



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 01st March 2024

Christian Value for Term : RESPECT

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to term 4! This Spring term is always a special one as the days begin to get longer, the rain begins to fade (we hope) and we are treated to a beautiful display of spring daffodils on the verges of School Lane.

These daffodils were planted nearly 4 years ago to encourage correct use of the verges by motor vehicles and are a timely reminder about how we expect our school community to park at pick up and drop off.

Perfectly linked to this, our Christian Value of the term is Respect. Having respect for our locality is something our pupils take very seriously.

## Trips and Visits

Although the term is only 2 weeks old, we have already conducted important trips, with our Year 6s visiting London and the Houses of Parliament and our year 3s visiting Brighton Museum. You can see images of both days on our school X (formerly Twitter) feed. It was so pleasing to hear positive reports and feedback about the trips and our pupils were a real credit to the school and the parents.

## Mathletics

Due to rising subscription costs and negligible usage/uptake, we

have made the difficult decision to reduce our Mathletics subscription. We now hold 20 Mathletics licenses for use by 20 pupils. Using data from the site we have worked out that 14 children use the site regularly and we have purchased 6 additional licenses on top of this. Should your child be a very keen Mathletics user, or is seriously keen to become one, please email Mr Boorman [rboorman@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:rboorman@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk) to reserve one of these licenses so that your child can continue on their Mathletics journey. Please be assured that children will still have full access to the Maths part of Purple Mash (please contact classteachers for a reminder of your child's log in details) and all Key Stage 2 children have a login for TT Rockstars. Mr Boorman is researching more cost effective maths programs for Key stage 1 pupils and will update the school community via a letter very soon.

## Attendance

We are extremely proud to currently be the East Sussex Primary with the highest school attendance. The best thing a parent can do to help their child is to encourage them to go to school each day. Thank you.

## Local Offer

Attached to this newsletter is information relating to the 'East Sussex Local Offer' A website and directory providing information about support for children and young people (0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their families.

## PTA Quiz Night, Friday 22nd March, 7pm for a 7.30pm start

If you haven't secured your ticket for the annual Blackboys PTA Quiz Night, please see attached flyer. A fabulous evening of fun will be had!



## Easter Service, Tuesday 26th March

Our annual Easter Service will be taking place at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield on the morning of Tuesday 26th March.

Please drop your child/children off directly to St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield on the 26th from 8.30am. Parents are welcome to stay and participate in the service.

KS1 will be returning to School via a Coach following the Service. KS2 will 'hike' back to School. Packed lunches will be required! Pupils will also need to bring with them weather appropriate clothes and footwear to change in to following the Service. A bin bag (or similar) should also be brought along to sit on whilst enjoying lunch.

**\*\*THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST CLUB RUNNING ON 26/03/24\*\***

## World Book Day

Annual World Book Day shall be taking place this year on Thursday 07th March. A letter was sent out to all Parents/Carers via ParentMail email this week, Wednesday 28th February. Please make sure you have read the letter for further information on how as a School we shall be celebrating and marking the day. At the end of world book day your child will be sent home with a token which can be exchanged at retailers (named on the token) for a book and £1. Be sure to keep any eye out for these.



## Comic Relief, Friday 15th March

We shall once again be supporting the national Comic Relief campaign. By inviting children to participate in a talent show. For a £1 donation to Comic Relief we shall be allowing those pupils who wish to showcase their talents, all pupils will be invited to watch the talent show in the School Hall. Further information about this will be communicated to your child, in school over the next few weeks.

## Forest School

Reminder to Class 1 and 5 Parents/Carers there will be **NO** Forest School sessions taking place on Monday 04th, Thursday 07th and Monday 11th March.

## Bumped Head Wristbands

Our school first aiders, Mrs Pomfret and Mrs Harper do a remarkable job in helping children who are injured and poorly. To help further they are implementing a 'bumped head wristband' scheme. This will replace the bumped head sticker, which were notorious for peeling off jumpers prior to 3:15pm. The wristbands are (I'm told!) Festival style wristbands and are more likely to stay on a child, thus informing parents that a bang on the head has occurred. An information letter will still be put in your child's bookbag and first aiders will still call parents for serious bumps. To help our first aiders, please cut off your child's wristband prior to returning to school the next day.

