



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 08th December 2023

Christian Value for Term : Fellowship

Dear Parents / Carers,

This will be the final newsletter of a productive term. As the excitement of Christmas builds we like to remember its true meaning. Families might enjoy 'stopping and sparing a thought' about the following poem by Eugene W Miller:

*Once again it's Christmas Time,
time for us to be,
Busy wrapping presents and
setting up the tree.
It seems we have so many things,
to think of and to do,
We may forget that Christmas,
has a deeper meaning too.
A meaning that goes far beyond,
the things the eye can see,
Such as Holly wreaths, Mistletoe,
and Gifts beneath the tree.
For these are only Symbols, of
what happened Christmas morn,
When in a little manger, GOD's
only Son was born.
GOD put HIM here upon this
Earth, with one idea in mind.
To put New Hope around the
World, and LOVE in all Mankind.
So even though we're busy, and
have many things to do,
Let's not forget that Christmas,
has a deeper Meaning too.*

Let us take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Miss Mayhew: Teacher of the Year

We are all thrilled to report that Miss Mayhew won the Teacher of the Year Award at the recent lavish, prestigious Ashdown Radio

Awards night. Miss Mayhew collected her trophy in front of applauding family, friends and colleagues. Well done Miss Mayhew.

School Council

Our School Council raised an impressive £31 for the Born Free Charity through a 'Guess the name on the Puppy completion.' Congratulations to Emilia in year 4 who guessed correctly!

A note from the Governors

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Beth Morris as she joins our Governing Body as a Foundation Governor. Beth currently has two children at Framfield School and is working as an NHS manager.

Foundation Governors have a specific responsibility to help maintain the Christian distinctiveness of our schools. They form the Ethos Committee which supports the staff in this endeavour. We are thrilled to have Beth on board and look forward to working with her. We would like to wish all our staff, pupils and their families a very Happy Christmas.

A PTA Thank you!

The PTA wanted us to express a huge heartfelt 'thank you' to all those who supported last Saturday's Christmas Fair. The Fair raised an impressive £2,928.00. The PTA are looking forward to being able to put the money raised back into the School and therefore additionally supporting each and every child.

Reminder! Last week of After School and Lunch Time Clubs

Please remember that this week has been the last week of all lunchtime and after school clubs.

Wrap around care after school club will continue up until and including the last day of term, next Friday 15th December. A new Spring term club choice letter will be distributed upon our return following the Christmas break, from Wednesday 03rd January '24.

Invoices for Term 2's provisions will be sent out next week/first week back to School, January 2024.

January '24 Return to School

We shall be returning to School following the Christmas break, Wednesday 03rd January 2024. Tuesday 02nd January is an INSET Day.

KS2 Carol Concert — Tuesday 12th December 6pm start time (doors open at 5:40pm) at St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield. All KS2 pupils to be dressed in their full School Uniform. The whole school community are welcome to attend this popular festive event.

KS1 Nativity — Wednesday 13th December, 2pm (pedestrian gate open at 1:50pm to allow audience to take their seat) School Hall. This is not ticketed.

End of Term Cup Assembly

Our traditional end of term cup assembly will take place at 2pm, Friday 15th December in the School Hall. The pedestrian gate shall be opened at 1.50pm to allow the audience to take their seat. If your child is a recipient of a cup/award you shall be notified by Parent-Mail email by Wednesday 13th December.

Christmas Parties

Our two Christmas parties for each Key Stage will be taking place next Thursday 14th December, with Key Stage 1's party taking place from 1.30pm in the School Hall and Key Stage 2's party from 6-8pm in the School Hall.

KS1 (classes 1 and 2) - please bring a change of clothes in a named bag ready for the party!

KS2 (classes 3, 4 & 5) - please drop your child off to School at 6pm, returning again at the end of the party, 8pm. Of course, no party is complete without party food, please remember to sign up to make a food contribution.

For both we would appreciate offers of parental volunteers to assist with games and distribution of food. If you are able to assist, please email the office; office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk and we shall be in touch.

Last Week, Christmas Events Calendar

On your way out of School today, Friday 08th December hopefully you will have been handed a last week of term, Christmas Events Calendar. Attached to this newsletter you will also find a copy, we hope this helps you to keep as organised as possible during the last week of term.

Year R Starters, September 2024

A reminder to all parents/carers who have a child who will start School in September 2024, that the deadline for applications via the ESCC admissions portal is Monday 15th January 2024.

Christmas Tree—a Thank You!

