



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2024

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the final newsletter of Term 1. This term has been a record 8 weeks long and has certainly tested our Christian Value of Perseverance! However it was great to end the term with Parent Consultations. There was a really positive atmosphere in the hall and classrooms over the two sessions, with lots of discussions around progress, happiness and being the best we can be. Parents should now receive a copy of their child's report card which highlights strengths and areas of development. It would be good to review these short reports prior to the start of term 2.

Our new Music Room, Page's Cabin, has now been built. Electricity was added this week and over the half term, it will be painted. A school family have kindly offered to add carpet, and we hope to be completely up and running soon after the half term break.

We enjoy supporting Children in Need every year. On Friday 15th November, we will be holding our traditional 'Crazy Catwalk'. Children are invited to bring a 'crazy fancy dress outfit' to change into for our crazy

catwalk showcase in the afternoon. We will set up our catwalk for the children who wish to, to walk along. School Council will have some prizes for the craziest and wackiest outfits, but most importantly, with each catwalker donating £1 to walk, we will raise vital funds for this popular charity. It will be a good fun afternoon.

We love hearing about children's successes out of school, and perfectly in keeping with our Christian Value of the term, Perseverance, we were thrilled to hear about Evie and Lyla's 5km run for Great Ormond Street. The girls earned a super amount of sponsor money and dug deep for their run. Great job girls.



## Whole School Attendance

Here at Blackboys we want every child to reach the highest standards of which they are capable. To give children the best possible chance of doing that, regular attendance at school is vital. Our target is for every child to attend School every day of the School year. The current percentages for the year groups are as follows:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.3%	98.4%	99.5%	99.3%	98.3%	98.6%	95.8%

### Reminder No Netball Club 14/11/24



There will be NO after school netball club taking place Thursday 14th November. The club will recommence the following week as normal.

### Tempest School Photographer

On the first day back following the mid-term break, Monday 04th November, 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.

### 'Love in a Box, Mustard Seed Relief Mission'

Yearly, as a School, we support local charity Mustard Seed Relief Mission via 'Love in a Box'. For over 30 years Mustard Seed Relief Missions have been sending gifts to children, orphans and their families in Eastern Europe in the form of 'Love in a Box'.

We are sending home today via your child's bag a leaflet which details further information and how to fill a shoebox. Filled and decorated shoe boxes are to be returned to the School Office, Wednesday 13th November (**not before please, as we don't have the storage facilities**). There is a small donation also required for each shoebox, please remember to add this to the box in the return envelope which needs to be assigned to your donation.

### KS1 After School Football Club, Wednesdays

As previously communicated we say a fond farewell to All Star Soccer Academy, After School Football Club which took place on a Wednesday after School. We thank them for their time spent with us through the years.

We are delighted that Mr James, TA will be leading a KS1 after school football club for Term 2, taking place on a Wednesday weekly 3.15-4.15pm The club will be limited to 12 and to secure your child's place please email office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk and we shall be in touch following mid term break. Please entitle the email subject line as KS1 After School Football Club.

**PTA  
Christmas  
Fair**

Once we return from the October mid term break, we shall be looking towards the festive period!

If you haven't already please add Saturday 07th December to your diaries, midday-2.30pm for the Fair.

There is a PTA Christmas Fair meeting to take place at the Blackboys Inn on Thursday 07th November, 7pm. All are very welcome to attend, the more ideas the better the fair!

**Miss Zara, Tuesday Dance Club, Term 2**

In the last newsletter we informed you about a new club for Term 2 with Miss Zara taking place Tuesdays, weekly 3.15-4pm. The club starts 05/11/24 running for 6 sessions with the last club taking place Tuesday 10th December.

To secure your child's place please follow the link to Miss Zara's new booking system <https://app.classmanager.com/portal/zara-breeze/enrolment/classes/term-2-blackboys-school-dance-club> where you will need to create a customer portal.

**Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '25**

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 **Thursday 31st October 2024.**



**Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 21st October**

**Class 1**

Hazel MC - for her great work in art. Very detailed drawing and painting.  
Lexi LB - for working hard in phonics, always being ready to learn and great listening.  
Olivia W - for her lovely work in RE, talking all about the different groups she belongs to.

**Class 2**

Alfie S - for making a big effort to be more independent since parents evening.  
Callum S - for working hard on his pre-cursive handwriting.  
Florence D - for some great ideas when writing about 'The Deserted House' poem.

**Class 3**

Fletcher J - for using his home learning in History lessons to create an advert for recruiting Roman soldiers.  
Faith C - for her creative response in RE, responding to the question 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?'.  
Rae M - for her super perseverance using column method in Maths.

**Class 4**

Jonah B - for some great futuristic artwork - Miss Butler and Mrs Hall are very impressed!  
Poppy W - for a real improvement to her attitude and speed this term, which has paid off with her writing!  
Izzy M - for setting a great example for others and helping when people are stuck.

**Class 5**

Harrison B - for his excellent work with his writing this week.  
Max D - for continuing to work hard on his spellings each week.  
Ida B - for her impressive concept map in RE.

**ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25**

LAST DAY OF TERM 1  
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED  
BLACKBOYS BABIES GROUP, SCHOOL HALL, 2-3PM  
PTA FALL BALL. TICKETS £3 A PUPIL. 5.30-7PM

**OCTOBER HALF TERM**

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPT '25 PLACES (YR6-7 END OF PRIMARY PHASE TRANSFER)

HALF TERM DIG CLUB AT SCHOOL RUN BY ARCHAEODISCOVERY

FRIDAY 25TH

MONDAY 28TH -  
FRIDAY 1ST  
NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 31ST

THURSDAY 31ST -  
FRIDAY 1ST  
NOVEMBER

**NOVEMBER**

MONDAY 4TH

TUESDAY 5TH

THURSDAY 7TH

FRIDAY 8TH

MONDAY 11TH -  
SUNDAY 17TH

MONDAY 11TH

TUESDAY 12TH

WEDNESDAY 13TH

THURSDAY 14TH

FRIDAY 15TH

MONDAY 18TH

THURSDAY 21ST

FRIDAY 22ND

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. 8.40-11.40AM  
CLASS 4/5 RECORDERS IN SCHOOL FOR USE FROM TODAY  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

BLUE, GREEN & YELLOW HOUSE CAN WEAR HOME CLOTHES TO SCHOOL DAY!

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING - BLACKBOYS INN 7-8PM

SEN TEA AND TALK IN THE HALL 2.15-3PM

NATIONAL MATHS WEEK - ENGLAND

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

SELECTED YEAR 5 & 6 CHILDREN TO AN A.I.M. HIGH MATHS DAY AT HELLINGLY PRIMARY, NORTH STREET, HAILSHAM, BN27 4DS

RETURN OF FILLED LOVE IN BOXES TO THE SCHOOL RECEPTION AREA  
QUALIFYING CROSS COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS BEACON CROWBOROUGH - PARENTS/CARERS TO TAKE THEIR CHILD/REN DIRECTLY TO EVENT (EVENT STARTS AT 12.30) PUPILS CAN GO HOME AFTER EVENT

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
NO NETBALL CLUB THIS WEEK

CRAZY CATWALK IN AID OF CHILDREN IN NEED  
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

10 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.

**24/25 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 24/25.

You can click through week by week to see what is planned.

**Inset Days 24 25:**

\*Monday 24th February 2025\*

\*Monday 21st July 2025\* \*Tuesday 22nd July 2025\*