



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2023

Christian Value for Term : **COURAGE**

Dear Parents / Carers,

This term our Christian Value is Courage and I would like to share a piece of scripture with you that you can discuss as a family.

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord." Psalm 31: 24

We have continued our sporting success from Terms 1 and 2, by recently winning the Y5/6 A league netball tournament at Uckfield College. This means that our netball team have qualified for the next stage of the North Wealden competition and will play again later in the spring.

Next week our Y3/4 team will play in the first of their tournaments at Uckfield College and our Year 6 team will be visiting our friends at Annan School to play some friendly matches. We wish them all good luck!

Last week Mrs Sullivan took a group of 16 of our pupils to watch the pantomime in Eastbourne. The children enjoyed the story of Aladdin and all the jokes. Lorenzo was very lucky and was invited up onto stage to take part in "The Music Man"!

We welcomed Kate Dillingham into our Thursday assembly last week. Kate is a Youth Worker for the Diocese of Chichester and already supports two local schools. She has

kindly agreed to support our Thursday assemblies regularly whilst Framfield Church finds a replacement for Rev Chris Lawrence, who retired last summer.

Kate was very well received by staff and pupils alike, and we feel she will be a great regular addition to our Thursday mornings. Please remember that Thursday assemblies are open to the whole school community. You are welcome to come along to join us in worship every week. We are also continuing with our collections each week, so don't forget to give your child some pennies to put in the collection, if you would like to help support our termly charities.

Yesterday, Class 2 led our assembly. Being so early in the term, it was impressive the knowledge that they had already gained about what Victorian Schools were like. Well done Class 2!

We have two more class assemblies before half term, Class 1 on Wednesday 1st February and Class 5 on Monday 6th February. Parents are still very welcome to come along to these assemblies, even though they aren't on a Thursday.

Ever thought about a career in teaching? We are hosting an information event about School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) on Monday 30th January. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## School Lunch Increase

We have been notified via East Sussex County Council that Chartwells, providers of our School lunches, will be increasing their meal prices from Monday 30th January 2023 to £2.60 daily. This price will be protected from any rise until 01st September 2023.

Please remember pupils in Classes 1 and 2 are entitled to free school meals via the Universal Infant Free School Meal entitlement.

## Every Little Counts! PTA News

We are super excited to inform you that Blackboys School PTA are featured as one of the token boxes at Tesco, Uckfield. We are collecting tokens (which will be turned into money at the end of the event) to improve the School Library, including new books and furniture which will allow our children to enjoy reading new books.

Tokens will be collected in-store until Friday 31st March 2023 and we encourage you all to drop any tokens you may collect with your shopping at Tesco into our token box. The most votes, we will receive £1,500, 2nd £1000 or 3rd £500. Let's get collecting those tokens and thank you!



## Spring Term Parent Consultations

As previously communicated our Spring Term Parent/Carer Consultations are to take place after school on Monday 06th and Wednesday 08th February. A letter will be sent out next Monday (23rd January) giving further information including how to sign up. Please keep an eye out for this via ParentMail email.

**Please note there is NO after school football club taking place on Monday 06th February due to Parent/Carer Consultations.**

## AFC Uckfield Banner Design

Thank you to all those pupils who have already returned a banner design for AFC Uckfield Football Club. The deadline for completed designs to be returned to the School Office is Friday 27th January.



## Home Contact Details

Please can we remind Parents/Carers of the

importance of updating the School Office with any new contact details which may occur. This includes mobile and home phone numbers. If you move house it is very important that the office is updated of your new address. For ease, you are of course welcome to email the office with any new contact details.

## Blackboys Babies

During the end of Term 2, we hosted a baby and toddler group in the school hall and following its success we have decided to hold it regularly at 2.00-3.00pm on the 4th Friday of every month. These dates are in the School diary. There is no charge for this free 'stay and play' session which includes a tea/coffee for parents/grandparents/carers. We would welcome you sharing this information with any local families you feel may benefit.

## School Uniform

Please note that we currently have a lot of new uniform in stock at school, so please check with the School Office first before ordering from the new uniform suppliers (<https://www.signosaurus.co.uk/blackboys-school-clothing>) as we may have it here in stock!

### IMPORTANT INFO FOR NETBALL CLUBBERS

There will be no after school netball club taking place on Thursday 26th January 2023.



## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 16th January

### Class 1

Alfie G: For listening to advice given and improving his work.  
Ariana C: Understanding - For her great work in Maths; subtraction crossing 10.  
Luka D: For reading a whole book independently and great work in phonics.

### Class 2

Aggie T: For an excellent performance in Class 2's assembly.  
Sylvie C: For excellent work in Maths on multiplication.  
Eva D: For excellent work in Maths on multiplication.

### Class 3

Gabi P: For some excellent listening and contributing to lessons yesterday; her hand was up constantly and she was always ready to learn.  
Margaux L: For some excellent creative work with her mono-printing.  
Saffron MC: For persevering with our work on division in Maths.

### Class 4

Alex G: Fellowship - For being a great supportive friend.  
Hattie D: For some excellent suspense writing.  
Arthur P: For great work in Maths this term.

### Class 5

Josh S: For some brilliant effort with his writing.  
Lucas C: For excellent work in Maths.  
Evie M: For her consistently hard work in Geography.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

### JANUARY

MONDAY 23RD CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
TUESDAY 24TH CHARTWELLS CHINESE NEW YEAR THEME DAY MENU  
SELECTED PUPILS YR 3/4 NETBALL @ UC SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM  
WEDNESDAY 25TH INVITED PUPILS SWIMMING GALA @ UTOPIA UCKFIELD LEISURE CENTRE 1-3PM  
THURSDAY 26TH KATE DILLINGHAM LED ACT OF WORSHIP. ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM  
CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
**NO NETBALL CLUB THIS WEEK (DUE TO TOURNAMENT BELOW)**  
YEAR 6 NETBALL CLUB INVITED PUPILS ONLY AT ANNAN FARM FOR TOURNAMENT  
FRIDAY 27TH DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES TO BE HANDED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR PITCH-SIDE BANNER COMPETITION FOR AFC UCKFIELD TOWN  
BABY & TODDLER GROUP 'BLACKBOYS BABIES' IN HALL 2-3PM  
MONDAY 30TH SCHOOL LUNCH INCREASE TO £2.60 DAILY FROM TODAY  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
TUESDAY 31ST YR 3/4 NETBALL @ UC SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM

### FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 1ST CLASS 1 LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM  
THURSDAY 2ND OPEN THE BOOK LED ACT OF WORSHIP. 9-9.30AM  
CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
FRIDAY 3RD WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO BE DISTRIBUTED  
CURRENT YEAR 4/5 PGL SECOND INSTALLMENT FOR SEPT '23 PGL TRIP DUE  
MONDAY 6TH CLASS 5 LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
**NO KS2 FEDERATION FOOTBALL CLUB THIS WEEK (DUE TO CONSULTATIONS)**  
PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS EVENING 3.30-6PM  
TUESDAY 7TH SAFER INTERNET DAY  
INVITED PUPILS - YR3 PERSONAL BEST FESTIVAL 3.30-5PM  
WEDNESDAY 8TH PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS EVENING 5-7.30PM  
THURSDAY 9TH KATE DILLINGHAM LED ACT OF WORSHIP. ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM  
CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
FRIDAY 10TH LAST DAY OF TERM 3  
MONDAY 13TH - FEBRUARY HALF TERM BREAK  
FRIDAY 17TH WHOLE SCHOOL SPONSORED READ IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD BOOK DAY IN MARCH  
MONDAY 20TH FIRST DAY OF TERM 4  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
THURSDAY 23RD CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
FRIDAY 24TH YEAR 6 HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT / LONDON TRIP 8AM-7PM  
BABY & TODDLER GROUP 'BLACKBOYS BABIES' IN HALL 2-3PM  
MONDAY 27TH CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
WORLD BOOK DAY EVENT - BOOK FAIR USBOURNE BOOKS 3.15-4.15PM  
TUESDAY 28TH YR 3/4 TAG RUGBY COACHING @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5PM

### REMAINING INSET DAYS 22/23:

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023  
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023



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**Would you like to train to teach in a school in your community?**

Come along to an information event held at

**Blackboys C of E Primary School** (4 School Lane, Blackboys, Uckfield, TN22 5LL)

**on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

This is a drop-in event, so come along anytime between **12:00pm and 4:00pm** to chat to one of the SCITT Team.

You'll find us at the main entrance of the school – we'd love to meet you!

For further information, please:

visit [www.ssfcitt.org.uk](http://www.ssfcitt.org.uk) ('how to apply')

or email [scitt@sfet.org.uk](mailto:scitt@sfet.org.uk)