Our annual thanks must be extended to the Cottingham family and Staverton Nursery for generously donating our beautiful Christmas tree which is currently adorning our school hall.

Forest School, Spring Term '24

The Spring term Forest School rotas for Class 1 and now Class 4 up until February mid-term break have been distributed via ParentMail email and pupil bags.

A copy of each of the rotas will also be displayed on the office door in the main entrance to School.

Please can we remind Class 4 Parents/Carers that the sessions are reliant upon volunteers and if you are able to help to put your name down for the corresponding session(s) you are available for.

Parking

This is a regular reminder that we would expect parents/carers to park sensibly in the village, so as to secure a positive relationship with residents. Please do not park in an anti-social way. Please do not block driveways. Please do not park on corners, bends or dangerously on the main road. Please do not park on grassed verges, particularly when wet and boggy. Together we can generate a harmonious village atmosphere.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 4th December

Class 1

Roman W: Perseverance - for trying his best with his writing about the naughty reindeer.

Lucy G: For her amazing work in RE, really thinking about the questions and meaning of the nativity story.
Autumn W: For working hard in phonics to sound out and blend words.

Class 2

Ginny L: For a great persuasive letter to Mr Sullivan.

Eva D: For knowing how to edit correctly, helping others to remember apostrophes and spellings!

Ruby G: For stepping in to the Wise Man part this week.

Class 3

Ida O: For her growing confidence with her times tables!

Ella H: For her excellent ideas in English, thinking of powerful adjectives to describe from a soldier's point of view.

Vivi C: For excellent acting skills in English by interpreting Miss Rietdyk's narrative into actions.

Class 4

Margaux L: For always putting in 100% effort, especially in Maths.

Phoebe D: For working really hard with instructional writing, always editing and improving.

Oliver I: For perseverance in all lessons, trying his hardest to be the best he can be.

Class 5

Joseph M: For doing a great job with choir this term.

Nico J: For continuing to do excellent work in reading.

Tilly C: For consistently being kind, considerate and hard-working.

ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

DECEMBER

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| SUNDAY 10TH | CAROL SERVICE AT ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD, SELECTED PUPILS TAKING PART ARRIVING 6PM, ALL WELCOME 6.30-7.30PM |
| MONDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 15TH | NO AFTER SCHOOL OR LUNCHTIME CLUBS THIS WEEK |
| MONDAY 11TH | RETURN OF CUPS/AWARDS FROM SUMMER CUP ASSEMBLY TO THE SCHOODOFFICE BY TODAY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM |
| TUESDAY 12TH | WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL FOR A £1 - DONATIONS TO OUR CHARITY OF THE TERM WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12-1PM KS2 CAROLS AT ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD. CHILDREN CAN BE DROPPED OFF FROM 5.40PM. BUT PARENTS/CARERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY AND ATTEND THE SERVICE. 6-7PM |
| WEDNESDAY 13TH | PARENTS/CARERS TO BE NOTIFIED VIA PARENTMAIL IF THEIR CHILD HAS BEEN AWARDED A CUP IN FRIDAY (15TH) CUP ASSEMBLY KS1 NATIVITY, SCHOOL HALL. THIS WAY TO BETHLEHEM. GATES/DOORS OPEN AT 1.50PM TO ALLOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE SEAT. 2-3PM. |
| THURSDAY 14TH | CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM KS1 CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE HALL 1.30-3PM KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE HALL 6-8PM |
| FRIDAY 15TH | LAST DAY OF TERM 2 END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY. GATES/DOORS OPEN AT 1.50PM. 2-3PM. |
| MONDAY 18TH | MISS ZARA - DANCE HOLIDAY CLUB 10AM - 3PM |
| MONDAY 18TH - MONDAY 1ST | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS |
| JANUARY | |
| TUESDAY 2ND | INSET DAY NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL |
| WEDNESDAY 3RD | START OF TERM 3 |
| THURSDAY 4TH | CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM |
| FRIDAY 5TH | ANXIETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS AT FRAMFIELD MEMORIAL HALL 9-10AM |
| MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH | LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RECOMMENCE |
| MONDAY 8TH | CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM CLASS 1 PLANNING MEETING - IN CLASS 2.45 - 3.15PM |
| TUESDAY 9TH | CLASS 2 PLANNING MEETING - IN CLASS 2.45 - 3.15PM |
| WEDNESDAY 10TH | SELECTED PUPILS PANTO TRIP TO EASTBOURNE. 12.45 - 5.45PM CLASS 3 PLANNING MEETING - IN CLASS 2.45 - 3.15PM |
| THURSDAY 11TH | CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM CLASS 4 PLANNING MEETING - IN CLASS 2.45 - 3.15PM |
| FRIDAY 12TH | INDIVIDUAL CLASS LETTERS OUT FOLLOWING CLASS PLANNING MEETINGS HELD THIS WEEK CLASS 5 PLANNING MEETING - IN CLASS 2.45 - 3.15PM |

