Pop-Up Second-Hand Uniform Sale** on Friday 10th December at 3.15pm. All items will be available via donation and there are a variety of sizes and uniform available.

**EVERYTHING  
MUST GO!**

## School Lunches, ParentPay

As we draw towards the end of term 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.**

## KS2 Carol Service

All KS2 pupils are expected to attend this annual festive service.



Pupils can arrive at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield from 5.40pm (service starts promptly at 6.00pm). Smart school uniform to be worn.

Parents/Carers are of course welcome to stay and join in the service. Younger siblings are welcome to also attend as part of the congregation. Please wear a mask and it would be sensible to take a rapid lateral flow test before the event.

## End of Term Cup Assembly

Our traditional end of term cup assembly will take place at 2pm, Friday 17th December in the School Hall. If your child is a recipient of a cup/award you shall be notified by ParentMail email by Wednesday 15th December. If you attend the assembly, please wear a mask and it would be sensible to take a rapid lateral flow test before the event.

## Class 4 led Act of Worship

A reminder to all Parents/Carers of pupils within Class 4 that their class led act of worship will take place on Thursday 16th December at 9.05am in the School Hall. Please wear a mask and it would be sensible to take a rapid lateral flow test before the event.

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 29th November

### Class 1

Eddie Vine: For writing the numbers 1-10 independently, lovely and neat.  
Ariana Capitanu: For her fantastic effort in phonics—working really hard to sound out and read words.  
Heidi Cottingham: For the effort she is putting into her reading.

### Class 2

Oliver Ingram: For doing brilliantly in his Maths assessment this week.  
Vivi Cottingham: For a great week! Fantastic handwriting and Maths score in the assessment.  
Poppy Weddell: For remembering what she needed to do in the Nativity and good singing.

### Class 3

Grayson Gavin: For standing up and speaking with confidence in assembly.  
James Eves: For some really great work in Maths with dividing in the 3 times table.  
Hope Whyborne: For her independent attitude towards learning and giving everything a go.

### Class 4

Finlay Taylor: For amazing Miss Mayhew with his excellent assessment results this week!  
Elizabeth Willcox: For helping the Class 1 children with their decorations on Monday and always trying her best and helping others.  
Joseph Mylon: For putting great effort into learning and singing all of the Christmas songs.

### Class 5

Zachary Morton-Cobb: For his great performance in his Maths assessments this week.  
Lucas Cottingham: For showing that he is back on track this week with his Maths.  
George Saunders: For showing great fellowship in helping others with their digital art.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22

### DECEMBER

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  
DEADLINE (END OF THE DAY) TO RETURN DONKEY WALK PERMISSION SLIPS

MONDAY 6TH

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

TUESDAY 7TH

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

WEDNESDAY 8TH

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

THURSDAY 9TH

KS1 NATIVITY COSTUMES INTO SCHOOL IN A NAMED BAG  
POP-UP SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE - EVERYTHING MUST GO! 3.15-3.45PM  
PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM

FRIDAY 10TH

MONDAY 13TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM  
DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF SCHOOL CUPS/AWARDS FOR CUP ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY 14TH

KS2 CAROLS AT ST THOMAS Á BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD. CHILDREN CAN BE DROPPED OFF FROM 5.40PM. BUT PARENTS/CARERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY AND ATTEND THE SERVICE.6-7PM

WEDNESDAY 15TH

CUP / AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY PARENTS/CARERS TO BE NOTIFIED BY TODAY VIA PARENTMAIL EMAIL  
KS1 NATIVITY 'A WRIGGLY NATIVITY' IN THE SCHOOL HALL 2-3PM. DOORS AT 1:45pm

THURSDAY 16TH

CLASS 4 LED ASSEMBLY / ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM. ALL WELCOME.  
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM  
KS1 CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE SCHOOL HALL 1.30-3PM  
KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE SCHOOL HALL 6-8PM

FRIDAY 17TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 2  
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED  
WHOLE SCHOOL WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER INSTEAD OF YOUR BLACKBOYS JUMPER TO SCHOOL DAY. £1 DONATION. PROCEEDS TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN CHAILEY HERITAGE AND THE BLACKBOYS SCHOOL PTA  
WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH IN THE SCHOOL HALL 12-1PM  
END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY IN THE HALL 2-3PM

MONDAY 20TH  
DEC - MONDAY 3RD  
JANUARY

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

### JANUARY

MONDAY 3RD

BANK HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 4TH

INSET DAY

WEDNESDAY 5TH

START OF TERM 3  
SPRING CLUBS LIST AND WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL LETTER DISTRIBUTED

### INSET DAYS 21/22:

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