



Blackboys Newsletter

Thursday 30th March 2023

Christian Value for Term : Respect

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a really busy term and I have been impressed with how the children have coped with all the activities and visitors we have welcomed into school. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish every family a very Happy Easter.

Hello & Goodbye

We wish a fond farewell this term to Mrs Riley who has been part of our MDSA (lunchtime supervisory team) for two years now. Mrs Riley will be joining another local School as an MDSA following the Easter break. We all wish her the best of luck and thank her for her time spent with us.

We are delighted to welcome 2 new MDSAs who will start with us after Easter. Mrs Colegate and Mr James both impressed during a rigorous interview process and we look forward to them being part of the Blackboys team. On top of this Mr James will also provide some support with Year 1 as a TA during Term 5 and 6.

You may have noticed a new face to the staffing team at Blackboys recently. We welcome Mrs Sally Fletcher, a PGCE student from the University of Sussex, to Blackboys. Mrs Fletcher will be predominately based within Class 5 and will be with us for Term 5.

Recent News

Earlier in the week, we sent a Federation team to the Albion in the Community U9 tournament. The team played brilliantly and were a real credit to both schools.

They were very successful, qualifying for the finals in May.

Last week, we also sent off several runners to the North Wealden Cross Country finals. They ran in the pouring rain and thick mud! Two of our runners, Rhys W and Reuben S have now qualified for the Sussex finals. Well done to both boys.

At the beginning of last week, Classes 4 and 5 set off early for a trip to the Natural History Museum in London. They have been learning about natural disasters this term and the trip enabled them to experience what it would be like to be involved in an earthquake amongst other things.

At the beginning of this week, Class 3 and Puffins, from Framfield, enjoyed a great, interactive day with the team from Hands on History. They have all been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and they were able to handle and learn about some amazing artefacts from that time.

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us in the church on Tuesday for our annual Easter Service. As St Thomas a Becket Church has been without a vicar since September, we invited Rev Rob Dillingham to give an Easter talk. Our Worship Group, made up of several children from across KS2, helped to lead and organise the service. I'm sure you will all agree that the singing performances from KS1 and KS2 were magnificent, making us all very proud!

Parking

We appreciate that parking around the immediate vicinity of School can at times be limited, however there is plenty of parking within the local area. The Blackboys Inn kindly allow Parents/Carers to utilise their car park for drop off and collection. This is only a short walk away. Please can we remind all to park considerately around the local roads, not to block our neighbours drive ways or park on the verges. We have also recently received reports of the junctions to Mount Pleasant and The Green being obstructed by parked cars, please do park with care and attention to other road users. As you will be aware parking along the yellow zig-zags outside of School is not allowed.

Request from ESCC

East Sussex County Council would like to invite you to answer some questions, by following this link [Family Hubs and Youth Hubs in East Sussex - Community Consultation - East Sussex - Citizen Space](#).

They are interested in your views to help them develop the spaces, and the services that are available for Children, Young People and their families and would really value your input. This consultation will close at midnight on Monday 10th April 2023.

Return post Easter Break

We shall return to School following the Easter Break on Monday 17th April 2023. On the same day, Parents/Carers of Year R September '23 starters will be notified of their child's allocation of primary School and we are looking forward to welcoming new families to our School community.

A return to School letter alongside the club choices for the Summer term will be distributed within the first few days back. Please note clubs will not recommence until week commencing Monday 24th April. Wrap around care (breakfast and after school clubs) will continue to run as normal.

Year 6 Trial KS2 SATS Maths Test

On Monday 17th April, we are delighted to say that our Year 6 children have been selected by NFER (National Foundation for Educational Research) to take part in a technical pre-test of Key Stage 2 Mathematics test materials. Children will be taking part in three maths assessment papers which will help the NFER develop future materials for Key Stage 2 Assessments. This will be a valuable experience for them in the build up to their own SATs tests this year, and we know that they will be the best that they can be during the morning. This is purely a trial and will have no bearing on your child's SATs results.

PTA News

A massive thank you from the PTA to all those who supported, donated, helped or were involved in the recent PTA Quiz night. A super successful and enjoyable evening was had and well over £1000 has been made.

The ever organised PTA are already planning events for the Summer term.

PTA Spring Fling

On Saturday 22nd April, 1-4pm you are invited to join us all at Blackboys to enjoy a local ramble around the area returning to School for light refreshments and some organised games.

PTA Spring Tidy Up

On Sunday 30th April, 2-4pm you are invited to School to participate in our annual Spring Tidy Up. Many hands, make light work! Volunteers are allocated small outside jobs, from sweeping to weeding, we all get 'stuck in' and are rewarded with refreshments following our hard work!

PTA Summer Fair

A definite to add to your diaries! Saturday 1st July. The annual PTA Summer Fair will take place. Raffles, games and all round fun! More information to follow when we return to School.

Charity Fundraising

The final total raised for Comic Relief was £101 and the collection from the Easter Service was £101.63. Thank you for your donations.



