



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 21st October 2022

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

As term 1 comes to an end, it is a chance to reflect on the learning that has taken place in school since our return in September. Our parent consultation evenings this week have given you all the chance to discuss your child/ren's progress and we go into term 2 with some next steps to work on. Thank you to all parents for engaging with staff so positively.

PTA update

As reported earlier in the term, we were in a situation where there was nobody to step into the key roles of our PTA. However, following a very successful recruitment drive, I am pleased to report that we now have a flourishing PTA who are very keen to organise some great events this year. Every one of you are a part of our PTA, but the following people have put themselves forward to take on some key roles:

Chair Mrs Jenkins
Vice Chair Ms Sabatini
Treasurer Mr Glenn
Secretary & Class Rep Liaison Officer Ms Pitt
Class Reps
Class 1 Mrs Vine
Class 2 Mrs Bell
Class 3 Mrs Butler
Class 4 Mrs Brodie
Class 5 Mrs Coates
Thank you to them all.

Poppy Seller

On the first Friday after half term, there will be a poppy seller on the school gate at the end of the day if you would like to buy a poppy.

Coffee and chat

Mrs Levey (SENDCo) invites all parents and carers of an autistic child or a child who is on the autism pathway to meet, talk and share information or ideas with other parents/carers. This takes place on 10th November at 1.45pm at Framfield School. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Sleep

Does your child have problems getting to sleep or staying asleep throughout the night? Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school. The National Sleep Helpline is there to offer support and advice. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

School achievement data

We are delighted to be able to share with parents the school's achievement data from the statutory assessments that our children take. You can access the school achievement data here: <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/school-data/>

You will find data on Early Years performance, Year 1 Phonics Screening, Year 2 SATs, Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 6 SATs. You will notice when looking at this data that Blackboys School considerably outperform National data and we are delighted with these outcomes. Congratulations should go to the whole school community for these great results!

Tempest School Photographer

On the first day back following the October mid-term break, Monday 31st October we have our annual visit by Tempest, the School photographer.



The photographer will be located in the School Hall from 8.40am. We invite all pre-school siblings in from this time for pictures to be taken should you wish.

In school sibling and individual pupil photographs will then be arranged and taken in School during the morning.

Please ensure that your child is dressed super smart for the occasion.

Headlice

Currently, unfortunately it seems that we may have some unwelcome visitors in school, in the form of head lice. Please can you check your child's head regularly and be extra vigilant when brushing their hair. Can we also remind you that hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up, as this is also a good preventative for passing the lice on.

PTA Christmas Fair

Following the successful appointments to the newly formed PTA for 22/23 the team are preparing for the forthcoming Christmas Fair. A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 02nd November at 7.30pm in the School Hall. All welcome!



Year 6-7, September '23 Secondary School Reminder

Reminder to all those Parents/Carers of pupils within Year 6 that the deadline for Secondary School choices to be submitted via the ESCC portal is Monday 31st October 2022.

School Lunches, Classes 3, 4 and 5

Please can we remind all Parents/ Carers to keep a close eye on their child's ParentPay account.

Similarly to how Secondary Schools work, you will **not** receive a reminder when your account goes into debt.

Chartwells (who run our School kitchen) are regularly checking Parents/ Carers accounts and balances.

Uniform Suppliers

We have been advised by our current uniform providers, CS Teamwear that they have taken the decision to no longer supply Schools. We are currently in the process of securing a new provider to be in place from the start of term 3, January '23. It may be fortuitous to check your child's uniform for fit and if required place an order with CS Teamwear. We shall of course keep you informed once we have a new provider in place.

Class 2 assembly

Yesterday, Class 2 impressed us with their learning about houses and homes throughout history. All the children presented their work with confidence, well done. Thank you to all who were able to join us to enjoy this assembly.

Class 1 trip to Lewes Castle

Last week our youngest children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Lewes Castle. They enjoyed dressing up and having pretend sword fights and jousting matches! Thank you to all parents who supported in this great day of learning.

Classes 4 & 5 trip to the Ashdown Forest

Yesterday, our oldest children enjoyed their trip to the Ashdown Forest to enrich their learning about the Stone Age. Despite the weather, both classes had a fantastic time.

School Council Cake Sale

Last Friday our School Council organised a very successful cake sale at the end of the school day. They raised a magnificent £216 for St Wilfred's Hospice and this will be added to the collection money from Thursday assembly's during Term 1. Thank you to all who provided the cakes and for everyone for queuing so patiently to buy them.

