



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 03rd February 2013

Christian Value for Term : **COURAGE**

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another busy couple of weeks here at school with several sporting opportunities taking place for many of our KS2 children.

Children from Netball Club have been busy, with two teams of Year 3 and 4 children competing on 2 consecutive weeks at Uckfield College. We had mixed success, with one team coming 5th and the other coming joint 1st with Framfield and Harlands Schools. I really enjoyed seeing the children's confidence and skills improving as they played their matches.

Our Year 6 netball team visited Annan School last Thursday to play a 'friendly' match. The purpose of the game was to allow as many of the children from each school as possible to play in a match. We took 9 children and they showed off their skills brilliantly, winning the match 14-8 overall. We hope to invite Annan back to Blackboys over the coming weeks.

Also last week, Mrs Harper accompanied a group of swimmers to Uckfield Leisure Centre, where they took part in the annual swimming gala. This was a timed event with several heats for each event. As a team, the children came 5th, but we also had some individual 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings. A massive well done to

our children, who haven't yet had their school swimming lessons for this year!

In Assembly this morning, Mrs Sullivan introduced an exciting event that we are taking part in to help us celebrate World Book Day. Your child should have brought home a letter and sponsor form for a Readathon "Ready Steady Read!" that we are running in conjunction with Usborne Books. The letter explains how the Readathon works. We are asking children to get sponsorship from family and friends which will go towards the purchase of Usborne Books for our school library. We would be thrilled if every child took part in this event.

After half term, we will be hosting Usborne Books at an after school Book Fair. This will take place, immediately after school on Monday 27th February.

Next Tuesday 7th February is National Safer Internet day. Miss Mayhew and Miss Reis will be leading an assembly to remind children about how to stay safe when online. This would be a good time to remind parents about checking parental controls on your home broadband and on your child's phone, if they have one. This year's theme is "Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online" so it is the perfect opportunity to start those conversations at home.

## Wrap Around Care

Currently, most days we are at capacity for After School Club and this has been the case for most of this term. Breakfast Club is also becoming increasingly popular and numbers nearing capacity.

Therefore we have to be strict on the 24 hours notice we require when trying to book in to the club. We will be unable to take same day bookings and there may be occasions when there will be no available space.

Please also remember should you not require a place at a wrap around care session to cancel your child's booking asap. This will allow us to offer the place to someone who needs it. We reserve the right to charge for bookings which aren't cancelled.

Our best advice is to book places as far in advance as possible. We would also like to remind parents that After School Club is primarily to support parents who need childcare for work or training. Wrap around care is not a lifestyle choice or a playdate provider.

## 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.

## Clubs Reminders

Due to Parent Consultation taking place next Monday 06th February, there will be **NO after school football club** taking place.

As previously communicated there will be **NO after school homework club** taking place on Wednesday 08th February.

Both Clubs will recommence post mid term break.

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*Miss Zara's Dance Club, Tuesdays weekly*

KS1 Dance Club with Miss Zara - last session will take place next Tuesday 07th February. KS2 Dance Club with Miss Zara will commence following mid term break, Tuesday 21st February.

### School Lunches

As previously communicated. The charge for School lunches is now set at £2.60 daily.

### 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.

### Project Touchline

After half term, we welcome Chris from Project Touchline which is a Sports-based Christian project. Chris will be working with each class on PE focusing his teaching around the Christian values of respect and fellowship, both vital to be a good sportsperson. Chris will also be leading Acts of Worship and setting up a lunchtime prayer club. We look forward to welcoming him and learning how we can play sport as a team with respect for each other.

### Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to next week's Parent Consultations. Thank you to all those who have signed up. If you haven't, there is still time to do so. Please refer to the ParentMail emails sent out for instructions on how to secure an appointment.

### Years 4, 5 & 6

We encourage pupils from these year groups to attend the Parent Consultation appointment with their Parent/Carer.

### Gold Book Awards for week beginning 30th January

#### Class 1

Erin G: Understanding - for always listening and thinking about new facts/things she has learnt. Always trying her best.  
Faith C: Perseverance - for her great work in computing. Good mouse control.

Elsa U: For great work in Maths - finding the different ways you can make 7.

#### Class 2

Evie C, Eva D and Keegan J: For really great explanations about what it was like in a Victorian School.

#### Class 3

Finley G: For a brilliant performance as the narrator in our re-enactment of the story of Moses freeing the Jewish people from slavery.

Bertie F: For some creative and imaginative sentences using subordinate clauses.

Mirra D: For impressing all the adults she reads to with her amazing progress!

#### Class 4

Reuben S: For excellent work in DT.

Noah B: For coming back after being ill and working really hard to catch up - great perseverance!

Max D: For some great progress with his writing and editing skills - keep it up!

#### Class 5

Ralph B: For good progression in his reading.

Zac S: For excellent work in his arithmetic skills.

Monty C: For showing understanding and perseverance with his painting.

### ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

#### FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 3RD

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO BE DISTRIBUTED  
CURRENT YEAR 4/5 PGL SECOND INSTALLMENT FOR SEPT '23 PGL TRIP DUE

MONDAY 6TH

LAUNCH OF READY STEADY READ!  
RETURN OF 'BIG GREEN POETRY MACHINE' POETRY COMPETITION ENTRIES - RUN BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL - HAND IN TO MRS BOOTH!

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  
YEAR 6 RETURN OF COMPLETED HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT/LONDON TRIP LETTER TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.  
INVITED PUPILS - YR3 PERSONAL BEST FESTIVAL 3.30-5PM

WEDNESDAY 8TH

**NO HOMEWORK CLUB THIS WEEK**  
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 -  
FRIDAY 17TH

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM BREAK**  
WHOLE SCHOOL SPONSORED 'READY, STEADY, 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

TUESDAY 21ST

DESSERT OPTION - PANCAKES TODAY INSTEAD OF NORMAL MENU OPTION

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

RETURN OF COMPLETED 'READY STEADY READ' READING LOG AND SPONSOR FORMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
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

#### MARCH

THURSDAY 2ND

WORLD BOOK DAY  
WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK TOKENS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO PUPILS  
CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 3RD

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED VIA PARENTMAIL EMAIL

MONDAY 6TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

TUESDAY 7TH

YR 5/6 TAG RUGBY COACHING @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5PM

WEDNESDAY 8TH

SELECTED YEAR 5/6 GIRLS TO UCKFIELD COLLEGE - 3G PITCH - LETGIRLSPLAYFOOTBALL 3.45-5PM

THURSDAY 9TH

CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 10TH

CURRENT YEAR 4/5 PGL THIRD INSTALLMENT FOR SEPT '23 PGL TRIP DUE

**REMAINING INSET DAYS 22/23:**

**FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023  
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023**