



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 14th July 2023

Christian Value for Term : **THANKFULNESS**

Dear Parents and Carers,
It feels strange to be writing my final newsletter of the school year, and my final newsletter as Interim Head of School. It has been a great year and I am very grateful for the support of all staff and parents during this time. The time has flown and I have learnt a great deal in this time.

These past two weeks have been as busy as usual at Blackboys School, starting with our very successful PTA-run Summer Fair. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, either by attending or volunteering in some capacity. Huge thanks to our committee, led by Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Sabatini and Ms Pitt. Special mention must go to Mrs Hayes, whose employers are generously matching the money made on her stall at the summer fair, which has a big impact on the total raised, which is just over £2000.

At the end of this term, Ms Pitt will be stepping down as Secretary as her daughter moves onto secondary school, so if you feel this could be a role for you, please speak to Mrs Jenkins.

Last Friday, Class 2 visited Drusillas to consolidate their learning about predators and prey. They enjoyed a workshop which involved stroking a rather large boa constrictor! As the class have been reading "Zoo" by Anthony Browne this term, it was a chance for some children to visit a zoo for the first time. They also looked carefully at the enclosures to see if they thought they were suitable for the animals that were in them!

Mr Sullivan took 3 Year 6s to Uckfield College last week to take part in a badminton festival. This was the last of our sporting events for the year and the 3 pupils really enjoyed the experience.

Class 1 led us in assembly last Wednesday, telling us lots of interesting facts about mini-beasts. It was great to see them speaking so confidently and being proud of what they have been learning.

We also said a fond farewell to Kate Dillingham in assembly last Thursday. Kate has very kindly been filling the gap left since Reverend Chris retired last September, and has been very well-received by the children. The Worship Group rated her assemblies as some of the best that they go to! Each class presented Kate with a card so that she can remember her time at Blackboys School.

This week has been focused on our production of Hoodwinked. I'm sure you will all agree that the children were brilliant. They learnt their lines well, sang the songs brilliantly and danced confidently on the stage. Many thanks to all the staff for their hard work in putting this production on, but special thanks go to Mr Boorman and Mrs Harper for working tirelessly with Years 5 and 6 to get them "show ready". Mrs Harper has also been working hard behind the scenes to produce all the props needed for the play.

We have been really lucky over the past few weeks to be able to host some work experience students from the various secondary schools in the area. All the students who came are past pupils, and it has been great seeing how they have grown up and hearing about what they are doing now. All of them have been a credit to their parents and their schools and have been super helpful in classes.

Next week we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6s as they move onto the next chapter of their lives. They have been a smashing bunch right from the start, with some real characters amongst them! The children who have joined the year group later in their school career have fitted in well and I hope that they will all keep in touch with each other as they go their separate ways. We wish them all the best of luck and look forward to hearing how they are getting on.

Academic Year 23/24

As previously communicated, we are already looking forward to returning to School following the Summer break. Friday 1st September is a planned Inset Day. Children will therefore return to School Monday 4th September. A welcome back letter alongside clubs choices available for the Autumn term will be distributed during the early part of w/c 04/09.

We anticipate lunchtime and afterschool clubs to return from w/c 11/09.

Bookings for the wrap around care provision of Breakfast and After School Club are already open. Please email your booking to the School Office. Bookings from 22/23 **WILL NOT** be 'rolled over'.

Farewells and Leavers and Cup Assembly —Thursday 20th July, 2-3pm

Our end of term Cup Assembly takes place on the last day of term Thursday 20th July @2pm. The gates for entry will open at 1.45pm. If you are joining us for Cup Assembly please can you ensure your arrival is before 2pm as we cannot guarantee access after this time.

If your child is a recipient of an award in Cup Assembly a ParentMail will be sent on Monday informing you, please do keep this as a secret from your child!!

During our Cup Assembly whilst saying 'goodbye' to our Year 6's we shall also be saying a very fond farewell to Miss Reis who after an incredibly successful two years with us will be moving on.

