



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 06th October 2023

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

Many thanks to all the parents/carers, grandparents and friends of the school who attended Wednesday's Harvest Festival. It was brilliant to see the church packed and the pupils really did us proud with their presentations, artwork and singing.

## New Governor

We are delighted to announce that we have a new Federation Governor, following our recent communications. We welcome Mr Ken Howell to the role. Mr Howell is a grandparent to a number of pupils at Blackboys and has a long association with the school. We know that he will be a valuable addition to the group, and someone who is often accessible on the playground to talk to.

## Student Teacher

We are pleased to welcome Miss Green to Blackboys. Miss Green is training to be a teacher with the Sussex University and will be working with Class 4 and learning from Miss Mayhew two days a week up until the Easter Term. She has already impressed everyone with her curiosity and enthusiasm.

## School Improvement

Each year we produce a Federation Improvement Plan that sets out priorities for the academic year ahead. This is shared with staff and governors and is frequently updated during the year to see what progress is being made.

At Blackboys we constantly strive to 'be the best we can be' and we choose priority areas which are decided by looking across the curriculum and at data from the previous year. This year, 4 of our main priorities are:

1. To embed a consistent approach to the teaching of phonics and early reading to ensure maximum progress.
2. To develop our writing curriculum
3. To review and refresh our teaching, learning and assessment expectations
4. To ensure our approach to behaviour creates a positive experience for all pupils.

This doesn't mean that this is all we will look at during the year - but these will have a particular focus. We always welcome parents/carers feedback and if you would like to discuss these priorities with Mr Sullivan, this would always be encouraged.

In regard to developing our writing curriculum, Key Stage 2 children have begun work this week on a new structured spelling scheme, called Superhero Spelling. Created by the makers of Monster Phonics, this approach has a direct tie in to the phonics learnt in Key Stage 1 and we expect this structured, consistent approach to have long term benefits to the pupils ability to spell accurately. There will be more details on this scheme to come.

## Parking

We have recently been contacted by a local business to request more careful and considerate parking at drop off and collection times.

Please do not block residents driveways, even partially, park with consideration and always following the highway code. Please can we also remind you that the yellow zig zags located outside School should never be parked on, even momentarily.

We are fortunate to have in place an arrangement with the Blackboys Inn for Parents/Carers to use their car park to then take the short walk up School Lane to drop off or collect your child.

## PTA Update

Following the well supported PTA AGM the PTA have confirmed some dates for your diary!

## PTA Cake Sale, Thursday 19th October, 3.15-3.45pm.

On the last day of term, before the mid term October break, the PTA will be holding a cake sale in the playground (under the shelter if wet) at the end of the School day. We look forward to ending the term with a sweet treat!

## Happy School Bag

We shall once again be distributing before the end of term a Happy School Bag to be filled and brought in during morning drop off (under the shelter in the main playground) on Wednesday 01st November.



The Happy School Bag accept bags filled with: adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, fashion accessories, handbags, belts, hats, scarves, jewellery and perfumes. Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Thank you.

They DO NOT ACCEPT; dirty, damaged, wet clothes, uniforms, underclothing, toys, books, DVD's, duvets, pillows, household linen, carpets, blankets, curtains OR bric-a-brac.

## PTA Christmas Fair

Whilst the festive season may seem a long way off, the date has been set for our annual PTA Christmas Fair.



Please add Saturday 02nd December to your diaries.

## Love in a Box, Mustard Seed Relief Mission

Before we break up for the mid term break we shall be sending out leaflets on behalf of 'Love in a Box'. We support this annually and the idea is that children fill a shoe box (decorated) with small items which are then sent to Eastern European countries whose children may not receive Christmas gifts. For more information please take a look at their website <https://www.msrm.org.uk/index.html>

## Tempest School Photographer

On the first day back following the October mid-term break, Monday 30th October, we have our annual visit by Tempest, the School photographer.

The photographer will be located in the School Hall from 8.40am. We invite all pre-school siblings in from this time for pictures to be taken should you wish.

