



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

Christian Value for Term : Fellowship

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is our first newsletter of term 2 and therefore we would like to introduce our Christian Value for the new term, Fellowship. It is a fundamental part of Blackboys School that we are a community who get on well together and who support each other. Our acts of worship/assemblies are often Fellowship themed this term and the mini whiteboard by the main gate will contain a weekly fellowship quote to provoke discussion and thought.

Fitting in nicely to the value of Fellowship, we have 2 exciting events taking place next week. Both events have been discussed with the children today:-

Odd Sock Day

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. Although at Blackboys anti-bullying is something we think about all year, it is an ideal week to re-focus. On Monday, all children are invited to wear odd socks for the day, which is a national campaign to highlight and talk about differences. You can find more information here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>

Children In Need Day

Next Friday, the 17th of November, is Children in Need and to help raise funds, we are inviting pupils to come to School modelling 'crazy hair', be it bunches galore or bows, spikes, clips or colours! For one day only pupils will be encouraged to wear their hair 'crazy' in exchange for a £1 donation (taken in class at morning registration) with all

monies going to Children In Need. Please be aware that hair needs to be back to normal on Monday 20th November!

Parent Survey Results 2023

The sharp eyed among you will have spotted our display of the Parent Survey results during the recent parent consultations. This information is now online on the school website and can be viewed by clicking on:

<https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/parent-questionnaire/>

The opinion of parents is very important to us. As a result of the survey, you will have noticed that we now have an art club for younger pupils and after Christmas we will be re-starting our lunchtime chess club. If you have any comments on the pupil survey, please contact the school office.

Superhero Spellings

One of the major parts of our Federation Improvement Plan is the development of our pupils' writing skills. Just before half term, we began a new spelling scheme for Key Stage 2 pupils. Superhero Spellings has been created by the makers of Monster Phonics, allowing progression from the work completed in Key Stage 1, but with the coloured monsters becoming coloured superheroes to highlight specific spelling rules. There will be 3 or 4 spelling sessions a week for years 3-6, all taking place in separate year groups. Each week a different spelling rule/pattern is taught, practised and assessed. The spellings for each week are sent home in a list and can also be found on the specific class pages of the school website. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like more details.

Class Led Acts of Worship/Assembly Dates for Term 2

CLASS 2	THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 9.05AM, SCHOOL HALL
CLASS 1	WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 9.05AM SCHOOL HALL
CLASS 4	THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 9.05AM SCHOOL HALL
CLASS 3	THURSDAY 07TH DECEMBER 9.05AM SCHOOL HALL

Christmas Dates

The early signs of Christmas, namely Key Stage 2 Christmas hymns and nativity songs, have been heard being rehearsed at school this week.

As the term progresses, dates will also be added to the back page of the newsletter. Please note dates for the KS1 Nativity, KS2 Carol Service and other December dates are all available via the diary on the homepage of the School website www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

Filled 'Love in a Box'

Please remember if you have filled a 'Love in a Box' for the Mustard Seed Relief Mission charity that these need to be dropped into School by 3.15pm Monday 13th November.



PTA Christmas Fair

The organising of this is well under way. It will take place on Saturday 02nd December, midday-2pm. There are games, events and lots of spectacles being arranged for your enjoyment.

In preparation for the event, Friday 24th November is a 'wear your home clothes to school' day. In exchange for wearing home clothes please can your child bring with them on the 24th a donation for the PTA Fair. A bottle of bubble bath, chocolates, small gifts or even a bottle of bubbly would be gratefully received. These will make up prizes for the Fair. There will be two tables located in the School playground at drop off for your donations to be placed on (if wet, these will be located under the shelter on the playground).

Year R September '24 Open Event

The second of our open events will take place on Thursday 23rd November. All parents/carers of children looking for a School place to start in September '24 are invited to attend. There are two sessions to choose to come and view the School, either 9.30am OR 6.00pm. Please spread the word with friends, family and neighbours.

Tempest School Pictures

The Tempest School photos deadline for placing orders via the order form was today, Friday 10th November. Tempest also offered an online ordering facility. Please refer to your child's picture proof sent home via their bag last week for further information.

Online Safety Tips

As part of a new fortnightly newsletter feature, PSHE subject lead, Miss Mayhew shares some online safety tips with you which you may find useful to discuss with your child as appropriate.

This newsletter the focus is on 'in game purchases'.

Some games cost money to download, or players need to buy credits or items so they can keep playing.

Many free games are designed to make the player want to continue but need payment(s) to make this possible, which can be very frustrating.

We suggest not storing payment card details on devices or in apps, to prevent charges building up.

