



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 09th December 2022

Christian Value for Term : FELLOWSHIP



## Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the last newsletter of 2022, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every family a very Happy Christmas!

There has been lots going on in school over the past two weeks and still lots of exciting events to come before we break up for the Christmas Holidays.

Last weekend was jam packed, starting with lots of our children singing on the Ashdown FM stage at Uckfield's late night shopping. The children all looked super smart and sang beautifully.

On Saturday we hosted our PTA Christmas Fair. There was a lovely buzz around school and it was great to see so many members of our school and local community coming out to support us. The event raised about £3000, which is absolutely fantastic. Thank you all for your support.

Years 5 and 6 hosted some of the elder members of our community at a Christmas party. Our guests were entertained by KS1, our Choir Club and KS2, all singing the songs they have been learning this term.

Sporting events have continued to take place in these last couple of weeks, with Ayla W, Olivia P-H and Edwin H coming 4th in the Boccia Festival and our Indoor Athletic team coming 2nd.

We also sent a small group of children to play chess at Cumnor House School. Henry P, Lucas B, Monty C and Ivy D represented Blackboys brilliantly and Harrison B joined the Framfield team to help them do well too.

This week we have been entertained by Class 5 with their Class Assembly. They presented their work with confidence and gave a brilliant performance on the recorders. Well done Class 5!

Earlier in the week, the PTA hosted a well-attended Wreath making evening. Many thanks to Laura Beale who led this great evening.

Yesterday, many of us enjoyed a long-held Blackboys tradition, the Donkey Walk around the village. Mrs Vance sourced 2 well-behaved Shetland ponies who led Mary and Joseph to the inns to find a place to stay. The shepherds were met by the angels and the kings followed the star to lead us all back to the stable where the baby was born. Thank you to everyone who joined us on a very cold afternoon and a very big thank you to the Open the Book team.

Next Friday will be our last day of term and, as is tradition, the children may bring games into school to play during the day. You are all then welcome to join us for our Cup Assembly at 2pm.

**Reminder! Last week of After School and Lunch Time Clubs**  
*Please remember that this week is the last week of all lunchtime and after school clubs.*

Wrap around care after school club will continue up until and including the last day of term, next Friday 16th December. A new Spring term club choice letter will be distributed upon our return following the Christmas break, from Wednesday 4th January '23.

Invoices for Term 2's provisions will be sent out next week/first week back to School, January 2023.

## January '23 Return to School

We shall be returning to School following the Christmas break, Wednesday 4th January 2023. Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET Day.

**KS2 Carol Concert** —Tuesday 13th December 6pm start time (doors open at 5:40pm) at St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield. All KS2 pupils to be dressed in their full School Uniform. The whole school community are welcome to attend this popular festive event.

**KS1 Nativity** —Wednesday 14th December, 2pm (pedestrian gate open at 1:50pm to allow audience to take their seat) School Hall. This is not ticketed.

## End of Term Cup Assembly

Our traditional end of term cup assembly will take place at 2pm, Friday 16th December in the School Hall. The pedestrian gate shall be opened at 1.50pm to allow the audience to take their seat. If your child is a recipient of a cup/award you shall be notified by Parent-Mail email by Wednesday 14th December.

## Christmas Parties

Our two Christmas parties for each Key Stage will be taking place next Thursday 15th December, with Key Stage 1's party taking place from 1.30pm in the School Hall and Key Stage 2's party from 6-8pm in the School Hall.

KS1 (classes 1 and 2) - please bring a change of clothes in a named bag ready for the party!

KS2 (classes 3,4 & 5) - please drop your child off to School at 6pm, returning again at the end of the party, 8pm. Of course, no party is complete without party food, please remember to sign up to make a food contribution.

For both we would appreciate offers of parental volunteers to assist with games and distribution of food. If you are able to assist, please email the office; [office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk) and we shall be in touch.

## Year R Starters, September 2023

A reminder to all parents/carers who have a child who will start School in September 2023, that the deadline for applications via the ESCC admissions portal is **Sunday 15th January 2023**.

### 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.

### Forest School, Spring Term

The Spring term Forest School rotas for Class 1 and now Class 4 up until February mid-term break will be distributed via ParentMail email and pupil bags next week.

A copy of each of the rotas will also be 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.