Chartwells, School Lunches

Please can we once again remind all parents/carers to ensure that any outstanding balances on your child's lunch account is cleared by the last day of term, Thursday 20th July, especially our Year 6 leavers!

Payment Arrangements from new academic year 23/24

In preparation of the new academic year, as a School we shall be encouraging Parents/Carers to make trip payments via ParentPay. Consent slips will still need to be brought into the Office as previously arranged. We are also looking into the viability of having a card machine in the office to enable payments via this method. We shall of course keep you updated.

September 2023, School start and finish times

As you may have read in the press the Government has recently recommended a school week of 32 1/2 hours. At Blackboys our start time is 8.40am (pedestrian gate opening) and a finish of 3:15pm each day.

With this in mind we shall be more stringent on late marks being applied.

The pedestrian gate will be shut at 8.55am. Should your child arrive at School after the register has been taken in class a 'late' mark will be applied. Please note that an excessive amount of late marks will trigger an attendance review meeting.



Collection of Medication

If your child has medication in School (e.g asthma pump, epi-pen etc) and you would like to have this at home during the Summer break, Mrs Pomfret and Mrs Harper, our first aiders, will be at the gate on the last day of term Thursday 20th July at 3.15pm to enable you to collect and sign this out of School.



Year 6 Parents/Carers please remember to collect any medication which you may have in School.

Parent/Carers Current Year 5

Please note that the annual Year 6 Bikeability course which this yeargroup partake in every year has been scheduled to take place during the week commencing Monday 11th September.

Perhaps Year 5 to 6 pupils over the Summer break can take advantage of the sunny weather to brush up on their bike skills and to ensure that their bikes are road worthy, with working brakes and pupils have a correctly fitted helmet to wear.

Archaeodiscovery Visit

As previously communicated we shall be welcoming Archaeodiscovery to School on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week to work with the children in their classes.

Please can you ensure that your child has Forest School type clothing and footwear at school for the duration of the three days.



Message from the KS1 Team

Please could all school reading books be returned by Monday 17th July. This includes book banded (coloured books) and Monster Phonics or Dandelion readers. This will enable us to sort the reading books prior to the start of the new school year. Thank you.

Gold Book Awards for week Beginning 10th July

Class 1

Emily L: For her fantastic work in phonics using her sounds to read some really tricky words.
Alfie S: For his great work in Maths, counting in 10s and ordering numbers.
Eddie V: For working hard to improve his work and using some interesting words when writing about snails.

Class 2

Darcey S, Heidi C and Jessica RH: For using coordination and sub-ordination to write about elephants.

Class 3

Gabi P: For some great extra homework on mountains.
Bea B: For a very useful piece of homework researching 'My Holiday to Portugal' and for her wonderful singing in the play.
Alice P: For her amazing enthusiastic singing in the play; knew all the words to every song and was loud and clear.

Class 4

Marlo O: For some brilliant blackout poems!
James E: For throwing great enthusiasm in all lessons; putting his hand up a lot more this week!
Eva Cott: For impressing the class with her knowledge and thoughtful contribution each week.

Class 5

Ivy D: For her positive use of feedback in the play.
Monty C: For brilliantly stepping in to another role on Wednesday evening.
Amelie DT: For her excellent work in art.

ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

JULY

SATURDAY 8TH
JULY - SATURDAY
9TH SEPTEMBER

EAST SUSSEX LIBRARY SERVICE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

FRIDAY 14TH

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
WHOLE SCHOOL 'MOVING UP' MORNING AS CLASSES WILL BE FOR 23/24.
SEPTEMBER YEAR R NEW PUPILS TASTER SESSION 9.30 - 11.50AM

MONDAY 17TH -
WEDNESDAY 19TH

BLACKBOYS WHOLE SCHOOL DIG - ARCHAEODISCOVERY CHILDREN TO BRING FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHES AND FOOTWEAR FOR THE DURATION OF THE THREE DAYS FOR USE.

