



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are already at the end of the third week of the Autumn term. Time has flown! New parents may be interested to learn that this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters we produce. A huge amount of school news is communicated in this way and we hope that you find this, and future editions, informative.

PGL

At the time of writing, our year 5 and 6 pupils will be returning home from a week's residential at PGL. Their behaviour and attitudes have been exemplary. Thanks goes to our dedicated staff of Miss Mayhew, Mr Boorman and Mrs Harper.

Bikeability

As is a tradition at Blackboys, September began with our Year 6s undertaking the ESCC Bikeability programme every morning throughout the first full week back to School. Well done Year 6!

Pupil Leadership

We are thrilled to have Monty C and Sophie W in the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year. They both wrote excellent letters of application and we are confident that they will do a great job.

We are also delighted to announce that our school prefects for the coming year will be: Joseph M, Huw R, Benji L, Noah D, Amelie DT, Elizabeth W, Finlay FH and Nathaniel F. They will be led by Ralph B who has the role of Senior Prefect.

We have two pupils with special responsibility for Audio Visuals and Data Projection: Eva Cott' and Nico J.

Our House Captains this year will be Yellow House: Jack R and Theo MC; Green House: Noah B & Reuben S; Red House: Ruben O & Arthur P; Blue House: Lucas B & Jacob BB.

Poetry Recital Competition

As part of the Ringmer Alliance group of primary schools, we have once again been invited to take part in a poetry recital competition.

Yesterday information regarding the annual alliance recital competition was sent out via your child's bag.

There are three age categories, KS1 (Classes 1 and 2), lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4) and upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6).

During the School day next Friday 29th September, pupils will be invited to recite one of their chosen poems which were sent home.

With 3 individuals (one from each category) being chosen to represent Blackboys School at Kings Academy, Ringmer on Friday 6th October.

We look forward to hearing your child recite their chosen poem!

KS1 Monster Phonics Session

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who joined the KS1 team for the Monster Phonics Session earlier in the week. The session was recorded and will be uploaded the School website for those who would like a re-cap or were unable to attend.

Twitter

Please be aware that Blackboys School is on Twitter. News and events from our school are tweeted regularly. Please keep an eye on @blackboysschool. It's a great way of seeing what the children are experiencing and can be used as a discussion point with your child/ren at home.

Year R September '24

We are currently looking at projected pupil numbers for next September.

Can you therefore please let the School Office know if you have a sibling of a pupil already at Blackboys CE School, for who you intend to be naming Blackboys as your first choice of School on your application with County.

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As an additional reminder, even if you have a child already attending Blackboys, you still need to register preference of schools on-line via the East Sussex County Council website.

The deadline for primary school choices for September 2024 is Monday 15th January 2024.

Harvest Festival, Wednesday 4th October

Our whole school Harvest Festival will be taking place at our Church, St Thomas à Becket, Framfield on the 4th October. We are asking that all children are dropped off directly to the church on this morning from 8.30am and the service will start at 9.00am prompt. Parents/Carers are of course welcome to join us for this annual celebratory service.

If your child is able to donate a non perishable item for the local Uckfield Foodbank this will be collected during the service.

CURRENT FOOD REQUIRED: TINNED MEAT PIES, CORNED BEEF AND TINNED HAM, LONG LIFE JUICE, SPONGE PUDDINGS OR ANGEL DELIGHT, PASTA SAUCE, TINNED SPAGHETTI, CHOCOLATE, CRISPS, SNACKS

Please note as previously communicated there will be NO Breakfast Club facility at School on the 4th October.

KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) will be returning to School via a coach (subsidised by the School). **KS2** (Classes 3,4 and 5) will be taking their traditional hike back to School. They will require a change of clothes in a bag (rucksack ideally) with suitable walking/weather 'gear'. A packed lunch will also be required. A bin bag or reusable plastic shopping bag may also be packed for your child to sit on whilst enjoying their lunch.

**BLACKBOYS BABY GROUP
SESSIONS ARE BACK! SEE INFO
ATTACHED TO THIS
NEWSLETTER!**

2-3PM SCHOOL HALL
LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH,
TERM TIME ONLY
29/09/23
24/11/23
26/01/24
23/02/24
26/04/24 AND 28/06/24

Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '24

A reminder for all Year 6 Parents/Carers that Secondary School applications for a place within Year 7 needs to be completed via the ESCC online portal by
Tuesday 31st October 2023.

Fact Freaks- Maths website

Despite the strange name, we have recently been recommended the maths website Fact Freaks. Found at <https://www.factfreaks.com>, the website encourages children to practice maths facts in quick 60 second bursts. All 4 rules of number are included with the focus on speed and fluency, together with the appealing graphics, means this website would be a handy addition (pardon the pun) to practise at home.

