



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

Many thanks for all the support for our Harvest Festival last week. It was a joyous occasion in the church, and always a delight to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school in attendance. The children performed magnificently. Singing in particular is something we do very well and I know many found it a quite spiritual and uplifting experience. We are indebted to the hard work of our staff, including our pianist Mrs Bayman.

Pupil Achievement

Some of you will have noticed that our 2024 pupil outcomes have been published on our school website. You can find them, along with a useful commentary at <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/school-data/>. It is well worth a look. We achieved our highest Reception data for some time last year, along with impressive performances in the phonics screen resits, Year 4 multiplication check and Year 6 SATS. Our Year 6 SATS results in particular are some of the strongest results in East Sussex and show that Blackboys pupils leave ready for the next stage in their education. If you would like to discuss any of these results, please contact me via the school office.

Attendance

One of the reasons our school results are so strong is because we have high attendance here at Blackboys.

We expect children to be in school every day and that trips and visits take place in the 13 weeks school holidays each year or at weekends. Should there be a time when your child will not be in school and is not ill, a withdrawal from learning application must be made on the correct paperwork which can be obtained from the school office. If a child is off school without due justification or illness, they will be marked down as an unauthorised absence. As many parents will be aware, attendance is a nationwide issue. Legislation has recently been altered, so the school will now be issuing penalty notices if a child misses 5 school days (10 sessions) within 10 school weeks with one of, or a combination of, the following registration codes..... G: pupil absent without leave for the purpose of a holiday; O: no other attendance of pupil registration applies (ie: we have no information about where that pupil is!); or U: pupil attended after the taking of the register ended but before the end of the session. Penalty notices have also now increased in cost to £80 if paid promptly. Please be aware that the school does not benefit financially from the issuing of fines, it is done to encourage the correct attendance.

We are pleased that at Blackboys the vast majority of parents/carers encourage excellent attendance and work in partnership with the school to achieve this.

Term 1 24/25 Charity

The School Council have chosen Holbrook Animal Rescue to support this term, our Thursday assembly collection and today's cake sale proceeds amongst other events, will go to this charity at the end of term. Last term's charity was Children with Cancer, Hailsham and we are delighted that we raised and sent £232.80 to them.

PTA AGM

Following the PTA AGM held late September we are pleased to inform you that Mrs Jenkins remains as Chair, Ms Sabatini as Vice Chair, Mrs Vine as Secretary and Mr Jenkins as Treasurer. **The PTA Christmas Fair planning meeting is to take place at the Blackboys Inn, Thursday 07/11 7-8pm. All very welcome to attend!**

Netball Club

There will be NO after school netball club taking place Thursday 14th November. The club will recommence the following week as normal.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Last week a letter was sent home via ParentMail email regarding Autumn term Parent/Carer Consultations. These are taking place on Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October. If you haven't already done so, please secure your appointment with your child's class teacher. For more information please refer to the letter sent.

Miss Zara Returns

Our popular dance and gym teacher, Miss Zara returns to Blackboys from Term 2. Not only will she be teaching each class on a Tuesday weekly but she is also offering pupils within Yrs1-6 the opportunity to take part in her after school dance club held on a Tuesday, 3.15-4pm starting Tuesday 05th November, 6 sessions with the last session taking place for Term 2, on Tuesday 10th December. Sessions will be charged at £5 a session, £30 for Term 2's club. This club will have limited spaces to 20.

In Zara's own words; "Dance club will consist of a fun warm up, leaning new steps/ styles and working towards a group routine that will be performed to parents at the end of term. Suitable for all abilities and open to years 1-6."

Please see attached poster for further information and to secure your child's place please follow the link to Miss Zara's new booking system <https://app.classmanager.com/portal/zara-breeze/enrolment/classes/term-2-blackboys-school-dance-club> where you will need to create a customer portal.

