



Friday 06th February 2016

# Blackboys Newsletter

Christian Value for Term : Courage

Dear Parents / Carers,  
This is our final newsletter for term 3.

## Swimming Success

With the amount of rain we have had recently, it seems appropriate that we had a recent sporting success in the swimming pool! Our team of year 6 swimmers earned an impressive 4th place in the Uckfield College organised gala, with some excellent personal performances. Led by keen club swimmer and future channel swimmer Oliver, the team demonstrated that true Blackboys competitive spirit. Thank you to Mrs Harper for taking the team.

## Research Project

Members of year 5 and 6 had the chance, this week, to take part in a scientific research project as part of a study by the University of Surrey. Researcher Emma Aitken kindly emailed the school office to say "I just wanted to say a massive thank you for participating and making me feel so welcome on Monday. In total, 14 children took part which is such an amazing turnout! They were all lovely to work with and engaged with the activities very well - and on top of that, they were all so kind and respectful!"

## Parent Consultations

At Blackboys School we strive that every child achieves their very best with appropriate encouragement and aspiration. As we approach parent consultations, we encourage you to have positive and constructive discussions with both your child/ren and your child's teacher about their progress, strengths, and next steps.

Setting high expectations helps children develop confidence, resilience, and a love for learning.

When talking to your child about school, celebrate their achievements and encourage them to reflect on areas for improvement. Ask open-ended questions like, "What are you most proud of?" and "What would you like to get even better at?"

Together, we create a culture of aspiration and success, helping every child to reach their full potential.

Class teachers will also share your child's attendance record.

At Blackboys the average attendance is 97.5%. We all understand children get poorly; the figure of 97.5% can help parents and staff spot whether attendance might be having an impact on how they are achieving at school.

We look forward to seeing you at parent consultations!

## Spring Term Parent Consultations

Next week the Spring Term Parent Consultations will take place. Each Parent/Carer has been offered the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. If you are yet to secure your appointment please refer to the letter sent out via ParentMail email.

Due to the consultation evening, please remember there will be **NO after school football club**

taking place next **Monday, 09th February**. All other clubs, as well as wrap around care, continue as normal.

Please note there is no availability (unless already booked) for next week's After School Club Monday and Wednesday sessions.

Upon arrival to the hall before your appointment you will be given a copy of your child's 'Data Collection' sheet. This details information including address and contact details for your child and family. It is vital that this is checked, amended as required and returned, either to the boxes which will be situated in the hall or to the School Office in the following days post Parents Evening.

**Please note there is no Netball Club for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils on Thursday 12th February due to a netball tournament taking place at Skippers Hill for Year 3 and 4 players.**

## Year 6, London/Houses of Parliament Trip

Following the mid term break our Year 6s will be embarking upon their hugely anticipated trip to London and the Houses of Parliament. Year 6 Parents/Carers please refer to the letter sent out regarding the day's itinerary especially drop off and collection times etc.



## School Ties

As part of the KS2 School Uniform, ties must be worn by all pupils in Years 3 to 6. Please ensure children come to School wearing their ties. A number have been borrowed from the School Office and not returned. Please have a search at home and be sure to return any ties that have been borrowed. Our emergency supply has depleted! Should you need to order more, our supplier, Signosaurus, now stock two different sizes: <https://www.signosaurus.co.uk/product-page/blackboys-primary-school-tie>

## World Book Day (WBD) Thursday 5th March



With WBD fast approaching, we'd like to share the exciting events we have planned. On Monday 2nd March, we welcome parent, Mrs Neilson, to lead a dance workshop for each class based on the story of Beauty and the Beast.

On Thursday 5th March, the children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

In the evening, 5.30-6.30pm, the children are invited back to school for a bedtime story with their friends. For this fun event, pupils come back to school in their PJs, dressing gowns, onesies and slippers and enjoy 'bedtime stories' with members of staff. They will have a hot chocolate and a cookie to power them through a happy hour of story telling.

On Friday 6th March, 2.40pm we invite KS1 parents to a popular Reading Café to share some books with their children.

Finally, on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair again.

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 2nd February

### Class 1

Eliza C - for her fantastic reading in our guided reading sessions; she was able to answer lots of questions about the story.  
Alfie H - for his great work in RE, talking about how a baby is welcomed into God's family.  
Rafe S - for trying really hard to learn his number bonds to 10.