Spring 2023 Awards

Progress R: Luka D
Progress 1: Fleur P
Progress 2: Charles D
Progress 3: Saffron MC
Progress 4: Marlo O
Progress 5: Elizabeth W
Progress 6: Grace W
Good Manners: Ivy D
Junior Art: Hattie D
Infant Art: Alfie S
Consideration: Arthur T
Good Posture: Ida O
Infant Helpfulness: Faith C
Computing: Emilia B
Neat and Tidy Work: Tilly C
Recorder Progress: Ruben O
Sporting Achievement: Zac S
Sportsmanship: Eva C
KS1 Sports: James & Eddie V
Creative Writing KS1: Jessica RH
Creative Writing KS2: Bertie F
Mathletics: Thomas P
Christian Value: Jacob BB
Girls Football: Evie B
Good Egg Awards: Ruby G,
Darcey S, Alice P, Milly M and
Joseph M
Good Constitution: Class 3

ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

MARCH

FRIDAY 31ST

INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL

APRIL

MONDAY 3RD –
FRIDAY 14TH

EASTER HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 17TH

FIRST DAY OF TERM 5

MONDAY 17TH/
TUESDAY 18TH

RETURN TO SCHOOL LETTER AND SUMMER CLUB CHOICES DISTRIBUTED
COUNTY ALLOCATION DAY (VIA EMAIL) FOR YEAR R SEPT '23 STARTERS
CURRENT YEAR 4/5 PGL THIRD INSTALLMENT FOR SEPT '23 PGL TRIP DUE
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

RETURN TO SCHOOL LETTER AND SUMMER CLUB CHOICES DISTRIBUTED

TUESDAY 18TH

RETURN OF PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS (TO UCKFIELD COLLEGE) FOR THOSE
PUPILS INVITED TO UCKFIELD COLLEGE MATHS MASTERCLASSES THROUGH
TERM 5

WEDNESDAY 19TH

RE-ARRANGED AITC U9 GIRLS FEDERATION TEAM QUALIFIER TO EASTBOURNE
BOROUGH FC 8AM - 1.30PM (ACTUAL START AND FINISH 9AM - 1.30PM)
SUSSEX COUNTY FINAL CROSS COUNTRY FOR QUALIFYING YEAR 5/6 PUPILS AT
HICKSTEAD. 11.45AM-3.15PM

THURSDAY 20TH

CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
SELECTED YR 6 PUPILS TO TAKE PART IN UCKFIELD COLLEGE, MATHS MASTER-
CLASS WEEKLY 3.45-4.45PM

FRIDAY 21ST

YEAR 2 PUPILS READING TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' GROUP HEATHFIELD CRICKET
CLUB 1.30-2.45PM

SATURDAY 22ND

PTA SPRING FLING - A HIKE AROUND THE LOCAL AREA FOLLOWED BY LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS AND GAMES AT SCHOOL! 1-4PM

MONDAY 24TH -
FRIDAY 28TH

SUMMER TERM LUNCHTIME AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS RECOMMENCE FOR
SUMMER TERM

MONDAY 24TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
CLASS 1 SUMMER TERM PLANNING MEETING IN RESPECTIVE CLASSROOM 2.45-
3.15PM

TUESDAY 25TH

CLASS 2 SUMMER TERM PLANNING MEETING IN RESPECTIVE CLASSROOM 2.45-
3.15PM

WEDNESDAY 26TH

CLASS 3 SUMMER TERM PLANNING MEETING IN RESPECTIVE CLASSROOM 2.45-
3.15PM

THURSDAY 27TH

CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
SELECTED YR 6 PUPILS TO TAKE PART IN UCKFIELD COLLEGE, MATHS MASTER-
CLASS WEEKLY 3.45-4.45PM

CLASS 5 SUMMER TERM PLANNING MEETING IN RESPECTIVE CLASSROOM 2.45-
3.15PM

FRIDAY 28TH

INDIVIDUAL CLASS PLANNING LETTERS DISTRIBUTED
BABY & TODDLER GROUP 'BLACKBOYS BABIES' IN HALL 2-3PM
CLASS 4 SUMMER TERM PLANNING MEETING IN RESPECTIVE CLASSROOM 2.45-
3.15PM

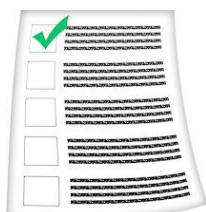
REMAINING INSET DAYS 22/23:

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



Easy Read

A chance to have your say about *Family Hubs and Youth Hubs in East Sussex*



We (the Council) are giving people the chance to share their views.



The information is not in Easy Read so you may want to ask for help to take part in the survey or send us your comments. You could ask:

- A carer
- A support worker
- A friend
- A member of your family



You can find the survey here:

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay

It is called Family Hubs and Youth Hubs in East Sussex – Community Consultation



If you do not have anyone to help you, please call the Early Help Service on **0345 60 80 192** or email: ehcommunications@eastsussex.gov.uk and we will try to help.



You can send us your comments until midnight on Monday 10th April 2023.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!



Help us to develop the spaces, *and* the services available for **Children, Young People and their families!**

We want to make sure that we offer:
the **right service**,
in the **right place**,
at the **right time**.



Scan here:

We want to collect the views of as many young people, parents, carers and professionals as we can.

You can also answer the questions at: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay

If you would like a translated version of the consultation, or if you need some support to fill it in, please contact us and we will try and to help.

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