



Blackboys Newsletter

Monday 10th May 2024

Christian Value for Term : **UNDERSTANDING**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of term 5.

KS2 SATs

Last week, our Year 6s took their end of KS2 SATs tests. I was really impressed with how maturely the children approached their tests and the perseverance they showed in working through some of the more difficult questions.

Thanks to the hard work of Mr Boorman and Mrs Harper, the children were well practised and we know they were 'being the best they could be.' Of course, SATS isn't the final thing for Year 6 this academic year! Having enjoyed a post-SATS milkshake and cookie, Mr Boorman talked to the pupils about their upcoming school production called Magpie Manor as well as the exciting things associated with the end of year.

We hope that they enjoy their remaining time at Blackboys School. The school will receive the SATS results in July and they will be passed on to parents via the school reports.

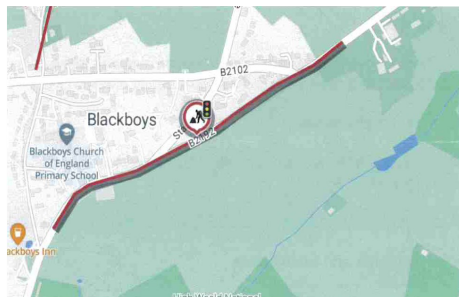
Staffing

Thank you to the many parents and pupils who have expressed concern regarding Mrs Vance's health. Mrs Vance has been away from school this term recovering from planned surgery and this recovery has taken a little longer than first thought. We have been very grateful to Mrs Colegate who has been working as a TA in Class 4 during Mrs Vance's absence and we will keep parents updated while also respecting Mrs Vance's right of privacy.

Class 4 will also be saying a fond farewell to Miss Green on Wednesday. Miss Green has been a super student teacher and we wish her well with the rest of her studies at Sussex University. Thank you for your hard work Miss Green.

Upcoming Roadworks Information

We have been informed by East Sussex Highways that drainage investigation work will be carried out in Lewes Road between Monday 3rd June and Friday 14th June in the area shown below.



The road will remain open with temporary traffic signals in place between 9.30am and 4pm. Please allow extra time for your journeys to and from school during this period.

Rounders and Cricket

We have recently had great success in these two summer sports, earning an impressive third place in the Uckfield College Rounders tournament and an equally tough third place in Friday's cricket tournament at Mayfield Girls' School. In both tournaments, it was the quality of the batting performance that saw us through to these excellent results.

Year 6 French Trip

Thank you to all Parents/Carers of pupils within Year 6; for popping your child's passport and EHIC/GHIC card into the School Office in preparation for the French Trip, Wednesday 22nd May.



Don't forget to set your alarms early Wednesday morning, the coach will be leaving Blackboys promptly at 5.30am! Bon Voyage! You will be able to collect Passports, EHIC/GHIC cards post trip Thursday 23rd May from the School Office.

Scooter and Skateboard Sessions

We are always keen to encourage our pupils to be active, and to help with this, all pupils will take part in either a Key Stage 1 Scooter session or a Key Stage 2 Skateboard session next Thursday 23rd May. These sessions are entirely funded by the school, led by qualified trainers and all equipment will be provided. We are super excited for the day!

To follow this up, you may have spotted the new storage box by the main gate. In the box are some brand new scooters and skateboards, together with helmets and pads, to introduce our new 'Wheely Wednesday' initiative. Lunchtimes on Wednesdays are going to be 'wheely good fun'. It's all designed to get our pupils physically active and is funded through our school sports grant.

Years 3-6 Uckfield Primary Schools Athletics Tournament

33 children from our Years 3-6 have been invited to represent the School in a local Athletics Tournament taking place on Wednesday 05th June. We are looking forward to telling you how they get on. If your child has been invited to take part, please complete and return the consent slip as soon as possible to the School Office. If you are able to assist with lifts it would be hugely appreciated. This event takes place at local School, St Philips.

Year 6 Swimming, Term 6

During Term 6, Year 6 will be attending Swimming sessions every Monday afternoon at local Primary School, Cross-In-Hand. The letter has been sent home via bags and ParentMail email. Year 6 Parents/Carers please return the consent and information slip to the School Office at the very latest by Friday 24th May.