Last week of clubs for Autumn Term

Whilst a long way ahead, for forward planning at a very busy time of year, the in the main the last week of all after school clubs will be week commencing 04/12/23. Homework Club will finish the week before, last session being Wednesday 29th November. Netball Club will also finish earlier, the last session will be Thursday 30th November.

Please remember to book any wrap around care requirements should these be required.

A new clubs list for the Spring Term 2024 will be distributed when we return to School, post Christmas break, Wednesday 03rd January (Tuesday 02nd January being an Inset Day).



Gold Book Awards for week beginning 6th November

Class 1

Luka D: For his fantastic Maths; working really hard to find all the addition fact families.
Maddie L: For her great work in RE, listening to the story of Rama and Sita and being able to answer some tricky questions.
Mabel B: For the effort she is putting into her reading - both at home and school.

Class 2

Alfie S: For great effort in Maths and impressing Ms Pomfret.
Elsa U: For making good progress with her handwriting.
Fleur P: For always trying to work independently.

Class 3

Darcey S: For displaying her knowledge of the Romans and doing her own research at home which will support her writing in English.
Ella H: For wowing Miss Rietdyk with her critical thinking when tackling NRich activities.
Heidi C: For trying her best to improve her handwriting.

Class 4

Benjy C: For persevering and showing a great improvement with reading 'A joy to read with!'.
Alice P: For some great writing this week; a clear and detailed character description.
Elodie D: For working really hard with times tables both in Maths lessons and with Mrs Vance.

Class 5

Evie H: For excellent effort with her work on division in Maths.
Milly M: For some great writing this week.
Ruben O: For consistently accurate work in Maths.

ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

NOVEMBER	
FRIDAY 10TH	U11 MIXED TEAM TO LANCING FOR SUSSEX FINAL BHAITC. LEAVE BB SCHOOL 8.30AM PROMPT - 2PM DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL PHOTO TEMPEST ORDERS TO BE DROPPED OFF TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY KS1 NATIVITY COSTUME LETTERS DISTRIBUTED WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 13TH	ODD SOCKS DAY IN RECOGNITION OF ANTI BULLYING WEEK. WEAR YOUR ODD SOCKS TO SCHOOL! FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM FILLED 'LOVE IN A BOXES' TO BE DROPPED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY AT THE LATEST THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY TODAY
TUESDAY 14TH	INDOOR ATHLETICS @ UC SPORTS HALL 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 15TH	CROSS COUNTRY QUALIFIERS - BEACON ACADEMY SIXTH FORM, GREEN LANE. INVITATIONS AS SENT OUT VIA PARENTMAIL. 12.10-2.45PM NO HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY, TAKING PLACE TOMORROW 3.15-4.15PM
THURSDAY 16TH	CLASS 2 ACT OF WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME, SCHOOL HALL 9-9.30AM FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 3 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM HOMEWORK CLUB 3.15-4.15PM (AS DID NOT RUN YESTERDAY)
FRIDAY 17TH	NATIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED DAY. CRAZY HAIR DAY! IN EXCHANGE FOR A £1 (TO GO TO CHILDREN IN NEED) WEAR YOUR HAIR IN A 'CRAZY' WAY!
MONDAY 20TH	CLASS 3 TRIP TO FISHBOURNE 8AM—3.30PM SCHOOL COUNCIL GAME AT LUNCH AND PLAY TIME 'GUESS THE NAME OF THE DOG' £1 A GUESS - ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS BORN FREE CHARITY. FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 21ST	KS1 MULTISKILLS AT UC SPORTS HALL 3.45-5PM
WEDNESDAY 22ND	CLASS 1 LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM
THURSDAY 23RD	FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM SEPTEMBER '24 YR R PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN EVENTS 9.30-10.30AM AND 6-7PM FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 3 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 24TH	WHOLE SCHOOL WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES TO SCHOOL DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION FOR THE PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR - CHOCOLATE, TOILET PAPER, SEASONAL GIFTS, BUBBLES ETC! KS2 - RETURN OF UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING, CHOIR PARTICIPATION SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY BABY & TODDLER GROUP 'BLACKBOYS BABIES' IN HALL 2-3PM WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 27TH	FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 1 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
WEDNESDAY 29TH	YR 5/6 BOCCIA FESTIVAL @ UC SPORTS HALL 12.30-3PM
THURSDAY 30TH	CLASS 4 LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30PM FOREST SCHOOL CLASS 3 BY ROTA 1-3.15PM LAST NETBALL CLUB 3.15-4.15PM

23/24 Dates for your diary

Please remember to take keep as up to date as possible, take a look at the homepage of our Blackboys website. You can click through week by week to see what is planned.

Inset Days 23 24:

Tuesday 02nd January Monday 22nd July Tuesday 23rd July