



Friday 10th March 2016

Blackboys Newsletter

Christian Value for Term : Respect

Dear Parents / Carers,
This term is a short one, but we have packed it with the things that we hold dear at Blackboys. Enrichment is very important to us. We've had school trips, chess tournaments, netball matches, charity fundraising to name but a few. Added to this 'fullness of life' (John 10:10) has been assessment week, allowing staff to see what subject areas children have successfully grasped and what needs extra work. We continually strive to be a highly successful, high achieving, busy primary school of which the whole community can be proud.

Reminder! Whole School Easter Service, Tuesday 24th March, 9.00am

Our annual Easter Service will be taking place at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield next Tuesday, 24th March.



Please drop your child/children off directly to St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield on the 24th from 8.30am. Parents are welcome to stay and participate in the service. KS1 will be returning to School via a Coach following the Service. KS2 will 'hike' back to School. Packed lunches will be required! KS2 Pupils will also need to bring with them weather appropriate clothes and footwear to change in to following the Service. A bin bag (or similar) should also be brought along to sit on whilst enjoying lunch.

* REMINDER, THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST CLUB RUNNING ON 24TH MARCH*

Clubs: Last week of term

As next week is the last week of term, there will be no lunchtime or after school clubs taking place. However, wrap around care continues as normal.

Summer Term return to School and Club options

We have an INSET Day on Monday 13th April, with staff receiving specialist dyslexia training and questioning training. Children will return on Tuesday 14th April. We anticipate the 'return to School letter with Summer term club options' to be distributed within the first few days of term 5 and for clubs to start the w/c 20th April. Wraparound care (breakfast and after school) bookings will continue as normal from 14th April.

Language Choices

I sadly had to speak to class 4 and 5 last week regarding some poor language choices. We have a zero tolerance approach to swearing and a number of older children have rather let themselves down in recent weeks. I made it clear to the older pupils that they are ambassadors for our school and should be brilliant examples to our younger children.

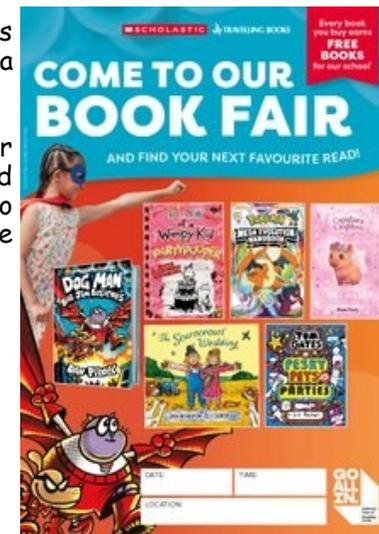
It might be sensible for parents/carers to discuss this with their children over the weekend.

Book Fair, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March, 3.15-4pm

Further to the ParentMail sent earlier this week, we look forward to hosting a Scholastic Book Fair next week.

The Book Fair will take place in Class 2 after school from 3.15-4pm on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March. You will be able to purchase from an array of exciting age appropriate books.

Purchasing a book couldn't be simpler with a variety of payment options; a QR code will be available which will take you directly to the Scholastic payment portal OR you can pre-purchase book vouchers in advance of the book fair via this link bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers OR simply by cash.



We hope to see lots of you there!

End of Term Cup Assembly

Our end of term cup assembly will be taking place in the School Hall on the last day of Spring Term, Friday 27th March at 2.15pm. Should your child be a recipient of an award which will be presented during cup assembly, a ParentMail email will be sent on Monday 23rd March informing you that this is the case, please keep this as a surprise for your child. If your child was a recipient of an award given at the end of term Autumn Cup Assembly, please return it to the School Office at the very latest by Monday 23rd March, thank you.

Return post Easter Break & Year R September '26 Primary School Allocation

We shall return to School following the Easter Break on Tuesday 14th April 2026, Monday 13th April is a pre planned Inset Day. On Thursday 16th April, Parents/Carers of Year R September '26 starters will be notified of their child's allocation of primary School and we are looking forward to welcoming new families to our School community.

Careers Fair, 1.30-3.10pm Friday 17th April

On the first Friday back post Easter break our KS2 pupils will be enjoying the opportunity to experience the Blackboys Career Fair in the school hall. Thank you to those who have offered their time to come and join the Fair to explain your career and to inspire the future generations. Should you be in a position to be able to attend and are willing to come and speak to the children about your job please make contact with Mrs Taplin or the School Office. Each volunteer will have a 'stand' (a school table) and participants are welcome to bring in any objects or equipment which help illustrate what the job entails. We hope to showcase a range of career possibilities to the children.

PTA Quiz Tonight!

We all look forward to the anticipated PTA Quiz which takes place this evening in the School Hall. Proceedings will commence at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. It would be sensible for participants to have some loose change or pound coins with them for a game!

Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society Sunflower Competition

Further to our last newsletter your child will be sent home today with some free sunflower seeds to enable them to enter the sunflower growing competition for the Framfield & Blackboys Summer Show (Saturday 15th August) should they wish to. Full details of how to enter will be up on their website soon, framfieldandblackboys-hort-soc.com/summer-show-2026. Your child will need to sow, grow and nurture the seeds, then photograph their best sunflower (ideally with them stood next to it, but not essential) and email it to terry.everitt@outlook.com by 2nd August. Don't forget to include your child's name, age and approx. height of the sunflower. Come along to the show on 15th August to see how you've got on!

Netball

Term 4 is always the term of competitive netball. Our year 3/4 and 5/6 pupils have played tournaments at Uckfield College to great success. With netball club numbering nearly 40 children Mrs Sullivan is very thankful for coach Maria Howell and volunteer parent helpers who make this thriving club so successful. Thank you.



Gold Book Awards for week beginning 16th March 2026

Class 1

Alfie H - for his lovely writing in English, sounding out and recording signs of Spring.
Nola P - for the effort she put into making her Easter garden; she was able to tell Mrs Nobes why she added a cross.
Lizzie H - for her great work in Art, making a clay hedgehog with pumpkin seed spines!

Class 2

Olivia W - for writing some good sentences in English.
Ettie T & Mila C - for making good progress in their Maths assessments.

Class 3

Florence D - for excellent progress with reading comprehension.
Maddie L - for her hard work with perimeter.
Erin G - for her diary entry as Howard Carter in History.

Class 4

Fred B - for showing a great attitude on our trip, showing positivity, curiosity and being the best he can be!
Alyla W - for really improving her volleyball skills this term.
Sorrel B - for great work in Art with her background and colour mixing practice. Mrs Taplin is looking forward to seeing the final piece!

Class 5

Hugo B - for brilliant work in his assessments.
Benjy C - for great progress in his reading assessment.
Evie B - for excellent work with her watercolour backgrounds.

ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

MARCH

16TH - 27TH	BIG WALK & WHEEL
23RD - 27TH	THERE ARE NO LUNCHTIME OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK (WRAP AROUND CARE CONTINUES TO RUN AS NORMAL)
23RD - 24TH	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN CLASS 2, 3.15-4PM
MONDAY 23RD	DEADLINE FOR CUPS/AWARDS FROM LAST CUP ASSEMBLY TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY AND PUPILS TO BE AWARDED A CUP/AWARD DURING SPRING TERM CUP ASSEMBLY PARENTS/CARERS TO BE INFORMED BY THE END OF THE DAY TODAY VIA PARENTMAIL EMAIL CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 24TH	NO BREAKFAST CLUB WHOLE SCHOOL EASTER SERVICE AT FRAMFIELD CHURCH. CHILDREN CAN BE DROPPED OFF FROM 8.30AM. SERVICE STARTS AT 9AM. KS2 TO HIKE BACK AND HAVE PACKED LUNCH, KS1 WILL GET THE COACH BACK.
WEDNESDAY 25TH	CLASS 1 TRIP TO WILDERNESS WOODS 9.15AM-2.45PM CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM YEAR 3/4 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION UCKFIELD COLLEGE BOTTOM FIELD (THIS IS THE NEW DATE AFTER BEING POSTPONED FROM 03/02) 3.45-5PM
FRIDAY 27TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 EOT CUP ASSEMBLY, SCHOOL HALL 2.15-3.15PM GATES WILL OPEN FROM 2.05PM TO ALLOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE SEATS.
MONDAY 30TH - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL	EASTER HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 30TH	MISS ZARA DANCE WORKSHOP
APRIL	
TUESDAY 7TH - FRIDAY 10TH	BRIGHT SPARKS SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY/HOLIDAY CLUB
MONDAY 13TH	INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
TUESDAY 14TH	FIRST DAY OF TERM 5
TUESDAY 14TH - WEDNESDAY 15TH	SUMMER CLUBS CHOICES AND WELCOME BACK LETTER DISTRIBUTED
THURSDAY 16TH	YEAR R, SEPT '26 - NATIONAL OFFER DAY CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 17TH	CAREERS FAIR FOR KS2 1.30-3.10PM
MONDAY 20TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 23RD	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 24TH	CLASS NEWSLETTERS TO BE SENT OUT BY PARENTMAIL 10 YEAR 4 PUPILS READING TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' GROUP HEATHFIELD CRICKET CLUB. 1.15-3.15PM BLACKBOYS BABIES 2-3PM BOOK SALE AFTER SCHOOL £1 PER BOOK - BOOKS TO BE DONATED BY PUPILS. TO BE BROUGHT IN THAT MORNING 3.15-3.45PM

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 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*

GOALKEEPING EASTER SESSION

**BLACKBOYS PRIMARY
SCHOOL
2ND APRIL
10AM TO 2PM
ALL AGES AND
ABILITIES WELCOME
£30 PER PLAYER**



**ALL ASPECTS OF GOALKEEPING COVERED
DBS CHECKED & INSURED
PLEASE EMAIL LHGOALKEEPING@GMAIL.COM TO BOOK**

