



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 04th April 2025

Christian Value for Term : RESPECT

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable term 4 and we have started to enjoy some good weather at last. The children have had great fun playing on the school field and utilising the extra space. Children will head off for the Easter break with a super little Easter Book donated to us by our friends at New Life Church, Blackboys.

Mrs Sheffield

Wednesday 2nd April was Mrs Sheffield's final day as our office manager before moving to her new Wednesday role which is more strategic. Mrs Sheffield has been 'front of house' for 13 years, providing a wealth of knowledge, help and reassurance to parents, children and visitors alike. Still a massively important part of our team, we will get used to seeing a little less of Mrs Sheffield and I am delighted with how everyone has made Mrs Underwood so welcome as she picks up the baton of the school office. Thank you Mrs Sheffield for your amazing service.

Mr Lyons

Although much of his work is behind the scenes, our caretaker Mr Lyons has been a vital cog in the Blackboys machine for some time. Sadly Mr Lyons will be leaving us in term 5 to pursue some new life aims and ambitions. We will say a school goodbye to Mr Lyons in term 5 and thank him for his work. This though creates a new opportunity and I welcome any informal discussions at

this stage with parents, villagers or friends of the school who would be interested in a caretaker role. The part time hours work well around existing work and the flexibility the role offers is appealing. Should you know of someone who would be keen to explore this highly fulfilling role contact head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk in the first instance.

Health and Attendance Matters

There has been a small rise in illnesses such as Norovirus in the community of late and parents should also be aware of the prevalence of worms in primary age children. It is something worth being cautious about.

Leadership update

As you will be aware, Framfield School currently have an interim Headteacher. Our Federation Governors have already explored several options and are working hard to ensure that any strategic decision is in the best interests of the children across our Federation.

At this stage, the Governors are not able to provide a firm update for Framfield leadership from September onwards but are committed to finding the right solution for our schools, for our children and for our staff and will write again to update you with progress as soon as they can.

Happy Easter.

Return to School post Easter

The return to School letter shall be sent out during the first week back following the Easter break alongside the Summer term clubs choices.

KS2 Sports Cool, MultiSkills Club will take place on a Tuesday after school from 3.15-4.15pm and information relating to the sign up process has already been sent out via ParentMail email. This club will commence on the first day back, Tuesday 22nd April.

Year R September '25 starters

We shall return to School following the Easter Break on Tuesday 22nd April. During the Easter break, Wednesday 16th April, Parents/ Carers of Year R September '25 starters will be notified of their child's allocation of primary School and we are looking forward to welcoming new families and pupils to our School community.

Forest School, Summer Term

The rota's for Class 1 (Mondays weekly) and Class 2 (Thursdays weekly) have been sent out via ParentMail email and book bags. These sessions will commence during the first week back following the Easter break. Please refer to the rota to see which sessions your child will need to bring in their Forest School clothing and footwear.

Class 2 Parents/Carers please note the sessions can only take place 'off site' with the assistance of a Parent/Carer volunteers each week. There is a sign up sheet for the sessions on the door to the School Office. Please pop in to add your name to sessions you can help with or email your preferred date to assist to office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk and the office staff will add your name.

Summer Uniform

Following Easter break children are welcome to start wearing their summer uniforms. Please remember to label all clothing your child brings to school as they are more likely to remove cardigans/jumpers in the warm weather.

During terms 5 & 6 we expect the children to also be in summer PE kit (shorts and t shirt). Please remember your child will need to bring their PE kit back to school on the first day back, Tuesday 22nd April.

Phonics Workshop

Parents/Carers there will be a Phonics workshop taking place in the School Hall on Friday 25th April at 9.05am. Information has been sent out via ParentMail email directly to all relevant families. Mrs Sullivan looks forward to welcoming you there!

PTA Spring Clean Tidy Up

Each year super volunteers from our school community come together to 'blitz' our school grounds ready for summer. We have a variety of tidy up jobs around the site and would love to see families come and help. Please bring gardening tools and a positive energy. This year our tidy up is on Sunday 27th April between 2 and 4pm.

Parking

Once again we have received notice from residents about anti social and dangerous parking. Please do not park across people's driveways. Should you do this and be approached by a resident, please apologise and move your car. Dangerous parking, such as the photo where the back of a car is overhanging the main road, is a real concern because sadly it will be one of our children who are most likely to suffer accident or resulting injury. Please be safe.



Gold Book Awards for week beginning 24th March

Class 1

Lexi LB - for her great work in RE, using the Easter garden she built to re-tell the story.
Darcy R - for the amazing progress she is making with her reading. Fantastic at reading high frequency words.
Rafe S - for working hard in guided reading and trying his best to answer the questions.

Class 2

Florence D - for some really great ideas in her story and using some great vocabulary.
Reuben B - for doing well with his spellings when working with Mrs Hall.
Luka D - for being really accurate when aiming at targets in PE.

Class 3

Fred B - for his excellent leadership skills in dodgeball, communicating with his team and showing fellowship.
Faith C - for her positive attitude towards her fraction work.
Ariana C - for her imagery writing to describe Ancient Egypt.

Class 4

Benjy C - for doing a great job with cross country, really demonstrating perseverance!
Missy-Rose R - for learning her lines for our class assembly and speaking confidently and clearly.
Sophie C - for becoming a great 'Agony Aunt' in RE, responding to people's problems in role as a Christian and a Humanist.

Class 5

Max D - for continued excellent effort in Reading.
Bea B - for doing a great job in cross country this week.
Jacob C - for excellent recall of French body part words.

ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25

APRIL

7TH - 21ST
MONDAY 7TH
TUESDAY 15TH
WEDNESDAY 16TH
TUESDAY 22ND
THURSDAY 24TH
FRIDAY 25TH
SUNDAY 27TH
MONDAY 28TH-
FRIDAY 2ND MAY
MONDAY 28TH
TUESDAY 29TH
WEDNESDAY 30TH

MAY

THURSDAY 1ST
FRIDAY 2ND
MONDAY 5TH
WEDNESDAY 7TH
THURSDAY 8TH
FRIDAY 9TH
MONDAY 12TH-
THURSDAY 15TH
MONDAY 12TH
WEDNESDAY 14TH
THURSDAY 15TH
MONDAY 19TH

EASTER HOLIDAYS

MISS ZARA EASTER HOLIDAY DANCE CLUB 9.30AM-3.30PM
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YEAR R NATIONAL OFFER DAY FOR PLACES IN SEPT YR R 2025
FIRST DAY OF TERM 5
SUMMER CLUBS CHOICES AND WELCOME BACK LETTER DISTRIBUTED
CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
PHONICS SCREENING YR 1 & INVITED YR2 PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP IN THE SCHOOL HALL WITH MRS SULLIVAN 9.05-9.30AM
BLACKBOYS BABIES GROUP, SCHOOL HALL 2-3PM
PTA SPRING TIDY UP AT SCHOOL - VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED! 2-4PM
RETURN OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
CREATE MUSIC - PARENT/PUPIL MEETING - CLASS 2 FOR KEEN VIOLINISTS FOLLOWING ASSEMBLY HELD ON THE 24TH APRIL 3.20-3.40PM
CLASS 1 PLANNING MEETING - CLASS 1, 2.45-3.15PM
CLASS 2 PLANNING MEETING - CLASS 2, 2.45-3.15PM
SELECTED PUPILS YR 5/6 HOCKEY FESTIVAL UCKFIELD COLLEGE (3G) 3.45-5PM
YR 5 PLAYGROUND LEADERS UCKFIELD COLLEGE (SPORTSHALL) - START TIME 1PM FINISH TIME 3PM

CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

SEN TEA AND TALK @ BLACKBOYS WITH KERRY GRINDEL. 2.15-3PM

BANK HOLIDAY

SELECTED PUPILS YR 3/4 TENNIS FESTIVAL VICTORIA RECREATION GROUND, UCKFIELD (START TIME 1PM) 1-3PM
CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
KS2 SATS TESTS WEEK
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
DEADLINE FOR APPEALS TO BE LOGGED FOR A PLACE WITHIN YR R SEPT '25
CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

24/25 Dates for your diary

If you take a look at the homepage of our Blackboys website, you will find that 'main' School events like Year 6 Summer events, Sports Day(s) and end of School Performances are detailed within.
You can click through week by week to see what is planned.

Inset Days 24 25:

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

Uckfield Theatre Guild

Presents...

An Amateur production by arrangement with
The Really Useful Group Ltd.,



Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Lyrics by Tim Rice Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Thursday 29th May 7pm, Friday 30th May 7pm

Saturday 31st May 1pm & 7pm

(Bar opens 1 hour before the show)

Tickets £16

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