2024 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 2024:

* Monday 22nd July * Tuesday 23rd July



CHRISTMAS LAST WEEK OF TERM EVENTS CALENDAR 2023



| DATE | CHRISTMAS EVENT | PARENTAL ACTION |
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| DECEMBER | | |
| Sunday 10th | COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE, ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD, 6.30PM | PARTICIPATING PUPILS TO ARRIVE AT 6PM FOR RE- HEARSAL, SERVICE STARTS 6.30PM—ALL WELCOME TO THE SERVICE |
| Monday 11th - 15th | NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUNNING THIS WEEK | NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUNNING THIS WEEK |
| Tuesday 12th | WHOLE SCHOOL—WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL DAY. WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH MIDDAY—1PM | IN EXCHANGE FOR £1 DONATION, PUPILS ARE INVIT- ED TO REPLACE THEIR BLACKBOYS JUMPER/CARDIGAN WITH A FESTIVE JUMPER. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO- WARDS THE RADIO 4, ST MARTINS IN THE FIELD CHRISTMAS APPEAL ALL PUPILS WILL JOIN TOGETHER FOR A WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH |
| | KS2 CAROL SERVICE, ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD, 6.00PM | KS2 CAROLS AT FRAMFIELD CHURCH. DOORS OPEN AT 5.40PM FOR A PROMPT 6.00PM START. ALL KS2 PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND, IN SMART UNIFORM ALL FAMILIES WELCOME |
| Wednesday 13th | CUP ASSEMBLY PARENTMAIL EMAIL | PUPILS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED A CUP/AWARD AT END OF TERM CUP ASSEMBLY PARENTS TO RECEIVE A PARENTMAIL EMAIL TO INVITE THEM TO ATTEND CUP ASSEMBLY TAKING PLACE THIS FRIDAY |
| | KS1 NATIVITY, SCHOOL HALL, 2.00PM | THE PEDESTRIAN GATES WILL OPEN AT 1.50PM TO AL- LOW THE AUDIENCE TO TAKE THEIR SEATS IN THE SCHOOL HALL. THE PERFORMANCE WILL START AT 2.00PM. THE EVENT IS NOT TICKETED. |
| Thursday 14th | KS1 CHRISTMAS PARTY, SCHOOL HALL, 1.30PM | KS1 PUPILS WILL ENJOY AN 'IN SCHOOL' CHRISTMAS PARTY. PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO POP YOUR NAME AGAINST A DONATION TO BRING IN ON THE MORN- ING OF THE PARTY. PARTY CLOTHES TO BE BROUGHT IN TO BE CHANGED INTO FOR THE AFTERNOON. |
| | KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTY, SCHOOL HALL | KS2 PUPILS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR 6.00PM FOR A IN SCHOOL HALL PARTY AND GAMES. PUPILS TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE PLAYGROUND AT 8.00PM. PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO POP YOUR NAME AGAINST A DONATION TO BRING IN ON THE MORNING OR START TO THE PARTY. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT DURING THE EVENING PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. |
| Friday 15th | CUP ASSEMBLY, SCHOOL HALL, 2.00PM | THE PEDESTRIAN GATE WILL OPEN AT 1.50PM TO AL- LOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE SEATS. ALL WELCOME TO AT- TEND. |
| Saturday 16th Decem- ber—Monday 01st Janu- ary 2024 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS |
| Tuesday 02nd January | INSET DAY | NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL, INSET DAY |
| Wednesday 03rd Janu- ary | PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR START OF SPRING TERM | PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR START OF SPRING TERM |

FOR KS1 PUPILS PARENTS/CARERS

FOR KS2 PUPILS PARENTS/CARERS

ALL KS RELEVANT



Christmas

UKRAINIAN FAIR

BELMONT CENTRE, UCKFIELD

Belmont Rd, TN22 1JY

1:00PM - 4:00PM

16 DECEMBER, 2023



A MUST-ATTEND EVENT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- Fabric Stamps Master Class
- Candle Making Session
- Christmas Star and Mask Master Classes
- Paper-Cutting Workshop
- Carol Singing

