



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are already at the end of the third week of the Autumn term. Time has flown! We have been delighted that all children have settled into (or back into) school life incredibly well: They are focussed and energised for learning.

New parents may be interested to learn that this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters we produce. A huge amount of school news is communicated in this way and we hope that you find this, and future editions, informative.

Bikeability

In glorious sunshine and as is a tradition at Blackboys, September began with our Year 6s undertaking the ESCC Bikeability programme every morning throughout the first full week back to School. Well done Year 6!

Year 5 and 6 PGL Residential Trip
What a wonderful week our Year 5 and 6 pupils had at PGL Windmill Hill.



Their trip to PGL is a massive opportunity for the group to bond, challenge themselves and live well together. The group have excelled themselves, inspiring each other to "be the best they can be; living life in all its fullness".



A big thank you must go to Mr Boorman, Miss Mayhew and Miss Pavitt who have got through a huge amount of work, up at all hours caring for and supporting the children each day (and night) of the residential and also to Mrs Sheffield who organises all the admin and visited as a group leader.



Harvest Festival, Thursday 07th October

We delighted to be able to return to our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield for our annual Harvest Festival. It is nearly two years since we have been able to come together in this way at the Church. We are asking that all children are dropped off directly to the church on this morning from 8.40am and the service will start at 9.00am prompt. Parents/Carers are of course welcome to join us for this annual celebratory service. There will be the traditional collection details of which will be communicated over the next few weeks.

Please note that there will be NO Breakfast Club facility at School on the 07th October.

Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '22

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 **Sunday 31st October 2021**.

Lunchtime and After School Clubs

All lunchtime and after school clubs will be returning from next Monday, 20th September. We are looking forward to seeing pupils engaged in the extra curricular clubs offered.

Year R September '22

We are currently looking at projected pupil numbers for next September. Can you therefore please let the School Office know if you have a sibling of a pupil already at Blackboys CE School, for who you intend to be naming Blackboys as your first choice of School on your application with County.

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As an additional reminder, even if you have a child already attending Blackboys, you still need to register preference of schools on-line via the East Sussex County Council website. The deadline for primary school choices for September 2022 is Saturday 15th January 2022.

Pupil Leadership

We are thrilled to have Fyfe Dunbar and Nancy Cottingham in the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year. They both wrote excellent letters of application and we are confident that they will do a great job.

We are also delighted to announce that our school prefects for the coming year will be: Astrid Willcox, Robbie McLean, Danny Willett, George Saunders, Mischa Floyd and Emilia Butler and they will be led by Ella Brodie, who has the role of Senior Prefect.

We have two pupils with special responsibility for Audio Visuals and Data Projection: Zachary Morton-Cobb and Claudia Neilson and two pupils with special responsibility for lunchtime sport: Jacob Fordham and Daniel Barker.

Our House Captains this year will be Yellow House: Harvey Wright and Jacob Jenkins; Green House: Logan Hill and Harriet Marchant; Red House: Louis Harris and Tabatha Jordan-Richards; Blue House: Harrison Hearn and Caitlyn Luck.

PTA AGM

As per the 'Welcome back to School letter' sent at the beginning of term, please can we remind you that our PTA AGM is to take place at School on Wednesday 29th September at 7pm. Voting for a Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer will take place and we would love to see as many Parents/Carers at the meeting as possible.

Twitter

Please be aware that Blackboys School is on Twitter. News and events from our school are tweeted regularly. Please keep an eye on @blackboyschool. It's a great way of seeing what the children are experiencing and can be used as a discussion point with your children at home.

21/22 Dates for your diary

We are currently working on the annual academic event dates for 21/22. Events such as Parents Evenings, Tempest Photos and even Sports Day will soon be confirmed in our online diary which is available on the homepage of our Blackboys website, you can click through week by week to see what is planned.



KS1 Monster Phonics Session

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who joined virtually for the Monster Phonics Session earlier in the week. The session was recorded and will be uploaded the School website for those who would like a re-cap or were unable to attend.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 13th September

Class 1

Alyla Williams: For always trying her best to work independently.
Dottie Fieldhouse: For settling so well in to Class 1 and for working hard.
Oscar Messmer: For his great art work!

Class 2

Emilia Briscall: For super independent research for History.
Vivi Cottingham: For really impressing me with the amount of writing she is doing.
Bertie Fieldhouse: For asking some really great questions and joining in with the discussion in RE.

Class 3

James Eves: For working really hard on his joined up handwriting - it has been much neater this week! Keep working on it James!
Ben Fletcher: For always working hard and getting on with what is in front of him. Puts his all into his work and has been doing especially well with his Maths (also was his birthday this week!)
Eva Cooper: For trying her best every lesson, whatever we're doing. Always ready and willing to help with whatever is necessary - a true pleasure to have in the classroom.

Class 4

Nico Jacques: For really good work on partitioning in Maths.
Elizabeth Willcox: For being a great goalkeeper in PE.
Nathaniel Fordham: For offering to help Mrs Sullivan in assembly.

Class 5

Year 5 & 6's have been away on their residential trip at PGL this week!

ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22

SEPTEMBER

MON 20TH-FRI 24TH	ALL LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RECOMMENCE
MONDAY 20TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE LOOK AT ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART EACH WEEK 1-3PM
TUESDAY 21ST	YR5/6 SELECTED PUPILS AT FOOTBALL MATCH AT MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.45-5.30PM
THURSDAY 23RD	KS2 TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS DAY! WHOLE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE REFER TO ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE WHICH SESSION (S) YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART IN 1-3PM
MONDAY 27TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE LOOK AT ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART EACH WEEK 1-3PM
TUESDAY 28TH	YR5/6 SELECTED PUPILS AT FOOTBALL MATCH AT MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 29TH	YR 4,5,6 CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS AT ROCKS PARK PRIMARY. LEAVE AT 1 FOR A 1.30PM START RETURNING AT 3PM FOR END OF SCHOOL PTA AGM AT SCHOOL 7-8PM
THURSDAY 30TH	CLASS 5/6 PGL ASSEMBLY 9-9.30AM CLASS 3 TO FRAMFIELD FOR 'HANDS ON HISTORY'. PARENTAL DROP OFF AND COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM FRAMFIELD SCHOOL 1-3PM (NO FOREST SCHOOL FOR CLASS 3)

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 1ST	WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM
MONDAY 4TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE LOOK AT ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART EACH WEEK 1-3PM
TUESDAY 5TH	YR3/4 SELECTED PUPILS AT FOOTBALL MATCH AT MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.45-5.15PM
THURSDAY 7TH	NO BREAKFAST CLUB TODAY WHOLE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD 9-10AM. KS1 TO COACH BACK AND KS2 HIKE. CHILDREN CAN BE DROPPED AT THE CHURCH FROM 8.30AM. ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME TO JOIN. CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE REFER TO ROTA SENT OUT TO SEE WHICH SESSION (S) YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART IN 1-3PM
FRIDAY 8TH	PTA FOOTBALL FOR STAFF & PARENTS/CARERS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3G PITCH £5PP 8-9PM

INSET DAYS 21/22:

Tuesday 04th January
Monday 21st February
Friday 01st April
Thursday 21st July