In-school sibling and individual pupil photographs will then be arranged and taken in School during the morning.

Please ensure that your child is dressed super smart for the occasion.

### After School Club Cancellations

There will be NO after school Football Club on Monday 16th October due to parent consultation evening taking place.

There will be NO after school Netball club on Thursday 19th October.

Wraparound care on both these dates will continue to run as normal.

### 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.

### October Half Term Activities

Attached a flyers for clubs taking place over the half term break which may be of interest to you. Please make direct contact as per details on the information, for Miss Zara's dance club, please make contact via z.breeze@hotmail.co.uk

### 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.**



## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 2nd October

### Class 1

Edie D: For her great work in RE using the small world resources to re-tell the story of Creation.  
Florence D: For the effort she is putting into her independent writing; great re-tell of the story 'On the Way Home'.

Ruby B: For always working hard and having a great attitude towards her learning.

### Class 2

Eddie V: For independently logging in to Purple Mash and getting on with the activity.

Eva D: For great work on recognising and counting coins and notes in Maths.

April M: For doing really well in her Place Value quiz this week.

### Class 3

Jesse S: For his excellent sentence opener in his independent writing.

Evie C: For trying extra hard to be more focussed and persevering in her Maths; which she found tricky but remained positive.

Sylvie C: For her excellent home learning and putting in 100% effort!

### Class 4

Emilia B, Gabi P and James E: For showing excellent behaviour for learning and being an excellent example to others; avoiding distractions and getting on!

### Class 5

Tilly C: For her excellent singing this week, at church and at school.  
Hattie D: For great effort with her writing, both at school and at home.  
Noah D: For his confident work in solving Maths problems.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

### OCTOBER

MONDAY 9TH

FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
BHITC RETURN OF U11 GIRLS CONSENTS TO BE HANDED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY  
ZOOM ACCESS DETAILS TO BE SENT OUT VIA PMAIL FOR MATHS WORKSHOPS WEDNESDAY

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 9.05AM-3.15PM  
HEADTEACHER LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME  
FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 3 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 13TH

AITC GIRLS U11 TOURNAMENT LANCING. 8AM - 2PM

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

WEDNESDAY 18TH

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR 12.30-3PM  
AUTUMN TERM PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 5-7.30PM

THURSDAY 19TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 1  
LOVE IN A BOX LEAFLETS TO BE DISTRIBUTED  
FATHER VINE ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME  
FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 3 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
PTA CAKE SALE 3.15-3.45PM  
**NO NETBALL CLUB 3.15-4.15PM**

**INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL**

**OCTOBER HALF TERM**

FRIDAY 20TH

MONDAY 23RD -  
FRIDAY 27TH

MONDAY 23RD

MISS ZARA DANCE HOLIDAY CLUB IN SCHOOL HALL 9.30AM - 3.30PM

THURSDAY 26TH -  
FRIDAY 27TH

ARCHAEO DISCOVERY CLUB AT SCHOOL 10AM - 3PM

MONDAY 30TH

**START OF TERM 2**

TEMPEST WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO'S INDIVIDUALS AND SIBLINGS. PRE SCHOOL SIBLING PICTURES TO BE TAKEN BETWEEN 8.40-9.00AM, IN SCHOOL SIBLING PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE MORNING. IN SCHOOL HALL.  
FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

### 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



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# HALF TERM WORKSHOP DESCENDANTS

Monday 23rd October 2023

BLACKBOYS SCHOOL  
School Lane

10am to 3pm

Open to Years 1,2,3,4,5,6





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# CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMP

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**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER**  
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**Wednesday 25th - Saturday 28th October**

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**[www.millenniumplayers.com](http://www.millenniumplayers.com)**







ARCHAEODISCOVERY

## HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL



This half term Archaeodiscovery will run a two-day dig school for children aged 7-12.

BLACKBOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

26th + 27th October 2023

10am-3pm

£45 per day

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