



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 17th December 2021

Christian Value for Term : Fellowship

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the term; a term which has been hard work, yet extremely rewarding. As always, I am indebted to the staff here at school, who, despite what may be happening in their own lives, always put so much effort into ensuring Blackboys School is a place where our pupils thrive. Children and parents at our school make it a vibrant and distinctive community and I thank the school as a whole for their support at what is again becoming a challenging time with the global pandemic.

We heard some great bible readings at the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert on Tuesday, but one that has resonated with me is from Isaiah 9 Verse 2 saying,:

'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.'

On behalf of our staff and Governors, may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Mr Sullivan

## Return to School for Term 3

We have an INSET Day on Tuesday 4th January, so school will restart for pupils on Wednesday 5th January at 8:55am. The school gates will open at 8:40am, with Breakfast Club starting at 7:45am. We would continue to ask families to remain vigilant regarding covid-19 symptoms in the run up to the start of term. Rapid result Lateral Flow Tests are readily available in

pharmacists and surgeries and families might find it prudent to take such tests prior to the return. Should there be any other changes in guidelines, parents will be informed via ParentMail.

## Miss Pavitt

Today marks Miss Pavitt's last day with us before starting her new role with Sussex Cricket. Miss Pavitt has been a hugely popular member of staff and someone who has epitomised our Blackboys motto of "Be the best you can be; Living life in all its fullness." Her work within classes and Breakfast Club has been exceptional and her commitment to school sports and specifically Girls' football has been a strength. She will be missed. Although a sad time, we naturally wish Miss Pavitt all the best for the future and she knows she would always be welcome to come back and visit.

Thank you Miss Pavitt.

## Mrs Harper

After an extensive interview process, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Julia Harper to Blackboys who has been appointed Class 5 TA, Breakfast Club Supervisor and Mid Day Supervisory Assistant. Mrs Harper joins us with a wealth of experience in the education sector and we know she will be made most welcome in our happy community. She is looking forward to getting started. Mrs Harper will be attending our INSET Day on 4th January and will begin officially on Wednesday 5th January.

## Forest School, Spring Term

The Spring term Forest School rotas for Class 1 and now Class 4 up until February mid-term break have been distributed via ParentMail email. A copy of each of the rotas is also displayed on the office door in the main entrance to School. Please can we remind Class 4 Parents/Carers that the sessions are reliant upon volunteers and if you are able to help to put your name down for the corresponding session(s) you are available for.

## Warmer Layers

Despite the weather reflecting the season, we still have children coming to School without a coat to wear outside during break and lunchtimes. Please can you ensure that when we return to School for the Spring term that your child brings with them to School, daily a coat.

## Christmas Events

Thank you to all those who have watched and joined our performances throughout December. From the KS2 Carol Service to the KS1 Nativity, it has been a lovely time of year to celebrate together as a whole school community.



## Return to School—Clubs

Following the Christmas break all pupils will be expected to return to School on Wednesday 05th January. Please note that Tuesday 04th January is an Inset Day.

A welcome back to School and new club choices for the Spring term will be sent out during the first few days back. Lunchtime and afterschool clubs will start from week commencing Monday 10th January 2022. Breakfast and After School Club return immediately on the first day back, Wednesday 05th January and if your child has a **regular booking** this will be rolled over to next term.

## Year R Starters, September 2022

A reminder to all parents/carers who have a child who will start School in September 2022, that the deadline for applications via the ESCC admissions portal is Saturday 15th January 2022.

**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.

**PTA Meeting**  
The next planned PTA meeting is to take place Wednesday 12th January at the Blackboys Inn, starting at 7pm.

It would be lovely to see as many parents/carers there to add support to the team. Amongst things to discuss and plan for will be the famous PTA Quiz Night, Spring Tidy Up and even the Summer Fair.

**Christmas Tree—a Thank You!**

Our annual thanks must be extended to the Cottingham family and Staverton Nursery for generously donating our beautiful Christmas tree which is currently adorning our school hall.



Gold Book Awards for week beginning 6th December

**Class 1**

Eva Dzandza: For her great work in Maths, writing number sentences and part-whole models.  
Fleur Pocock: For her great letter formation and working hard with her writing.  
Sophie Cooper: For her lovely ideas when we were writing poems about snowflakes and winter.

**Class 2**

Alice Passey: For fantastic instruction writing for how to make a pizza.  
Saffron Morton-Cobb: For being a great leader of the angels in the Nativity.  
Emilia Briscall: For generally being super!

**Class 3**

Evie Hayes: For her very descriptive diary entry of a Roman soldier.  
Delilah Neilson: For her knowledge and engagement of the Roman Gods and Goddesses.  
Milly Marden: For her lovely positive outlook on life, approaching everything with enthusiasm.

**Class 4**

Jack Rance, Henry Pistel and Reuben Saunders: For really precise and careful sewing whilst showing great patience and perseverance when making our Native American medicine bags.

**Class 5**

Emilia Butler and Logan Hill: For some super speedy but accurate work on fractions this week.  
Claudia Neilson: For impressing in all subjects at the moment, particularly in dance!

**ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22**

**DECEMBER**

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  
PTA POTS & CAKES TO BE SOLD AT THE END OF SCHOOL 3.15-3.30PM

**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

MONDAY 20TH  
DEC - MONDAY 3RD  
JANUARY

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MONDAY 3RD  
TUESDAY 4TH  
WEDNESDAY 5TH

BANK HOLIDAY

**INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL**

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

CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE REFER TO THE ROTA WHICH WAS SENT HOME FOR THE DATES OF WHEN YOUR CHILD IS TO TAKE PART 1-3PM

RETURN OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE LOOK AT ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART EACH WEEK 1-3PM  
CLASS 1 PUPIL PLANNING MEETING IN THE CLASS 2.45-3.15PM

CLASS 2 PUPIL PLANNING MEETING IN THE CLASS 2.45-3.15PM

CLASS 3 PUPIL PLANNING MEETING IN THE CLASS 2.45-3.15PM  
PTA MEETING AT THE BLACKBOYS INN 7-8.30PM

CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE REFER TO THE ROTA WHICH WAS SENT HOME FOR THE DATES OF WHEN YOUR CHILD IS TO TAKE PART 1-3PM  
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DISTRIBUTION OF CLASS NEWSLETTERS  
CLASS 5 PUPIL PLANNING MEETING IN THE CLASS 2.45-3.15PM

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING (VIA ESCC) FOR A PLACE AT BLACKBOYS CEP SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER '22 YEAR R

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NO CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL

TUESDAY 11TH  
WEDNESDAY 12TH  
THURSDAY 13TH  
FRIDAY 14TH  
SATURDAY 15TH  
MONDAY 17TH  
THURSDAY 20TH  
FRIDAY 21ST  
MONDAY 24TH  
THURSDAY 27TH

**INSET DAYS 21/22:**  
Tuesday 04th January  
Monday 21st February  
Friday 01st April  
Thursday 21st July