



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 04th February 2022

Christian Value for Term : Courage

Dear Parents / Carers,

Covid Update

May I firstly thank parents for their patience and kindness this term. It has been a difficult one in terms of losing staff members (and pupils) for periods of covid isolation, but the support and encouragement has been entirely uplifting and an important reminder of what a special community we have here. In terms of the current picture, we nearly have all children back from covid isolations, but sadly secretary (Thursday and Friday) Mrs Doherty is now poorly with covid and class 4 TA Mrs Vance continues to recuperate from covid which occurred in the Christmas holidays. It would be sensible for staff and visitors (including parents) to wear masks in busy communal areas (like the hall for assemblies). Wearing a mask for pick up and drop off is entirely optional. I will wear one on gate duty, just because of the number of interactions I am having.

Road Safety and parking

It seems now would be an appropriate time to highlight road safety issues in the village. I was contacted recently by a local group campaigning for a reduction in speed limits through the village, which can only be a good thing. There are more details on this, I believe, in the parish magazine which is delivered to homes in the parish. As a school we have to play our part too, and I would like to remind parents about considerate parking. Please do not block junctions or resident's drive ways. Please respect the yellow 'no stopping' zig zags at the front of school. Please allow our daffodil bulbs to grow by not parking on the verges.

Punctuality

We have a small number of children who are either late arriving in the morning, or are late being picked up at the end of the day. There are always going to be

difficult occasions and the school is able to be flexible with timings (car issues etc) but when the lateness is consistent and constant, it might be that a new family routine is necessary. By way of polite reminder, the school gates are opened at 8:40am, the "going in bell" is rung at 8:50am, with the gate closing at 8:55am. All children are expected in school by 8:55am, to complete some morning work, take the registers and prepare for assembly. It is unsettling if children are rushing in and missing these important routines.

At the end of the day, the school gate is opened at 3:10pm and the children leave their classes at 3:15pm. We would expect all parents to be at school for a 3:15pm pick up unless children are booked in to After School Club or if older children have written permission to walk home.

Teacher/Parent /Pupil Consultations

Please see overleaf for more details. These consultation meetings are an ideal opportunity to discuss how well your child is getting on academically. Staff will talk in terms of whether your child is on track to be working at the expected standard for their year group. Class-teachers have used recent assessments and their knowledge of your child in class daily to identify strengths and areas that could be developed. Please make good use of the chance to talk to your child's classteacher, so that you are fully informed.

After School Dance Club

We are thrilled to be able to share some early Summer After School Club news. Miss Zara, who currently offers her Tuesday after school Dance Club to KS2 pupils, will be returning to Blackboys for the whole of Summer term to offer KS1 her popular Dance Club. Full details about this will be sent in the return to School clubs letter post Easter break.

Class 5 Forest School

Following February mid term break Class 5 will be partaking in Thursday afternoon Forest School sessions. Class 5 Parents/Carers please refer to the rota which was sent out via ParentMail email to see when your child's sessions are taking place. If you are able to volunteer for any of the sessions it would be hugely appreciated. Please contact the School Office in the first instance.

Parent Consultations, Spring Term

Next Monday 07th and Wednesday 09th February will see our Parent Consultation evenings taking place.

When you arrive at School for Parent Consultations (the pedestrian gate will be open), please enter the building from the main entrance and make your way to the hall, where you will have the opportunity to look through your child's work and whilst you wait to be called for your appointment.

We would like you to wear a mask in the hall, hand sanitiser will be readily available and the hall will be well ventilated.

We encourage pupils from years 4,5 and 6 to attend the Parent Consultation appointment with their Parent/Carer.

Please remember that there is NO after school football club taking place on Monday 07th February 2022.

Inset Day Reminder

Following February mid-term break, Monday 21st February is an Inset Day. Children will return to School on Tuesday 22nd February.

PTA News

Happy School Bag

The PTA have once again organised for another 'Happy School Bag' collection date, taking place on Thursday 24th February. 'Filling Bags' are being distributed via your child's bag.

Happy School Bag offers schools the opportunity to raise funds and at the same time to help our environment by keeping valuable and reusable resources out of landfill. The pre-loved garments collected by Happy School Bag are sold to second hand markets abroad for the purpose of re-use and provide affordable quality clothing to disadvantaged people in need.

They accept: • Reusable clean clothing in good condition • Reusable paired shoes and footwear • Fashion accessories, handbags, belts, light jewellery, scarves, hats, etc... • Console games, souvenirs (small ornaments, unwanted gift boxsets)

They do not accept: • Single shoes • Mats, Carpets • Duvets, Pillows, Blankets, Bedlinen • Curtains • Bric-a-Brac • Dirty-Damaged-Wet-Damp-Smelly items • Old Fashioned Clothing • No uniforms or toys (soft or hard) • No Books - DVD's

Please bring in your filled bags in at morning drop off on **Thursday 24th February** and put them under the canopy next to the PE Shed located in the playground. Should you run out of room in your 'Happy School Bag' you are welcome to use a black heavy duty bin liner.