KS1 ASSA Wednesday After School Club

Wednesday after school KS1 football club will no longer continue after the mid term October break. If your child takes part in the club, please arrange to collect them as normal on a Wednesday following October half term. We would like to extend our thanks to external provider ASSA for running this club over the past few years.

Wrap Around Care

We are very lucky to run a thriving wrap around care facility. Please note that currently we are fully booked with regular bookings for Monday and Wednesday after school sessions. Please give as much notice as possible with any bookings made for wrap around care as we are unable to guarantee a place at short notice.

Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '25

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 **Thursday 31st October 2024**.

PTA Fall Ball!

The PTA have organised an end of term 'Fall Ball'.

On Friday 25th October, 5.30-7pm pupils are

invited to an end of term glow disco. Tickets are priced at £3 and include a soft drink and glow stick. The poster was sent out Monday this week via ParentMail, please refer to the email for further information.



Alice in Wonderland Production

Some of our pupils and ex-pupils are taking part in a production of Alice in Wonderland, with several performances taking place over half term. Please see attached poster for details.

Reminder!

There will be **no** after school football club taking place Monday 21st October as Parent Consultations will be taking place.

Well done to Max D!

Mr Sullivan was contacted by Max's Akela to say he was one of a number of Cub Scouts who took part in a Sussex Downsman Hike Competition on Saturday 5th October. After many weeks of training, which involved impressively supporting and motivating each other, Max managed to walk 11 miles (which included a lot of up and down tough hills!). Well done Max for being a shining example of inclusivity, resilience, teamwork and hard work and for embracing our school vision of 'Being the best you can be and living life in all it's fullness (John 10:10). We since understand that some older pupils in the school also took part - well done to them too!

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 7th October

Class 1

Levi C - for working hard and doing some great writing about castles.

Hector E - for his great questions during our trip to Lewes Castle.
Penny V - for her great work in art, using lots of different resources to create pictures.

Class 2

Molly B - for excellent Maths work using part whole models.

Raeya P - for using adjectives in her Literacy work on seasons.

Emily L - for superb Maths, making fact families for number bonds to 20.

Class 3

Ariana C - for excellent problem solving in Maths.

Aggie T - for her fantastic narrative writing for 'Journey'.

Fleur P - for her narrative writing in English, using lots of descriptive skills.

Class 4

Missy-Rose R - for great effort learning her key spellings each week.

Fin G - for a great classification key in Science.

Pippa T - for becoming more confident and independent with her writing.

Class 5

Delilah N - for her insightful comments in RE.

Max M - for confident work in Maths at the moment.

Ben F - for working well during positive starts to the day.

ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25

MONDAY 14TH	RETURN OF CLASS 2 IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE CONSENTS TO SCHOOL OFFICE YEARS 5/6 GLYNDEBOURNE IL TURCO IN ITALIA (ROSSINI), PERFORMANCE STARTS AT 11AM 10AM - 2.30PM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 15TH	PROSPECTIVE PARENT YEAR R SEPT '25 STARTER EVENT 9.30-11AM YR 3/4 FOOTBALL TEAM @ MANOR, UCKFIELD TEAM B 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 16TH	SELECTED PUPILS - FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR 12.30-3PM (1PM START)
THURSDAY 17TH	CLASS 2 LED ASSEMBLY, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME, 9-9.30AM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 18TH	PARENTS/CARERS Maths Workshop Blackboys School Hall, 9.05-9.30AM 10 YEAR 2 PUPILS READING TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' GROUP AT HEATHFIELD CRICKET CLUB. 1.15-3.15PM PARENTS/CARERS Maths Workshop, Framfield Memorial Hall, next to School, 2.40-3.05PM
MONDAY 21ST	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM NO AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB - DUE TO PARENT CONSULTATIONS AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6PM
TUESDAY 22ND	CLASS 2 GREAT FIRE OF LONDON IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE @ FRAMFIELD SCHOOL WITH KINGFISHERS CLASS. LEAVE BB AT 1.30PM AND COLLECTION DIRECT FROM FRAMFIELD CEP SCHOOL AT 3PM.
WEDNESDAY 23RD	AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5-7.30PM
THURSDAY 24TH	CLOSING DATE FOR NUS GHANI CHRISTMAS CARD ENTERIES (ACTUAL CLOSING DATE IS 01/11 - HALF TERM) CLASS 5 LED ACT OF WORSHIP, ALL WELCOME, SCHOOL HALL, 9-9.30AM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 25TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BLACKBOYS BABIES GROUP, SCHOOL HALL, 2-3PM PTA Fall Ball. Tickets £3 a pupil. 5.30-7PM
MONDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	OCTOBER HALF TERM
THURSDAY 31ST	EAST SUSSEX COUNTY DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPT '25 PLACES (YR6-7 END OF PRIMARY PHASE TRANSFER)
THURSDAY 31ST - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	HALF TERM DIG CLUB AT SCHOOL RUN BY ARCHAEODISCOVERY
NOVEMBER	
MONDAY 4TH	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. 8.40-11.40AM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
THURSDAY 7TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