## Stage

You will have noticed that our mini stage area in the playground has recently been removed. Following a snapping of one of the wooden posts, exploratory work concluded that the structure was becoming rotten and unsafe. A new mini stage will be built on the same site, using harder wearing materials in the Easter holidays.

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 26th February

### Class 1

Emily B - for working much faster when writing independently.  
Joshua I - for his great work in Maths using the correct language when comparing the weight of different objects.  
Ella S - for her lovely description writing about the castle from the Jack and the Beanstalk story.

### Class 2

Arthur M - for making brilliant progress in Phonics.  
Dottie F - for demonstrating how much she has learnt in all subjects. Great retrieval of knowledge.  
Alfie G - for his great cheetah fact book that he made at home.

### Class 3

Charles D - for his great ideas in English using imperative verbs.  
Florence R - for her fantastic newspaper report.  
Ella H - for using previously learnt features in her writing and working hard with editing without any prompting.

### Class 4

Marlo O - for always pushing himself to be the best he can be.  
Jacob C - for persevering with his speedy timestables recall.  
Bolton R - for developing his editing skills and working well with others.

### Class 5

Ben F - for some excellent work in Maths this week.  
Muffin S - for great recall in Geography.  
Harrison B - for working brilliantly across the curriculum this week.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

### MARCH

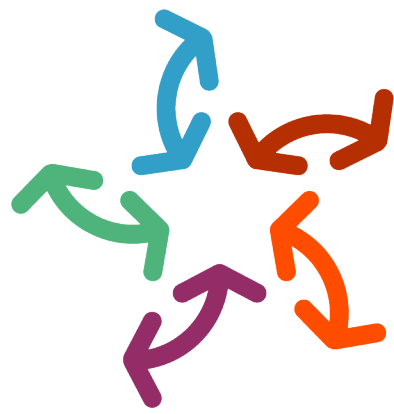
FRIDAY 1ST	FORTNIGHTLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFER DAY FOR PUPILS MOVING TO YR 7, SEPT '24
MONDAY 4TH	NO CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL THIS WEEK
WEDNESDAY 6TH	NORTH WEALDEN NETBALL FINAL - BEACON ACADEMY, TN6 2AS. 3-5.45PM #LETGIRLSPLAY FOOTBALL FESTIVAL ON UC 3G PITCH 3.45-5PM
THURSDAY 7TH	NATIONAL WORLD BOOK DAY. PLEASE REFER TO LETTER SENT OUT VIA PARENTMAIL 28 02 24 ON HOW AS A SCHOOL WE SHALL BE CELEBRATING! WORLD BOOK DAY TOKENS TO BE DISTRIBUTED VIA BOOK BAGS CLASS 5 LED ACT OF WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, SCHOOL HALL 9-9.30AM NO CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL THIS WEEK
FRIDAY 8TH	RETURN OF U9 GIRLS AITC CONSENT SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE RETURN OF U9 TEAM AITC CONSENT SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE YEAR 3 PUPILS READING TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' GROUP HEATHFIELD CRICKET CLUB. LEAVE SCHOOL 1.10PM LEAVE FOR A 1.30 START - RETURN IN TIME FOR END OF SCHOOL.
MONDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 22ND	SUSTRANS BIG WALK AND WHEEL
MONDAY 11TH	NO CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL THIS WEEK
TUESDAY 12TH	YR 3/4 NETBALL @ UCKFIELD COLLEGE OUTSIDE COURTS 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 13TH	CLASS 1 LED ACT OF WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, SCHOOL HALL 9-9.30AM
THURSDAY 14TH	FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, SCHOOL HALL 9-9.30AM SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 15TH	COMIC RELIEF FORTNIGHTLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED AITC MIXED U9TOURNAMENT Ringmer AFC, Caburn Community Ground Kings Academy, BN8 5RB. 8AM - 2PM COMIC RELIEF TALENT SHOW IN SCHOOL HALL 1.45-3PM
MONDAY 18TH - FRIDAY 22ND	LAST WEEK OF AFTER SCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME CLUBS
MONDAY 18TH	YEAR 6 RETURN OF FRENCH TRIP PASSPORT FORMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 19TH	YR 3/4 NETBALL @ UCKFIELD COLLEGE OUTSIDE COURTS 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 20TH	CLASS 1 TRIP TO WOODS MILL 8.30AM-3.45PM
THURSDAY 21ST	CLASS 3 LED ACT OF WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND, SCHOOL HALL 9-9.30AM SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 22ND	AITC GIRLS U9 TOURNAMENT Ringmer AFC - Caburn Community Ground, Kings Academy, BN8 5RB. 8AM-2PM PTA QUIZ EVENING, SCHOOL HALL 7-11PM

### 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



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# LOCAL OFFER

A website and directory providing information about support for children and young people (0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their families.



