



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 06th May 2022

Christian Value for Term : Understanding

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is our first whole school newsletter of Term 5. I hope you all have engaged with your class newsletters and class planning meetings last week and are familiar with the learning taking place in your children's classes.

## SATS for Year 6 and Year 2.

From Monday 9th May, our Year 6 children will be taking their National SATS assessments in line with all Year 6 pupils in the country. They are a super year group who have revised hard for these assessments and I know they will 'Be the best they can be'. It is vital that the Year 6's are well rested for next week, that they attend school each day and arrive punctually, so that they give themselves the best chance to do well. They will be taking their assessments in the school hall under exam conditions. The following week is time for our Year 2 pupils to take their Key Stage 1 assessments. They take these assessments in their classroom with Mrs Sullivan and like Year 6 we are confident they will do a great job. Good luck to both year groups.

## Warm Weather

As the warm weather begins, could we remind parents that children may need to have sun cream applied before school. It would also be useful if children had a sun-hat or cap with them. Please could these be named! Please also be aware that some sun creams may contain traces of nuts, so to protect our pupils with nut allergies, please try to pick nut-free versions.

## Illness

Over the last week or so, we have seen an increase in both Covid-19 and a sickness bug. Please help to support the school by re-iterating with your children the importance of good hand hygiene. Likewise, we would expect children who have had a sickness bug to be at home for 48 hours since their last bout of sickness.

Covid-19 is difficult now, as testing is not so easy. Please judge symptoms and if your child is poorly and has symptoms associated with Covid-19 they should stay off school for at least 3 days. From talking to parents/carers, a high temperature seems to be the most identifiable symptom.

## Year 1 and Year 5 2022/23

Towards the end of the term we shall be sending out letters to current Reception and Year 4 parents offering the opportunity for a telephone conversation to discuss Year 1 and Year 5 class placement. As parents/carers are aware, to have manageable class sizes, we need to share our Year 1 cohort between Class 1 and Class 2 and our Year 5 cohort between Class 4 and Class 5.

It is important for parents/carers to understand that children follow their year group curriculum regardless of what class they are placed in. Our class teachers are skilled in differentiating work for mixed year groups and we have a specially designed curriculum to ensure no one repeats any subject content.

All circumstances are unique, but to make decisions about Year 1 placements we look back at how a child has got on in Reception; looking at their independence and skills in reading, writing and maths together with how well they independently demonstrate the characteristics of effective learning (engagement, motivation and thinking). Parents/carers may wish to peruse <https://www.earlyyearsresources.co.uk/blog/2018/09/characteristics-of-effective-learning/>

For Year 5 placement we look carefully at Year 4 reading and maths assessment results and teacher assessments for writing, as we need to identify children who will be able to cope with some elements of the Year 6 curriculum if they are placed in Class 5.

## Term 5 Charity

We are really pleased to communicate that the School Learning Council have chosen Guide Dogs for the Blind as this term's charity.



## PTA Summer Term News

Thank you to all those who came to last week's PTA meeting. It was great to be able to share ideas and to start to create not only exciting, but memorable events for our pupils to take part in this Summer term. Please read below a round up of what we have in store for the community;

## Queen's Jubilee

As you will all be aware the Queen's Jubilee celebrations fall within the May mid term break.



We have decided as a School, alongside our PTA, that our pupils will celebrate and mark the occasion on Friday 27th May (last day of term before the mid term break) by enjoying a traditional 'tea party' on the School playground. We hope that the weather is kind and that we are able to adorn the playground with bunting, trestle tables and for the children to be able to enjoy a 'light afternoon tea'. We are asking for parental volunteers to assist for the afternoon, and if you are able to spare a couple of hours please do make contact with the School Office. We are anticipating the afternoon to start from 2pm, finishing in time for the normal end of School.

During the afternoon, each class will be asked to plant a tree on the playing field to mark this special occasion to enable us all to remember this special event in future years. Thanks to the PTA for subsidising the cost of this.

Finally, to further mark the occasion we shall be holding a special themed Mufti Day, dressed in red, white or blue.

We shall be asking Parents/Carers, via a 'sign up' sheet later in the term, to contribute 'picnic' type food items for the tea party and further details about the day will be sent out on a poster shortly.

## Summer Fair

We know that we are all very much looking forward to the return of our annual School PTA Summer Fair, Saturday 02nd July, midday—2.30pm



After a long enforced break, we are excited that the PTA have started to arrange our Summer Fair. We are hoping for a spectacular return with a new 'main arena' which will see displays for you to enjoy as well as the traditional games and stalls. If you are able to assist with the day or even with the run up to the event, our PTA would be most welcoming of the assistance. Please catch Mrs Glenn, PTA Chair or Mr Wevill, Vice Chair in the playground or alternatively, drop the School Office an email who will pass your details on to them both.

**Thursday Acts of Worship**  
Class 4 led yesterday's Act of Worship beautifully and their recorder recital really was a high-light.

Class 3 will lead our Thursday Act of Worship on Thursday 19th May, 9.05am in the School Hall.

