



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 18th March 2022

Christian Value for Term : Respect

Dear Parents / Carers,

With the weather warming up, we can be certain that Spring and Easter is on the way. There are reminders overleaf about our Easter Service on Wednesday 30th March.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we have class assemblies coming up next week for Class 1 (on Wednesday 23rd March) and Class 2 (on Thursday 24th March). It was great to have so many parents/carers attend Class 3's assembly this week and I would really suggest parents/carers and grandparents do their best to join us. Parents/carers and grandparents are welcome to join assembly any Thursday in the hall at 9:05am. Sometimes these assemblies are led by a class, sometimes by Rev Chris Lawrence and sometimes by a guest visitor. I think we've all got out the habit during the pandemic and it would be good to welcome some friendly faces in.

Last week we were visited by the Chairman of Wealden District Council, Cllr Ron Reed and our own Councillor Anne Newton. The children in Key Stage 2 had a Q & A session with them (with many excellent questions about road safety and speed limits in Blackboys!) The councillors presented awards in Gold Book assembly and then had a tour of the School. They were very positive about the pupils and the facilities we have here and were able to answer some of my questions about building work in the village and funding provided for schools. It was a very worthwhile visit.



We had more visitors yesterday (Thursday) when I proudly took local Headteachers around the school looking at the super work being done in the teaching of writing. This is something that we have, and continue to work hard on and the staff and pupils have responded brilliantly. It was great to showcase some of the children's excellent work.

Finally for this fortnight, I would like to praise a group of girls in year 5 who organised and ran a cake sale last week, raising £76.20 for our charity, Children's Respittie Trust. Well done Connie, Lola and Millie. Our pupils' keenness to support other people is always awe-inspiring.

Lunchtime & After School Clubs Last Week W/C 21/03/22

Next week will be the last week of all Lunchtime and After School Clubs. Apart from Monday and Tuesday lunchtime Guitar club (run by outside providers, Red Butler Music Service) there will be NO extra-curricular clubs during the final week of term.

A Summer term lunchtime and after school clubs list will be distributed alongside a return to School letter during the first few days back to School, 19th April. This will be distributed via ParentMail email and your child's bag.

Wrap Around Care Provision

The wrap around care provision of Breakfast and after school clubs will continue during the last week of term. At least 24 hours notice of booking required.

Please note that should you have a regular Breakfast or After School booking for your child these have been 'rolled over' in preparation of the Summer term. Invoices for Term 4's provisions will be sent out next week/first week back to School post Easter Break.



Whole School Easter Service, 30th March

As per the previous newsletter, please remember that our Easter Service will be taking place on Wednesday 30th March.

Please drop your child/children off directly to St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield on the 30th from 8.30am. KS1 will be returning to School via a Coach following the Service. KS2 will 'hike' back to School. Packed lunches will be required! Pupils will also need to bring with them weather appropriate clothes to change into following the service and wellington or hiking boots.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE EASTER SERVICE THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST CLUB FACILITIES AVAILABLE ON THE 30TH MARCH

End of Spring Term and Inset Day, Friday 01st April

The last day of term for Spring will be Thursday 31st March, we have Friday 01st April as a pre planned Inset Day.

As is tradition our annual termly cup assembly is to take place in the School Hall at 2pm on the 31st March. All Parents/Carers are invited to attend and should your child be a cup/award recipient you will be informed via ParentMail email by the end of the day Monday 28th March. The pedestrian gate for access to the School Hall will be open from 1.50pm and closed again at 2pm.

PTA Dates for your diary!

Spring School Tidy Up, Sunday 24th April, 2-4pm
Come along, join a spring tidy team and enjoy refreshments, in exchange for your hard work!



Summer PTA Meeting, Blackboys Inn, Thursday 28th April, 7.30pm
Planning for the PTA Summer Fair begins, bring your ideas and time!



PTA Summer Fair, Saturday 02nd July, midday—2.30pm
After a long break we are excited to start to arrange our Summer Fair. BBQ, games, quizzes and all the fun of a fair.

APRIL MUSIC SCHOOL with Red Butler Music

The music schools will be held at Bonners Primary School, Maresfield from the 4th - 7th April.
Flexible booking options (1-4 day bookings)

Places are £40 per day, sibling discounts are available.
and experience levels are welcome

Please visit <https://rbmsmusic.com/holidaymusicschool/> for more information.

INSET DAYS 21/22:

Friday 01st April
Thursday 21st July

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 14th March

Class 1

Sophie Cooper: For her very thoughtful comments and questions during our RE Easter Story.
Aggie Thompson: For the perseverance she is showing with her writing.
Oscar Messmer: For using his creative skills to design and make a fantastic Easter garden.