MONDAY 17TH

KS1 PARENTS/CARERS TO RETURN ALL SCHOOL READING BOOKS BACK TO CLASS 1/2
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
YEAR 6 SWIMMING CROSS IN HAND. LEAVE 1.40PM - SWIM 2-3PM. PARENTS/CARERS TO COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM CROSS IN HAND.
RECIPIENTS PARENTS/CARERS OF CUPS AT THIS THURSDAYS CUP ASSEMBLY TO BE NOTIFIED BY THE END OF THE DAY TODAY VIA PARENTMAIL EMAIL
SCHOOL REPORTS DISTRIBUTED
YEAR 6 LEAVERS TREAT ON FIELD - INFLATABLES AND PIZZA EVE! 6-8PM

WEDNESDAY 19TH

WEAR OWN CLOTHES DAY FOR RED HOUSE!

THURSDAY 20TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 6
RETURN OF REPORT COMMENT SLIP TO SCHOOL OFFICE EITHER ORIGINAL OR EMAIL TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
END OF TERM AND ACADEMIC YEAR LEAVERS ASSEMBLY. PEDESTRIAN GATES OPEN AT 1.45PM TO ALLOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE SEATS. 2-3PM
YEAR 6 AND ALL PARENTS / CARERS WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE MEDICATION AT SCHOOL TO COLLECT FROM MRS HARPER/MRS POMFRET AT THE GATE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 21ST

INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL

JULY/AUGUST

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 24TH JULY
- THURSDAY 31ST
AUGUST

MISS ZARA SUMMER DANCE CLUB

MONDAY 31ST
JULY - WEDNESDAY
2ND AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 1ST

COUNTY ENFORCED INSET DAY (NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL)

MONDAY 4TH

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

MONDAY 4TH -
WEDNESDAY 6TH

RETURN TO SCHOOL AND AUTUMN TERM CLUBS LETTER DISTRIBUTED

WEDNESDAY 6TH

RETURN OF YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY CONSENTS AND EAST SUSSEX CONSENT FORMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

THURSDAY 7TH

YEAR 5/6 PGL ZOOM PARENTAL MEETING 4-5PM

MONDAY 11TH -
FRIDAY 15TH

AUTUMN LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RE-COMMENCE
BIKEABILITY FOR YEAR 6

**REMAINING INSET DAYS 22/23:
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023**

**INSET DAYS 23/24:
FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023
X4 MORE DATES TBC**



FRAMFIELD & BLACKBOYS SUMMER SHOW
SAT 19th AUGUST 2023, 12.30pm
FRAMFIELD REC & MEMORIAL HALL



If you are stuck for something to do during the school holidays, why not enter our Horticultural Show? There is something for everyone of **all** ages, including classes for Fruit & Vegetables, Flowers & Plants, Floral Arrangements, Cookery, Handicrafts & Photography.

If you don't have a copy of our (bright orange) schedule*(at home, you can find it at

<https://framfieldandblackboys-hort-soc.com/summer-show-2023>



www.facebook.com/Framfieldandblackboysshow



Return of the **SCARECROW FESTIVAL!**

Any theme you like, Free Entry

£50 prize for Best Family Scarecrow

£25 prize for Best Children's (under 16) Scarecrow

Bring to the Showground 10am on Show Day (and if you could display outside your house beforehand you could be featured on our Facebook page

Minimum height 1m

See schedule* for full terms

And for your 4 legged friends,

the **DOG SHOW**

Pedigree & Novelty Classes, so something for everyone

(see schedule* for full details)

In aid of Raystede Centre & Kit Wilson Trust



**ALSO GAMES, RACES, STALLS, ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC,
BURGERS, PIZZA, ICE CREAM & MUCH MORE!**

! BE THERE !