All other Thursday Acts of Worships for this term will be led by Reverend Chris and as with every Thursday, all Parents/Carers welcome to join.

### Staff News

Congratulations to the Boorman family on the safe arrival of Baby Rosemary, weighing a healthy 7 pounds 9 ounces on Friday 22nd April. Well done all! We are all looking forward to welcoming Mr Boorman back to School this Monday 09th May.



### School News

We enjoyed two great extra-curriculum activities last week. Firstly our violin players performed in assembly with great aplomb. It was a first performance for them and they handled the situation beautifully.



Secondly our school chess team returned to action, coming second in a tournament at St Andrew's School. This was a great performance and the first time we have played competitive chess for 2 years.

### Gold Book Awards for week beginning 2nd May

#### Class 1

Alfie Glenn: For always trying his best in his small group work and showing great perseverance.

April Masters: For her great reading. She really loves reading to any adult!

Evie Colgate: For completing her work and having some great ideas for our shark writing.

#### Class 2

Ella Hart: For always showing respect by being ready to learn and listening well.

Gabi Pollitt: For doing really well with telling the time this week.

Astrid Grimes: For making sure that every piece of work she completes (in all subjects) is presented neatly and carefully.

#### Class 3

Marlo Owen: For great recall of geographical facts relating to features of mountains.

Elizabeth McLean: For some brilliant mountain art.

Muffin Sharp: For some brilliant reading with lovely expression and fluency.

#### Class 4

Ayla Wright: For writing a lovely parable in RE with Mrs Hall.

Arthur Pollitt: For excellent reading in assembly with great volume, expression and enthusiasm.

Rhys Williams: For brilliant improvement in his recorder playing.

#### Class 5

Nancy Cottingham, Ella Brodie and Emilia Butler: For high quality Marco Polo double page spreads.

Ivy Davies: For listening very carefully to teaching points, then acting on them, showing great perseverance!

### ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22

#### MAY

FRIDAY 6TH	SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 9TH - THURSDAY 12TH	KS2 (YEAR 6) SATS TEST PERIOD
MONDAY 9TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 12TH	REV CHRIS LED ASSEMBLY/ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 13TH	U9 FAB FOOTBALL TEAM EAST SUSSEX FINALS AT AMEX ELITE PERFORMANCE CENTRE, AITC PITCH 8.15AM - 1.30PM
MONDAY 16TH - MONDAY 23RD	KS1 (YEAR 2) SATS TEST PERIOD
MONDAY 16TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM BOCCIA TOURNAMENT AT FREEDOM LEISURE SPORTSHALL 1.15-2.45PM
THURSDAY 19TH	CLASS 3 ASSEMBLY/ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 20TH	WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 23RD	YEAR 6 PUPILS PARENTS/CARERS TO DROP CHILDS PASSPORT AND EHIC/GHIC CARD TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN PREPERATION OF THE FRENCH TRIP WEDNESDAY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 25TH	YEAR 6 BLACKBOYS AND YEAR 6 FRAMFIELD, FRENCH DAY TRIP 2022. 6AM - 8PM
THURSDAY 26TH	YEAR 6 PUPILS PARENTS/CARERS COLLECT PASSPORTS/EHIC/GHIC FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOLLOWING FRENCH TRIP YESTERDAY REV CHRIS LED ASSEMBLY/ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 27TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 5 OWN CLOTHES DAY - WEAR RED, WHITE OR BLUE TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS JUBILEE PTA QUEENS JUBILEE TEA PARTY - PUPILS ONLY 2-3PM
MONDAY 30TH - FRIDAY 3RD JUNE	<b>MAY HALF TERM</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	
THURSDAY 2ND	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
FRIDAY 3RD	THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY 6TH	START OF TERM 6 YEARS 4 AND 5 CUTTY SARK TRIP TO LONDON TIMINGS TBC YEAR 6 SWIMMING CROSS IN HAND. SESSION IS 2-3PM. LEAVE BB AT 1.50PM. PARENTS/CARERS TO COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM CROSS IN HAND PRIMARY @ 3PM. CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 7TH	SCHOOLS HEALTH TEAM VISIT - YR R VISION SCREENING & YR6 NCMP SCREENING
WEDNESDAY 8TH	CLASS 1 TRIP HASTINGS AND BLUEREEF AQUARIUM 9AM - 3PM
THURSDAY 9TH	YR 6 PARENTS/CARERS DEADLINE DATE FOR YEAR 6 HOODIE ORDERS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
MONDAY 13TH	YEAR 6 SWIMMING CROSS IN HAND. SESSION IS 2-3PM. LEAVE BB AT 1.50PM. PARENTS/CARERS TO COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM CROSS IN HAND PRIMARY @ 3PM. CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 14TH	YEAR R FOR SEPTEMBER '22 START PARENT/CARER MEETING AT SCHOOL 5.30-6.30PM
WEDNESDAY 15TH	HERSTMONCEUX SCIENCE TRIP CLASS 2 9AM - 2.30PM
THURSDAY 16TH	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

**INSET DAYS 21/22:**  
Thursday 21st July