### Class 2

William S - for stepping in at the last minute to conduct our rainforest orchestra in our class assembly and doing a brilliant job.  
Autumn W - for making a big effort with her sentence construction.  
Scarlett H - for doing her reasoning so well in Maths.

### Class 3

Molly W - for all her hard work in Maths using money.  
Merryn B - for her great History knowledge about hieroglyphics and the Rosetta Stone.  
Ruby B - for excellent summary writing about the story of Flat Stanley.

### Class 4

Jesse S - for great effort in English lessons and really improving his creativity and sentence structure!  
April M - for working hard with fractions and taking her end of unit assessment very seriously!  
Ginny L - for great work in both Geography and RE yesterday afternoon.

### Class 5

Hugo B - for continuing his excellent work in Maths.  
Izzy M - for showing great perseverance in English.  
Oliver I - for excellent work in subjects like Science and RE.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

### FEBRUARY

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  
YR5/6 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION UCKFIELD COLLEGE,  
BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-4.45PM

WEDNESDAY 11TH

CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM  
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING 5-7.30PM

THURSDAY 12TH

FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM  
SELECTED YEAR 3/4 PUPILS NETBALL TOURNAMENT AT SKIPPERS HILL  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL 1.45-4.15PM  
NO NETBALL CLUB THIS WEEK DUE TO ABOVE TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 13TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

16TH - 20TH

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM

MONDAY 16TH

MISS ZARA DANCE WORKSHOP

17TH - 20TH

BRIGHT SPARKS SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY/HOLIDAY CLUB

19TH-20TH

HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL

MONDAY 23RD

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

TUESDAY 24TH

YR5/6 NETBALL A UCKFIELD COLLEGE MUGA 3.45 - 5.15PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH

CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

THURSDAY 26TH

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

FRIDAY 27TH

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

### MARCH

MONDAY 2ND

PARENTS OF YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL ALLOCATION INFORMED VIA ESCC  
WORLD BOOK DAY STORY DANCE WORKSHOPS  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

TUESDAY 3RD

SCHOOL NURSE TEAM - NCMP AND VISION SCREENING FOR YR R  
YR5/6 NETBALL B UCKFIELD COLLEGE MUGA 3.45 - 5.15PM

WEDNESDAY 4TH

CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

THURSDAY 5TH

WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!  
BEDTIME AT BLACKBOYS 5.30-6.30PM

FRIDAY 6TH

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED  
READING CAFE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN KS1 TO CELEBRATE  
WORLD BOOK DAY. IN THE SCHOOL HALL. 2.40-3.10PM

### 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\*



# We're celebrating World Book Day & you're invited!

**When:**

Monday 2nd March -  
Tuesday 24th March

**Where:**

Blackboys CE  
Primary School

**How we're celebrating:**

Monday 2nd: Beauty & the Beast  
Dance Workshop for all classes!

Thursday 5th: Children welcome to  
come to school dressed as their  
favourite book character and  
invited to return to school for a  
5.30-6.30pm bedtime story session  
with their friends.

Friday 6th: Reading Café for KS1  
parents/carers and their child(ren)  
at 2.40pm.

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th: We  
are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair!

**Contact:**

Mrs Sullivan  
Reading Lead

Sponsored by



**The reading for fun charity**

World Book Day® is a registered charity (no. 1079257) and registered company (no. 03783095) in the UK.  
World Book Day and the associated logo are the registered trademarks of World Book Day Limited.







# Ready to go wild?

## Cubs Open Evening

Tues 10th February  
6.30pm to 7.45pm  
Scout Hut

#SkillsForLife

Aged between 8 and 10½? Looking for new adventures, fun and friends? Thinking about the next step after Beavers?

In Cubs, everyone's welcome. Every week we play games, learn skills, earn badges and yes, even eat a marshmallow or two.

From archery and fire-lighting to map reading and coding, no two weeks are the same.

Sound good? – come along to our **Cub Scouts Taster Evening** (kids 7½ years upwards). Kids can have fun trying out activities / games. For parents / guardians – a chance to come and find out more, talk to the leaders.

### Register for the open evening:

1. Scan the QR code & complete form; or
2. Email: [waitinglist@4thuckfield.org](mailto:waitinglist@4thuckfield.org)

**cubs**





FREE uniform  
delivery to your  
School!!

We will be  
delivering on the  
LAST Wednesday of  
every month!

[www.signosaurus.co.uk](http://www.signosaurus.co.uk)

Orders made before 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will be delivered. Orders placed after the 15<sup>th</sup> may be delivered the following month- subject to stock levels.