Thank you for your support!

PTA Family Cookbook

The PTA are endeavouring to put together a Blackboys School Community Cookbook. If you would like to share your favourite family recipe which is devoured and delicious, please email it to blackboyspta@gmail.com for potential cook book inclusion! The School Office are happy to take a photocopy of any recipes too.

The deadline for submission is **Monday 28th February**. We look forward to sharing more exciting news on this later in the Spring term.

PTA Quiz

The questions have been formulated, we now need you to put **Friday 18th March @ 7pm** in your diary!

We are very much looking forward to holding the popular PTA Quiz night in the School Hall. Further information will be sent out over the next few weeks.

PTA Spring School Tidy

On **Sunday 24th April at 2pm** please do come along and help with tidying, weeding and generally giving the School grounds a Spring tidy up.

The more hands the quicker the work! Light refreshments will be provided!

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 31st January

Class 1

James Vine: For using actions to re-tell the story Lost and Found.

Lyla Hayes: For progress with writing.

Jessica Passey: For working hard on letter formation.

Class 2

Jonah Beale: For an amazing clay sculpture.

Sylvie Coates: For becoming more independent with her learning.

Bea Bell: For working really hard on Maths.

Class 3

William Pistel: For impressive dance skills.

Harrison Brodie: For some good newspaper report writing.

Delilah Neilson: For a dramatic RE re-telling of the story of Moses.

Class 4

Lola Luck: For some great English work this week.

Noah Dilley: For challenging himself with his learning.

Theo Morton-Cobb: For showing new found positivity and enthusiasm.

Class 5

Daniel Barker: For some really good pieces of writing this week.

Millie Gavin: A great week of learning.

Astrid Willcox: For showing eloquence and articulation in class assembly.

ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22

FEBRUARY

MONDAY 7TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
NO KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB THIS WEEK
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING. IN PERSON AT SCHOOL. 3.30-6PM

TUESDAY 8TH

SELECTED YEAR 3 PERSONAL CHALLENGE EVENT (VIA UCKFIELD COLLEGE PE DEPT) UCKFIELD FREEDOM LEISURE SPORTSHALL 3.45-5PM

WEDNESDAY 9TH

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING. IN PERSON AT SCHOOL. 5.30-7.30PM

THURSDAY 10TH

REV CHRIS LED ACT OF WORSHIP ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM
CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

FRIDAY 11TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

MONDAY 14TH -
FRIDAY 18TH

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

MONDAY 21ST

INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL

TUESDAY 22ND

START OF TERM 4

THURSDAY 24TH

PTA HAPPY SCHOOL BAG COLLECTION. PLEASE BRING DONATIONS IN DURING MORNING DROP OFF - UNDER SHELTER NEXT TO PE SHED.
CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

FRIDAY 25TH

YEAR 6 HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT AND LONDON TRIP 8AM-7.30PM
YEAR 5 GIRLS TO MAYFIELD HIGH FIVE NETBALL DAY 11.45AM - 3PM

MONDAY 28TH

PTA DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR FAMILY FAVOURITE'S FOR INCLUSION IN THE PTA COOKBOOK! PLEASE REFER TO THE PARENTMAIL EMAILS SENT OUT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

MARCH

TUESDAY 1ST

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR A PLACE IN YEAR 7, SEPTEMBER '22 OFFER EMAILS SENT TODAY

THURSDAY 3RD

WORLD BOOK DAY
CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED

FRIDAY 4TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

MONDAY 7TH

CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

THURSDAY 10TH

CHARITY BAKE SALE 3.15PM

FRIDAY 11TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

MONDAY 14TH

CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

THURSDAY 17TH

NATIONAL RED NOSE DAY. SPORTS RELIEF - STAFF V/S PUPILS NETBALL MATCH.
PTA SPRING QUIZ NIGHT IN THE SCHOOL HALL 7PM

FRIDAY 18TH

LAST WEEK OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY 21ST -
FRIDAY 25TH

MONDAY 21ST

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

THURSDAY 24TH

CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

MONDAY 28TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 29TH

NO BREAKFAST CLUB AS EASTER SERVICE. ALL PUPILS TO BE DROPPED DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH. EASTER SERVICE AT ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD 9-10AM. KS1 COACH RETURN, KS2 HIKE RETURN 10AM-1PM

INSET DAYS 21/22:

Monday 21st February

Friday 01st April

Thursday 21st July