## The East Sussex Local Offer consists of:



an information site that outlines how different SEND processes work:  
**[localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk](https://localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk)**

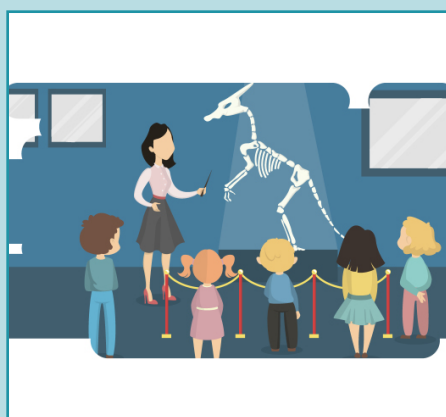


a SEND-specific directory, listing both local and online services:  
**[1space.eastsussex.gov.uk/localoffer](https://1space.eastsussex.gov.uk/localoffer)**



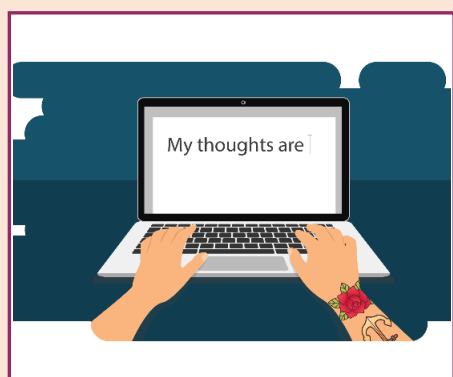
## What you will find on the Local Offer information site

- » A comprehensive resource to help guide families through learning more about SEND, finding what support is available, and the journey to diagnosis
- » Up-to-date information on services provided by the council for children and young people with SEND, including short breaks and CLASS+
- » Signposting to groups and organisations across East Sussex that offer different services and opportunities



## What you will find on the Local Offer 1Space directory

- » A range of local and online services, including activities and events, mental health and wellbeing support, schools' SEND and accessibility information, and much more
- » A map highlighting the location of local services, making it easier to find support nearby
- » Easy-to-use filters, so you can narrow down the services to only show those that are most relevant to you



## Share your thoughts with us

- » We will continue to use feedback to drive changes and improvements, making information and support even clearer.
- » Please send any feedback or queries you have, either on the information website or directory, to:  
[localoffer@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Find out more at:**  
[localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk)



Visit the website by scanning the QR code with your phones' camera



THE BLACKBOYS SCHOOL  
PTA PRESENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT

*& dinner!*

BOOK YOUR BABYSITTERS, BECAUSE THE BLACKBOYS PTA  
QUIZ IS BACK!

*only*  
**£12<sub>PP</sub>**

TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY PLUS CHILLI + RICE DINNER  
(VEG/VEGAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE)  
CASH + CARD BAR // TEAMS OF 4 MIN-8 MAX

**BLACKBOYS CE  
SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY**

MARCH

**22**

**7PM ARRIVAL FOR  
7.30PM QUIZ START**

BOOK YOUR TICKETS VIA [BLACKBOYSPTA.SUMUPSTORE.COM](https://blackboyspta.sumupstore.com) NOW!

For girls aged 4 to 7  
(5 year olds in some areas)



'We play loads of fun games and do activities and challenges and a few times we get badges.'

Matilda, aged 6

**Rainbows learn by doing** – they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts, and play games.

From Easter 1<sup>st</sup> Chiddingly Rainbows will be meeting at the earlier time of 4.30- 5.30pm on a Monday evening at Chiddingly village hall. Please register your daughter now, if she would be interested.



Find out more about Rainbows at **[girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows](http://girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows)**.

Register your daughter at **[girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)** or call **0800 169 5901**.



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