### Leadership for the rest of the academic year

As recently communicated with you, Framfield School have not managed to recruit a headteacher, so the current leadership structure across the Federation will stay in place for the remainder of the academic year. Mr Sullivan will continue to work across both schools and Mrs Sullivan will continue in her role as Interim Head of School.

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 5th December

### Class 1

Elsa.U: For her great work in phonics, sounding out and writing some very tricky words!

Molly.W: For her great work in Maths, counting and recognising numbers beyond 10.

Alfie.G: For always putting in an extra special effort with his homework.

### Class 2

Astrid.G and Aggie.T: For showing a really good understanding of incarnation and the Christmas story.

Florence.R: For using column subtraction to find the difference between 2 amounts of money.

### Class 3

Alice.P: For some lovely and descriptive diary entries from the perspective of a Roman soldier.

Emilia.B: For all round brilliant effort and also putting in extra effort with homework.

Jacob.C: For some great effort with his handwriting, trying to decrease size and join correctly.

### Class 4

George.W: For some brilliant speech writing in literacy.

Evie.H: For some great perseverance in Maths - not just this week!

William.P: For some great history work about Iron Age Hill Forts.

### Class 5

Zac.S: For his hard work both at school and at home.

Joseph.M: For his excellent performance as Joseph!

Sophie.W: For excellent work in science and geography this week.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

DECEMBER	
SUNDAY 11TH	CAROL SERVICE AT ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD SELECTED PUPILS TAKING PART, ALL WELCOME 6.30-7.30PM
MONDAY 12TH	RETURN OF CUPS/AWARDS FROM SUMMER CUP ASSEMBLY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TODAY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 13TH	WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL FOR A £1 - DONATIONS TO OUR CHARITY OF THE TERM WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12-1PM KS2 CAROLS AT ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD. CHILDREN CAN BE DROPPED OFF FROM 5.40PM. BUT PARENTS/CARERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY AND ATTEND THE SERVICE. 6-7PM
WEDNESDAY 14TH	RECIPIENTS OF CUP/AWARDS AT CUP ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 16TH DEC - 2PM TO BE INFORMED VIA PARENTMAIL EMAIL KS1 NATIVITY - SCHOOL HALL. KS1 - NOISY NATIVITY. PEDESTRIAN GATE OPEN FROM 1.50PM TO ALLOW SEATS TO BE TAKEN. 2-3PM
THURSDAY 15TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM KS1 XMAS PARTY 1.30-3PM KS2 XMAS PARTY 6-8PM
FRIDAY 16TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY. PEDESTRIAN GATE OPENS AT 1.50PM TO ALLOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE SEATS. 2-3PM
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK!</b>	
MON 19TH DEC - MON 2ND JAN	
JANUARY	
TUESDAY 3RD	INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
WED 4TH - FRI 6TH	RETURN TO SCHOOL LETTER AND CLUB OPTIONS FOR SPRING TERM DISTRIBUTED
WEDNESDAY 4TH	START OF TERM 3
THURSDAYS 5TH	CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
MON 9TH - FRI 13TH	LUNCH TIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RECOMMENCE FOR SPRING TERM
MONDAY 9TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 SPRING TERM PLANNING MEETING IN CLASS 1 2.45-3.15PM
TUESDAY 10TH	CLASS 2 SPRING TERM PLANNING MEETING IN CLASS 2 2.45-3.15PM
WEDNESDAY 11TH	INVITED PUPILS TO EASTBOURNE TO WATCH 'ALADDIN' 1-5.45PM CLASS 3 SPRING TERM PLANNING MEETING IN CLASS 3 2.45-3.15PM
THURSDAY 12TH	NORTH WEALDEN CROSS COUNTRY FINAL AT BEACON ACADEMY 6TH FORM - WILL NEED TO LEAVE 12.15 & PARTICIPANTS EARLY LUNCH REQUIRED. PARENTS OF INVITED CHILDREN TO TAKE INDEPENDENTLY. 12.15-2.30PM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM CLASS 4 SPRING TERM PLANNING MEETING IN CLASS 4 2.45-3.15PM
FRIDAY 13TH	INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWSLETTERS DISTRIBUTED CLASS 5 SPRING TERM PLANNING MEETING IN CLASS 5 2.45-3.15PM

### REMAINING INSET DAYS 22/23:

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