Nut allergies

With lots of school trips taking place at the moment and children having packed lunches, please can we remind parents and carers not to send their child/ren in with any products containing **any** nuts, not just peanuts, as per our School's allergy policy.

New campaign and resources to improve early-language development

Please see <https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/baby/learning-to-talk/3-to-5-years/2>
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for a new DfE initiative to support early language development.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 17th October

Class 1

Molly W: For working hard in phonics, using her magnetic letters to build 2 and 3 letter words.

Luka D: For joining in with all our singing sessions.

Faith C: Perseverance - for working hard in maths to find all the numbers to 7.

Class 2

Sophie C: For working independently when writing a letter about 'The Deserted House'.

Sylvie C: For listening well to the story in RE and thinking about the different emotions Jonah was displaying.

Keegan J: For writing great poems using archaic language.

Class 3

Jacob C: For a great narrative; his story flowed nicely with some nice language.

Benjy C: For really persevering with his maths, especially his times tables.

Hugo B: For some brilliant maths work with new learning of column addition and subtraction.

Class 4

Muffin S: For working really hard with her writing this week.

Harrison B: For always taking on challenges, especially in maths.

Evie H: For some excellent work in RE this term.

Class 5

Joshua S: For some great work with his writing this week.

Joseph M: For a fantastically positive attitude, both at school and on our trip.

Mya P: For her hard work in all subjects, not just writing and maths.

*** Congratulations to yellow house and blue house for winning the most house points this term! They can wear home clothes on Tuesday 1st November as a reward! ***

ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 21ST

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
AITC U11 MIXED FEDERATION TEAM QUALIFIER TO EASTBOURNE BOROUGH FC
(ACTUAL START AND FINISH 9AM - 1.30PM)

MONDAY 24TH TO
FRIDAY 28TH

AUTUMN HALF TERM BREAK

MONDAY 31ST

START OF TERM 2
DEADLINE FOR YR 6 - 7 SEPT '23 STARTERS SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOICES TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED VIA ESCC ONLINE FORTAL
TEMPEST WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS - INDIVIDUALS AND SIBLINGS. PRE SCHOOL SIBLING PICTURES TO BE TAKEN BETWEEN 8.40-9.00AM, IN-SCHOOL SIBLING PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE MORNING.
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 1ST

BLUE & YELLOW HOUSE HOME CLOTHES DAY!

WEDNESDAY 2ND

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR PREP MEETING - SCHOOL HALL 7.30-8.30PM

THURSDAY 3RD

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 4TH

CLASS 2 TRIP TO ANNE OF CLEVES HOUSE, LEWES 9AM - 3PM
POPPY SELLER AT GATE 3.10 - 3.30PM

MONDAY 7TH

RETURN OF CONSENT SLIPS FOR INVITED PUPILS PANTO TRIP 11/01/23
NO FOREST SCHOOL FOR CLASS 1 THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 8TH

SELECTED PUPILS BASKETBALL @ UC SPORTSHALL 3.45 - 5.15pm

THURSDAY 10TH

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
ESCC AUTISM COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION AT FRAMFIELD MEMORIAL HALL NEXT TO FRAMFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL 1.30-2.45PM

FRIDAY 11TH

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED

MONDAY 14TH

CLASS 3 TRIP TO FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE 8AM-4PM
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

TUESDAY 15TH

SELECTED PUPILS INDOOR ATHLETICS @ UC SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM

THURSDAY 17TH

POTENTIAL SEPTEMBER '23 YEAR R STARTERS OPEN EVENTS 9.30-10.30AM AND 6-7PM
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 18TH

NATIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

MONDAY 21ST

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

TUESDAY 22ND

CLASS 5 - CINEWORLD BRIGHTON. THE CROODS 2: A NEW AGE. PARENTAL/CARER DROP OFF DIRECTLY TO CINEWORLD (NO NEED TO COME INTO SCHOOL) AND THEN PARENT/CARER RETURN TO SCHOOL POST VIEWING. 10AM-12.30PM
SELECTED PUPILS KS1 MULTISKILLS @ UC SPORTSHALL 3.45-5PM

THURSDAY 24TH

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 25TH

WHOLE SCHOOL WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES TO SCHOOL DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR AN ITEM FOR THE TOMBOLA AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR (BUBBLE BATH, BOTTLE OF WINE, CHOCOLATE ETC!)

REMAINING INSET DAYS 22/23:

**TUESDAY 03RD JANUARY 2023
FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023**