Medical Reminder

One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for cancer which puts them at risk, particularly if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

The best way to protect our pupil from measles is for children at school to be immunised against measles or excellent vigilance should an outbreak in a class occur. If your child is suspected of having measles, or mixes with children with measles, please let us know immediately.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to start a medicine to hopefully prevent contracting the disease. If your child is suspected of having chicken pox you should again let us know immediately.

It is also important that you let us know if there is shingles in your household. Your child is not under any risk whatsoever from this situation, however the health and wellbeing of our pupil who is at risk does depend on the co-operation of our caring community, and we hope you will be able to help us.

PTA AGM

Thank you to those who attended the PTA annual general meeting yesterday. A more in depth update with dates for your diary will be given in the next newsletter.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 18th September 2023

Class 1

Benji D: For always trying his best and showing our value of perseverance.

Molly W: For trying hard with her Maths and working independently to complete the tasks.

Emily B: For telling us all about her Mum's job as a vet (which fits in with our theme 'People who help us').

Class 2

Fletcher J: For working really hard in class and doing some amazing handwriting.

Erin G: For trying really hard to ask and answer questions in class.

Fred B: For persevering with his work despite feeling poorly.

Class 3

Charles D: For working hard to produce an excellent piece of writing on 'Journey' using conjunctions.

Sophie C: For always being positive and having a go.

Alyla W: For looking out for children in Class 3 and also around the school, reminding them of our school values to promote good behaviour.

Class 4

Jacob C: For getting on quickly with his Early Bird Maths and finishing all of it.

Saffron MC: For really good focus in lessons this week and good teamwork with Barnaby finding out about Sir Isaac Newton.

Jonah B: For impressing Mrs Hall with his compound and complex sentences.

Class 4 (Year 5) and Class 5

At PGL this week!

ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 25TH	CLOSING DATE FOR POTENTIAL NEW GOVERNOR APPLICATION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE - MIDDAY FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 26TH	YR 5/6 FOOTBALL B LEAGUE @ MANOR 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 27TH	CROSS COUNTRY @ ROCKS PARK 1-3PM
THURSDAY 28TH	YEAR 5/6 LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 3 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 29TH	BABY & TODDLER GROUP 'BLACKBOYS BABIES' IN HALL 2-3PM

OCTOBER

MONDAY 2ND	FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 3RD	YR 3/4 FOOTBALL A LEAGUE @ MANOR (FEDERATION TEAM) 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 4TH	NO BREAKFAST CLUB DUE TO HARVEST FESTIVAL CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED DIRECTLY TO FRAMFIELD CHURCH FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL. STAFF PRESENT FROM 8.30AM HARVEST FESTIVAL. KS2 TO HIKE BACK TO SCHOOL. CHANGE OF CLOTHES/ FOOTWEAR, PACKED LUNCH AND BIN BAG (OR SIMILAR) TO SIT ON. KS1 TO RETURN ON COACH.
THURSDAY 5TH	HEAD LED ACT OF WORSHIP WITH TUNBRIDGE WELLS FC MANAGER STEVE IVES 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME. FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 3 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 6TH	WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED KINGS ACADEMY FINAL OF ALLIANCE POETRY RECITAL COMP 1-3PM.
MONDAY 9TH	FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 10TH	YR R SEPT '24 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN EVENTS 9.30-10.30AM & 1.30-2.30PM YR 3/4 FOOTBALL B LEAGUE @ MANOR (FEDERATION TEAM) 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 11TH	ZOOM MATHS PARENTAL SESSIONS 9-9.30AM & 3.30-4PM
THURSDAY 12TH	CLASS 2 TRIP TO HASTINGS LIFEBOAT STATION HEAD LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 3 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
MONDAY 16TH	FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM NO AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB DUE TO PARENTS EVE AUTUMN TERM PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6PM
TUESDAY 17TH	YR 4/5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL @ MANOR (FEDERATION TEAM) 3.45-5.30PM

23/24 Dates for your diary

If you take a look at the homepage of our Blackboys website, you will find that School 'main' events like Parents Evenings, Tempest Photos and even Sports Day are already confirmed for 23/24.

You can click through week by week to see what is planned.

Inset Days 23 24:

Friday 20th October
Tuesday 02nd January
Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd July

BLACKBOYS BABIES

A brand new baby & toddler group hosted by Blackboys C of E Primary School



Come and Join us with your babies, toddlers and preschool children **on the last Friday of the month in term time, 2-3pm** for a free stay and play session in the school hall. Tea, coffee and a chat for mum and dad, and lots of fun for little ones!

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