



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2016

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the final newsletter of Term 1. This term has been nearly 8 weeks long and has certainly tested our Christian Value of Perseverance!

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Parent Consultations next week, where they can look at the children's progress this term and have helpful discussions with class teachers. Parents will also receive a copy of their child's report card which highlights strengths and areas of development.

At Blackboys we focus on learning and the joy this brings. I'm sure there will be lots of good news during these consultations.

Pupil Achievement

Our 2016 pupil outcomes will soon be published on our school website. Please keep your eyes peeled on <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk>.

We are once again delighted with our outcomes. Our Reception data once more surpassed national averages, showing that our clear focus on reading, writing and maths sets the very strong foundation for future learning. Our year 1 phonics screen results put us as one of the top performing schools in East Sussex with 100% success rate.

Year 4 multiplication check and Year 6 SATS results continue to reach the high standards we expect. All our year 6 pupils reached at least the expected standard in reading and maths.

These show that Blackboys pupils leave ready for the next stage in their education. We had a large number of children exceeding the expected standards in year 6, showing that children really reach their potential. If you would like to discuss any of these results, please contact me via the school office.

Thank you to staff and pupils for 'being the best they can be'!

Children In Need

We enjoy supporting Children in Need every year. On Friday 13th November, we will be inviting children to participate in a 'Crazy Catwalk'. Please see the attached poster for further details.

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.

Prizes will be won 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.



Start of the day for Class 5

Having listened to pupil feedback, we would very much like to ease congestion in the cloakrooms in the morning after the bell rings. To that end, from Monday 2nd November we will trial Class 5 coming in through the hall side door, using a new lunchbox trolley in the hall, then heading straight upstairs to their cloakroom and classroom. The class will be supervised by Mr Boorman or Mrs Harper and we hope this growing independence will ultimately support their transition to secondary school.

KS2 Football Club

Reminder! There will be **no** football club taking place Monday 19th October as Parent Consultations will be taking place.

Class 5 Led Act of Worship

Class 5 led Act of Worship will take place on Thursday 22nd October. All welcome!

Tempest School Photographer

On the first day back following the mid-term break, Monday 02nd 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.

New KS2 Gardening Club

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand new afterschool Gardening Club! Hosted by Class 4 TA Mrs Colegate and parent Mrs Messmer; this will be a wonderfully hands-on space where KS2 children will be planting seeds, flowers, vegetables and picking their own homegrown produce. They will be learning about the environment, building using natural materials and preparing the ground.



Key Details:

When: Wednesdays 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Start Date: Wednesday 4th November

Please refer to the ParentMail sent out earlier this week for more details and info on how to register your child's interest.

Cello Lessons

Our resident cello teacher is keen to gather a few more cellists! Any school pupils from year 1 upwards showing an interest in learning a musical instrument in a kind and supportive environment are welcome. Please contact Rachel Grimes direct for more details -

rachelgrimes@icloud.com



Sporting Success

It has been a busy week for our football teams. Our year 3/4 B Team came third in their B-League tournament on Tuesday afternoon. The next day, Mrs Harper took a mixed year 5/6 team to Manor School, earning an impressive 2nd place finish.

We were thrilled that our certificates were presented by Tommy Haddon, manager of AFC Uckfield Town, who was a guest at our collective worship on Thursday morning.

PTA Fall Ball

Plans for this year's fall ball are well underway! The disco, featuring the children's favourite hits, will take place in the School Hall on Friday 23rd October, 5.30-6.30pm.

Tickets are available now:

<https://blackboyspta.sumupstore.com/>

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 5th December to your diaries, midday -2pm for the PTA Christmas Fair.



There is a PTA Christmas Fair meeting to take place at the Blackboys Inn on Wednesday 4th November, 7.30pm. All are very welcome to attend, the more ideas, the better the fair!

Flu Vaccination Reminder!

At the end of September a letter was sent home via ParentMail regarding the upcoming vaccination session on Wednesday 18th November. Please refer to the letter for further details and for the consent form link plus code required to give a YES or NO. The deadline to provide consent is 11am on 16th November.

Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '27

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 **Saturday 31st October 2026.**

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 12th October

Class 1

Billy R & Tyan M - for asking some great questions during our visit to Lewes Castle and knowing lots about the parts of a castle.
Beatrix F - for her great work in phonics - blending sounds together.

Class 2

Freddie B - for an incredible improvement in his writing.
Penny V - for some great work on ten more and ten less using a 100 square to help.
Max G - for some really thoughtful responses to questions about how Muslims think of Allah.

Class 3

Molly B, Mirabelle N & Ivy H - for writing excellent stories on 'Journey', working hard to edit and improve their writing.

Class 4

Merryn B - for always being ready to learn, with neat and tidy presentation too!
Zach J - for really trying to improve his handwriting, showing great perseverance! Keep going!
Reuben B - for working really hard with his addition in Maths, using the column method with multiple exchanges.

Class 5

Dylan C - for working hard on his spellings in his writing with Mrs Harper.
Daisy H - for excellent effort with editing and improving her writing.
Ariana C - for excelling in lots of different areas this week.

ACADEMIC YEAR 26/27

OCTOBER

MONDAY 19TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6PM
TUESDAY 20TH	YR 3/4 FOOTBALL A TEAM @ MANOR (POSTPONED FROM 06/10) 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 21ST	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5-7.30PM
THURSDAY 22ND	CLASS 5 LED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM
FRIDAY 23RD	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 PTA FALL BALL 5.30-6.30PM

OCTOBER HALF TERM

MONDAY 26TH- FRIDAY 30TH	FOOTBALL CAMP WITH ETHAN LEWIS NXTGEN FOOTBALL - 3G PITCH
MONDAY 26TH- WEDNESDAY 28TH	
SATURDAY 31ST	YR 6 - YR 7 SEPT '27 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE BY - VIA ESCC PORTAL

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 2ND	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. CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 4TH	YR 5/6 - ROEDEAN NETBALL DAY FOR SELECTED PUPILS 9AM-4PM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM PTA MEETING RE: CHRISTMAS FAIR @ BLACKBOYS INN 7.30-8.30PM
MONDAY 9TH	YEAR 4, 5, 6 TRIP TO BATTLE ABBEY 9.30AM-3.30PM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
TUESDAY 10TH	SELECTED PUPILS BASKETBALL @ UC SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 11TH	SELECTED PUPILS NW GIRLS FOOTBALL FINALS @ UC 3G PITCH 12-3.30PM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
THURSDAY 12TH	SELECTED YR 5/6 PUPILS - BHAFK KS2 CROSS CURRICULUM CHALLENGE CUP AT THE AMEX 9:10AM - 2:50PM
FRIDAY 13TH	CRAZY CATWALK FOR CHILDREN IN NEED WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
MONDAY 16TH	ODD SOCKS DAY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM

26/27 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 26/27.

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

Inset Days 26 27:

Friday 20th November 2026 *Monday 4th January 2027*
Monday 7th June 2027 *Thursday 22nd July 2027*



DON'T MISS OUT ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

MORE FAMILIES THAN EVER NOW QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, EVEN IF YOU'VE CHECKED BEFORE.



If your child's eligible, they can enjoy a **FREE** school lunch every day, saving your family time and money by signing up



Nutritious meals help keep your child energised and focused throughout the school day



From September 2026, all Universal Credit households qualify, regardless of income



Signing up is quick and confidential, and could really make a difference to your child's day

Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to register for free school meals, or contact Chartwells at education.csu@compass-group.co.uk or on free phone 0800 917 6818.



DELICIOUS!

SCAN THE CODE TO FIND OUT MORE AND HOW TO REGISTER



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CRAZY CATWALK

for Children in Need!

Children in Need Day
Friday 13th November @ 2pm

**Bring in your funny clothes and
crazy outfits and walk the
catwalk!!!**



- £1 per person if you wish to enter
- **PRIZES** for the Craziest KS1 & KS2 Cat-walker!
- Clothes must be brought in a bag to change in to!