Term 6 Lunch Options

Upon our return to School, Monday 03rd June there will be an addition to our lunchtime options offered to the children. As well as the daily hot lunchtime meals a 'packed lunch' of a ham or cheese wrap alongside vegetable sticks and fresh fruit or the desert of the day will be available to choose from. A copy of this update on the menu choices from Chartwells is attached.

PTA Events

Please note the change of date for our upcoming Summer Fair



Summer Term is busy!

With the final term of the academic year being incredibly busy, can we urge all Parents/Carers to keep up to date with all things School via our calendar which is constantly updated on the homepage of our Blackboys School website <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/>

Please also keep a close eye on your ParentMail emails as letters are sent via this form of communication regularly.

Gold Book Awards for the week beginning 13th May

Class 1

Mabel B - for her great work in Maths using cubes to find different ways of making 10.
Leon G - for working much faster and working independently with his writing.
Florence D - for her great work in RE talking about the features of a church and a mosque.

Class 2

Class 2 pupils were on their school trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre on Friday.

Class 3

Heidi C - for being a very motivated learner and for her great ideas when using personification.
Florence R - for her excellent personification work!
Poppy W - for her brilliant innovat-ed poetry and for working well in a team.

Class 4

Barnaby B - for showing great enthusiasm and passion for his Odysseus narrative.
Jacob C - for showing good knowledge of the geography of Greece.
Bolton R - for showing great perseverance with his Greek pot.

Class 5

Harrison B - for his incredibly impressive piano playing yesterday!
Tilly C - for consistently impressing Mrs Riley with her excellent effort.
Milly M - for the continued effort she puts into her spelling.

ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

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| MONDAY 20TH | YEAR 6 TO HAND INTO THE OFFICE - PASSPORTS AND/OR EHIC/GHIC CARDS IN PREPARATION OF TRIP TO FRANCE SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM |
| WEDNESDAY 22ND | YEAR 6 FEDERATION FRENCH TRIP 5.30AM - 7.15/7.30PM ADULTS NETBALL - SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM |
| THURSDAY 23RD | YEAR 6 PUPILS PARENTS/CARERS TO COLLECT EHIC/GHIC AND/OR PASSPORT FROM THE FRENCH TRIP FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE RETURN OF SELECTED PUPILS ATHLETICS CONSENT SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. CLASS 4 LED ACT OF WORSHIP - SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM |
| FRIDAY 24TH | LAST DAY OF TERM 5 PARENTMAIL EMAIL TO BE SENT TO UN/SUCCESSFUL PUPILS PLACES IN NEXT TERMS AFTER SCHOOL WEDNESDAY ARCHAEOLOGY CLUB YEAR 6 RETURNS OF SWIMMING TERM 6 CONSENT SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE 10 YEAR 2 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 27TH | BANK HOLIDAY |
| TUESDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 31ST | MAY HALF TERM |
| TUESDAY 28TH | MISS ZARA HOLIDAY DANCE CLUB 10AM-3PM |
| THURSDAY 30TH - FRIDAY 31ST | MAY HALF TERM ARCHEOLOGY CLUB 10AM - 3PM DAILY |
| JUNE | |
| MONDAY 3RD - FRIDAY 14TH | ROADWORKS ON LEWES ROAD |
| MONDAY 3RD | START OF TERM 6 PACKED LUNCH 'WRAP' OPTION AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH VIA CHARTWELLS, KITCHEN. TERM 6 ONLY. SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM YEAR 6 SWIMMING CROSS IN HAND 1.45-3.15PM |
| WEDNESDAY 5TH | YEAR 6 RETURN OF SAFETY IN ACTION CONSENT SLIPS KS2 ATHLETICS AFTERNOON @ ST PHILIPS 12.15-3PM |
| THURSDAY 6TH | SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM |
| FRIDAY 7TH | YEAR R SEPTEMBER '24 STARTERS TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM CLASS 3 BRANCHING OUT CLASS TRIP 9.30AM-3PM PTA BINGO & BUBBLES NIGHT! 7-10.30PM |
| MONDAY 10TH | SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM YEAR 6 SWIMMING CROSS IN HAND 1.45-3.15PM |
| TUESDAY 11TH | STOOLBALL FESTIVAL @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5.15PM |
| WEDNESDAY 12TH | YEAR R SEPTEMBER '24 STARTERS TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM YEAR 6 TO BOWLES - SAFETY IN ACTION. 9.30-11.30AM |

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