24/25 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 24/25.

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

Inset Days 24 25:

Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 21st July 2025 *Tuesday 22nd July 2025*



Volunteers Needed to Teach Simple CPR in Schools

Join our charity and learn bystander CPR skills for yourself, then practice them by teaching local school children in 70-minute face-2-face sessions



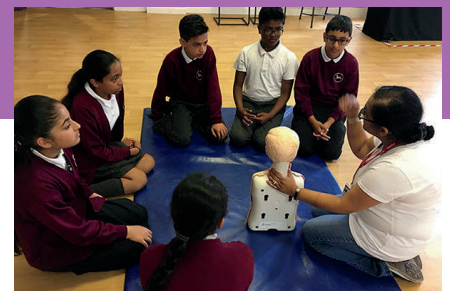
Our volunteers:

- are from all backgrounds
- are DBS checked
- need no previous CPR training
- deliver a simple, scripted, video supported session
- join together in small groups to teach in local schools when they can



We'll provide:

- online signup and training
- manikins to teach with
- video support for sessions
- e-certificate for CPD purposes
- feedback opportunity
- organisation of sessions
- resources, information & support



Why volunteer:

- *2 of the 16,000+ children we've trained have saved lives*
- *practice through teaching increases confidence to do CPR if needed*
- *it's flexible*
- *meet new people*
- *gain a sense of achievement and make a difference*



Scan the QR code or visit www.littlelifesavers.org/get-involved/ to find out more.

Want to help, but can't volunteer?

♥ No problem: ♥

We know not everyone can be available to volunteer in the week, but there are lots of other ways you can help us to keep teaching lifesaving skills to children:


♥ Share this leaflet with your friends and colleagues so they can volunteer and help too.



Volunteer Leaflet QR Code



Follow and say hello♥ on social media:

 LittleLifeSaversCharity

♥ Tell your own children's schools about our free sessions.



School Leaflet QR Code

Our sessions are made free for the children by time and money generously donated by the public. We receive no grants or income other than donations. Please help us to be here next year by:



Shopping online via

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littlelifesavers/ ♥

They donate each time you shop, at no extra cost to you.



Joining our Founder's Coffee Club. Just a fiver creates a Little LifeSaver♥ - the price of a nice coffee.

www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/buymeacoffee



— Do you know a business who might partner with us? If so, please email: info@littlelifesavers.org

— Could you hold or participate in a fundraiser for us? From a coffee morning to a sponsored walk, whatever you love to do, help us be here next year for the children. email your idea to info@littlelifesavers.org ♥



Thank You for helping us create a Nation of LifeSavers



Millennium Players present

Alice in Wonderland

Nutley War Memorial Hall

TN22 3NE

30/10/2024 - 02/11/2024

Tickets available at

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/millennium-players>





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DANCE

CLUB IS BACK!

TUESDAYS 3.15-4PM

BLACKBOYS SCHOOL

AVAILABLE FOR YEARS 1-6