Class 2

Myla Butler: For some thoughtful RE work on the symbols of Easter.
Sylvie Coates: For always quietly getting on with her work and showing me how well she has listened and having the courage to answer questions.
Jonah Beale: For trying really hard to remember the new vocabulary we learn in whole class reading.

Class 3

Evie Hayes: For a dramatic improvement in her reading comprehension from the Autumn term.
James Eves: For his general respectful attitude around school, both with children and adults.
Elizabeth McLean: For her great improvement in her maths from Autumn term (so far...still one paper to go!).

Class 4

Elizabeth Willcox: For always being respectful to everyone around her.
Lola Luck: For demonstrating a great understanding of the circulatory system.
Huw Ridgwell: For a great improvement in his score on the arithmetic test.

Class 5

Tabatha Jordan-Richards: For the excellent job she's done with her maths assessments this week.
Louis Harris: Courage for performing his David Attenborough narration.
Millie Gavin: For her great assessment work, but also her general loveliness!

ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22

MARCH

THURSDAY 3RD - SUNDAY 27TH WORLD BOOK DAY TOKENS VALID TO SWAP AT LOCAL BOOKSELLERS

FRIDAY 18TH NATIONAL RED NOSE DAY - SPORTS RELIEF STAFF V'S PUPILS NETBALL MATCH TAKING PLACE AT 2.30PM. GATES WILL OPEN AT 2.20PM FOR PARENTS TO START TO CONGRGATE ON THE PLAYGROUND. WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED PTA SPRING QUIZ NIGHT IN THE SCHOOL HALL 7PM

MONDAY 21ST - FRIDAY 25TH LAST WEEK OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY 21ST CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 22ND YR5/6 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION UCKFIELD COLLEGE (BOTTOM FIELD) 3.45-5.15PM

WEDNESDAY 23RD CLASS 1 LED ACT OF WORSHIP/ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL 9.05-9.30AM

THURSDAY 24TH CLASS 2 LED ACT OF WORSHIP/ASSEMBLY - SCHOOL HALL 9.05-9.30AM CLASS 1 VISIT TO WILDERNESS WOOD 9.30AM - 3PM CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

FRIDAY 25TH - SUNDAY 10TH APRIL GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN - COLLECT AS MANY BIN BAGS OF LITTER BETWEEN THESE DATES, LET US KNOW HOW MANY YOU COLLECT AND SEND US A PHOTO OF YOU TAKING PART!

FRIDAY 25TH CLASS 2 SPECIAL FOREST SCHOOL SESSION. MAKING SHELTERS AND TESTING THEM! AT KILN WOODS. 9AM-MIDDAY.

MONDAY 28TH YEAR 6 RETURN OF FRENCH TRIP (25 05 22) CONSENT FORMS FOR TRAVEL AND PASSPORT INFORMATION DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF CUPS/AWARDS PRESENTED AT AUTUMN CUP ASSEMBLY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN PREPERATION OF SPRING CUP ASSEMBLY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM PARENTS/CARERS OF PUPILS WHO WILL BE AWARDED A CUP/AWARD AT CUP ASSEMBLY THURSDAY TO BE INFORMED BY THE END OF TODAY

WEDNESDAY 30TH **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 TEA AND TALK AT BLACKBOYS - INCLUSION GROUP, LED BY OUR SENCO MRS LEVEY AND GOVERNOR MRS HOLLAND 2.15-3PM

THURSDAY 31ST **LAST DAY OF TERM 4** PEDESTRIAN GATE WILL OPEN FOR ACCESS TO CUP ASSEMBLY FROM 1.45 AND WILL CLOSE AT 2PM END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY 2-3PM

APRIL

FRIDAY 1ST **INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL** U9 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 2.15PM COLLECTION FROM PLAYGROUND

MONDAY 4TH - MONDAY 18TH **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

FRIDAY 15TH GOOD FRIDAY

MONDAY 18TH BANK HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 19TH NATIONAL OFFER DAY FOR PLACES WITHIN YEAR R SEPTEMBER 2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL SUMMER TERM WELCOME BACK LETTER AND CLUBS OPTIONS TO BE DISTRIBUTED **START OF TERM 5**

THURSDAY 21ST CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE REFER TO THE ROTA WHICH WAS SENT HOME FOR THE DATES OF WHEN YOUR CHILD IS TO TAKE PART 1-3PM

SUNDAY 24TH PTA SPRING TIDY UP 2-4PM

MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH RETURN OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS