



Friday 23rd January 2020

# Blackboys Newsletter

Christian Value for Term : Courage

## Christian Value of the Term: Courage

This term, we are focusing on the Christian value of courage. At our school, we believe that courage is about more than bravery—it is about having the strength to do what is right, even when it feels difficult or uncomfortable.

In the Bible, there are many examples of courage, from David facing Goliath to Jesus showing compassion and love in the face of challenge. We encourage all our super children to reflect on how they can show courage in their words and actions. We look forward to celebrating acts of courage together in assemblies and through our work in the classroom!

## TT Rockstar and NumBot Day

A dark and wet day outside, but full of joy and sunshine inside Blackboys School. It was great to give these two valuable maths learning platforms a real boost today. The children (and staff!) have enjoyed getting dressed up and engaging in different activities during the day. Thank you to parents for your support.

## Governor News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Philippa Field to the governing board. Two of Philippa's children previously attended Blackboys, and she will be a familiar face to many of our children having been a volunteer reader for several years. We also wish our Clerk, Phil Wilmowski a grateful and fond

farewell. Phil has served in his role as clerk for 20 years! We wish him all the best.

We extend a warm welcome to our new clerk to the governors, Rebecca Miller.

Governors have been busy. The second full governing board meeting of the year took place before Christmas, as did a finance meeting. Monitoring visits have taken place in Phonics and guided reading, RE, safeguarding, Music, History, Geography and Writing, with further visits coming up.

As ever, it's been a delight to see Blackboys children being the best they can be, thoroughly engaged in purposeful learning. We are excited to see them flourishing as the year progresses.

## Prayer Post Box

New Life Church, who meet at school, would love to offer to pray for anyone who would appreciate it. The school has kindly situated a prayer box near the main Office for this purpose. There will be cards and pens and you can pop in and request at any time. You can keep the prayer request private but if you mention any names - it will still stay confidential to the prayer group. The prayer box is available to pupils, as well as parents and friends of the school.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4 v 6

**Spring Term Parent Consultations—Mon 9th and Wed 11th February**  
As per the letter sent via ParentMail earlier this week, this term will see our Spring Term Parent Consultations taking place. Each parent/carer will be offered the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. To secure your appointment please refer to the letter sent out.

**Due to the consultation evening, please remember there will be NO after school football club taking place on Monday 09th February.**

**All other clubs as well as wrap around care continue to take place.**

## **Wrap Around Care**

We are thrilled that our wrap around care provision continues to be well used by Parents/Carers. Currently, most days we are at capacity for After School Club and this has been the case for most of this term. Breakfast Club is also becoming increasingly popular.

**We have to therefore be strict on the 24 hours notice we require when booking in to the club. There may well be no available space.**

Please also remember should you not require a place at a wrap around care session to cancel your child's booking ASAP. This will allow us to offer the place to someone who needs it. We reserve the right to charge for bookings which aren't cancelled.

Our best advice is to book places as far in advance as possible. We would also like to remind parents that **After School Club is primarily to support parents who need childcare for work or training**. Wrap around care is not a lifestyle choice, handy convenience or a playdate provider. It would not be in keeping with the aims of our wrap around care if someone who needs it for work or training can't book a space because parents have filled spaces for convenient extra-curricular club pick ups!

## **Class Led Acts of Worship, Spring Term 3**

Class 5 will lead the act of worship on Thursday 29th January. Class 2 will lead the act of worship on Thursday 5th February. Both at 09.05am in the school hall.

## **School Council Sponsored Walk/Run**

The School Council would like to invite children to take part in a sponsored walk/run to raise money for their chosen charity this term, The British Heart Foundation. Children will run/walk 5 laps around the school playground on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February in the afternoon. Please complete the form attached and return to the school office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February along with any money raised.

**\*NEW\* After-School Lego Club Wednesdays in Term Time 4-5.30pm at The Orange Toolbox Community Hub, Brownings Farm Workshops, Blackboys.**

The first session is free and then costs £5/session after that. For further details, please contact Ben at: [contact@theorangetoolbox.co.uk](mailto:contact@theorangetoolbox.co.uk)  
Mr Sullivan visited The Orange Toolbox Community Hub recently and was impressed by their facilities and aims to provide children with practical, vocational skills.

## Red Butler Music School

Alex from Red Butler Music School visited us in week 1 and gave the children a guitar and ukulele demo in assembly which everyone enjoyed. If your child is interested in learning the guitar at school please pick up a Red Butler flyer from the school office.

## February Half Term Clubs

We have lots of clubs on offer at Blackboys this February half term. See below and the flyers attached. All clubs to be booked direct with the organisers.

### Half Term Dance Club—Mon 16th February

Dance, sing and act in a day inspired by the film Zootropolis 2! The day also includes arts and crafts, games and a short performance to parents at 2.50pm.

Book via the link below:

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/zara-breeze/enrolment/classes/february-half-term-1-zootropolis-2-inspired-workshop>

Early bird Price of £30 for those who pay by 30th January.

### Half Term Dig

Over half term [Archaeodiscovery](#) will run a two-day archaeology school at Blackboys for children aged 7-12 yrs. Participants will work with experienced professional archaeologists, DIGGING, MAKING and DOING.

DAY 1 - Thursday 19th February, 10am-3pm - explore Ancient Greece.  
DAY 2 - Friday 20th February, 10am-3pm - explore Ancient Maya.

£45 per child per day. Please complete the [registration form](#) and follow the link for various booking options.

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 19th January

### Class 1

Edith C - for trying really hard with her Maths and recognising her teen numbers.

Nola P - for trying so hard to blend her letters for reading words and for having a go at writing.

Tyan M - for drawing a fabulous rocket with lots of detail.

### Class 2

Mila C - for working really hard on writing her story this week.

Benji D - for being a great buddy to Penny in computing this week.

Mabel C - for doing so well with her Phonics recently and becoming such a good reader.

### Class 3

Ella S - for all her hard work with division.

Hayley Y - for her excellent letter of complaint.

Erin G - for always working hard and having a go.

### Class 4

Charles D - for making it to 'Rock Hero' on TT Rockstars! (under 1 second)

James V - for improved focus on his writing, really slowing down to work on accuracy.

Fleur P - for a lot of hard work with fractions this term.

### Class 5

Astrid G - for some well-presented work in Geography.

Freya C - for great descriptive writing.

Jonah B - for a well thought out prayer in RE.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

### JANUARY

MONDAY 26TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 27TH

SELECTED YR 3 PUPILS PERSONAL BEST FESTIVAL UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3.45-5PM

WEDNESDAY 28TH

CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

SELECTED YR 5 & 6 PUPILS SWIMMING GALA - FREEDOM LEISURE POOL 1-3.15PM

THURSDAY 29TH

CLASS 5 LED ASSEMBLY - ALL WELCOME 9:05-9.30AM

FRIDAY 30TH

BLACKBOYS BABIES 2-3PM STAY AND PLAY IN THE HALL. 2-3PM

### FEBRUARY

MONDAY 2ND

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 3RD

SELECTED PUPILS YEAR 3/4 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION UCKFIELD COLLEGE, BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-4.45PM

WEDNESDAY 4TH

CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

THURSDAY 5TH

CLASS 2 LED ASSEMBLY - ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM

FRIDAY 6TH

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED  
10 X YEAR 4 PUPILS READING TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' GROUP HEATHFIELD 1.15-3.15PM

PARENT/CARER TEA & TALK IN THE HALL - Online Safety in a Digital World - ALL WELCOME 1.45-3PM

MONDAY 9TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM  
NO KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB THIS WEEK DUE TO PARENTS EVENING  
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING 3.30-6PM

TUESDAY 10TH

WHOLE SCHOOL SAFER INTERNET DAY  
CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM  
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING 5-7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 11TH

FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM  
SELECTED YEAR 3/4 PUPILS NETBALL TOURNAMENT AT SKIPPER'S HILL  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL 1.45-4.15PM

FRIDAY 13TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

16TH - 20TH

FEBRUARY HALF TERM  
START OF TERM 4  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

MONDAY 23RD

CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH

CLASS 3 ANCIENT EGYPT WORKSHOP AND TRIP TO BRIGHTON  
MUSEUM 9.30AM - 3.15PM

THURSDAY 26TH

YR 6 HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT TRIP 8AM - 8.30PM  
BLACKBOYS BABIES 2-3PM STAY AND PLAY IN THE HALL. 2-3PM

### 25/26 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, Sports Day and even the end of year Whole School Performance dates are already confirmed for 25/26.

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

### Inset Days 25 26:

\*Monday 13th April 2026\*

\*Monday 1st June 2026 \*Wednesday 22nd July 2026\*

The School Council would like to invite children to take part in a sponsored walk/run to raise money for The British Heart Foundation. The children will run/walk 5 laps around the school playground on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in the afternoon. Please complete the form below and return to the school office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February along with any money raised.



# MULTI-SPORTS

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM

**SPORTS + GLOW DODGEBALL + NERF + ARCHERY TARGETS + LOTS MORE**

Give your child an active, fun-filled holiday with our exciting camps, offering a wide range of structured and engaging physical activities.



**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
08:30am - 16:30pm



**BLACKBOYS C OF E  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SCAN  
ME!**



**EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNT**

Book by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
for an extra 10% off bookings



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# THE GLOW CLUB

Mini Glam & Creative Club

DBS Checked Staff

Fun and enjoyable pamper treatments

Safe, age-appropriate activities



**Ages: 5-11 years**

**2:00pm-5:00pm**  
20th February 2026

Get ready for an Afternoon of mini manicures, creative crafts, and all things glam at The Glow Club - Mini Glam & Creative Club!

**Book Online Now**





Blackboys  
School



Monday  
16th  
February

10-3pm

The Disney Zootropolis logo, featuring the word 'ZOOTROPOLIS' in large green letters with a blue outline, and a smaller 'Disney' logo above it.



# FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP



**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**BLACKBOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
TN22 5LL**

**⌚ 9AM - 3PM**

**⚽ AGES 5-12**

**£30**

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CLICK  
THE LINK IN OUR BIO**

**VIA FACEBOOK / INSTAGRAM**

**OR EMAIL US AT**

**TotalPerformanceFootball@outlook.com**