



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2024

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! New parents may be interested to learn that this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters we produce.

In the news

Many parents and friends of the school have informed me that Blackboys features in a recent newspaper article announcing the top schools in Sussex. We are naturally pleased to feature in 20th place. Those who know me well, will be aware that we always strive to reach number 1! It should be noted that the newspaper article is based on 2023 Year 6 SATS results. There is far more to a school than SATS results of course, but it is worth noting that our 2024 year 6 outcomes were even better than the 2023 ones!

Bikeability

As is a tradition at Blackboys, September began with our Year 6s undertaking the ESCC Bikeability programme every morning throughout this week at School. Well done to all those Year 6's taking part! The course leaders were impressed by the children's attitude and perseverance. Following on from this, all pupils might like getting involved with cycle to school week. Please see the attached poster for more details. Our bike shelter loves to be full!

Pupil Leadership

We are thrilled to have Eva and Harrison in the roles of Head Girl and Head Boy 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: Muffin, Bolton, William, Max, Tilly and Hattie. They will be led by James and Millie who have the role of Senior Prefects.

We have three pupils with special responsibility for Audio Visuals, Data Projection and ICT: Grayson, Phoebe and Alex.

We have 2 pupils who will lead on environment: Marlo and Eloise.

Our House Captains this year will be Yellow House: Ida and Hope; Green House: Ben and Phoebe; Red House: George and Evie and Blue House: Delilah and Elizabeth.

KS1 Monster Phonics Session

Please find attached information relating to forthcoming Monster Phonics Sessions. We encourage KS1 Parents/Carers to attend one of the sessions available.

Instagram & 'X' Account

In addition to our School 'X' account, we are also pleased to hold a Blackboys School Instagram account. Please do give the School a 'follow' on what ever platform you prefer, @blackboysschool. It really is a great way of seeing what the children are experiencing and can be used as a discussion point with your child/ren at home.

Staff news

We welcome for Term 1, Ms Tohill, a student teacher from the University of Sussex.

Mrs Vance remains unwell and we thank Mrs Colegate for assisting as a TA in Class 4 in her absence.

Year R September '25

We are already 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 2025 is
Monday 15th January 2025.

BLACKBOYS BABY/TODDLER/ PRE-SCHOOLER GROUP SESSIONS ARE BACK!

Please see attached poster!

2-3PM SCHOOL HALL
LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH,
TERM TIME ONLY WITH THE FIRST
SESSION TAKING PLACE 27/09/24!

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 AGM, School Hall

A reminder that the PTA AGM is to take place on Thursday 26th September at 7pm. All Parents/Carers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Harvest Festival, Tuesday 01st October

Our whole school Harvest Festival will be taking place at our Church, St Thomas à Becket, Framfield, on the 01st October. We are asking that all children are dropped off directly to the church on this morning from 8.30am and the service will start at 9.00am prompt. Parents/Carers are of course welcome to join us for this annual celebratory service.

If your child is able to donate a non perishable item for the local Uckfield Foodbank this will be collected during the service.

CURRENT FOOD REQUIRED: TINNED SPAGETTI, SPONGE PUDDINGS OR ANGEL DELIGHT, CERAL, CHOCOLATE, SWEETS/SNACKS

Please note as previously communicated there will be NO Breakfast Club facility at School on the 01st October.

KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) will be returning to School via a coach (subsidised by the School). **KS2** (Classes 3,4 and 5) will be taking their traditional hike back to School. They will require a change of clothes in a bag (rucksack ideally) with suitable walking/weather 'gear'. A packed lunch will also be required. A bin bag or reusable plastic shopping bag may also be packed for your child to sit on whilst enjoying their lunch.

Parent Consultation Evenings

The Autumn Term Parent Consultation Evenings are planned to take place Monday 21st October, 3.30-6.00pm and Wednesday 23rd October, 5.00-7.30pm. A letter regarding information and how to sign up will be sent out towards the end of this month.

Dates for 24/25

We urge all to keep an eye on the homepage of the Blackboys CEP School website. Most major dates for this academic year have been set, including Sports Day, Whole School Performance dates, Nativity and Carol Concert. Just scroll through the diary to up date your own home diary and 'self serve'.

A Note from the Governors

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning families, and to our Interim Head Teacher at Framfield, Claire Roberts. No doubt you share our excitement at the new opportunities for learning and growth across our Federation. Governors have visited both schools since the start of term and are delighted to see children and staff settling in so well.

As Governors, we are privileged to both support and challenge staff to ensure the best outcomes for your children.

You can find out more about the governing body at <https://stbchurchofenglandfed.co.uk>

Inset Days 24/25

The remaining Inset Days for the academic year are:

- *Friday 04th October 2024*
- *Monday 24th February 2025*
- *Monday 21st July 2025*
- *Tuesday 22nd July 2025*

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 16th September

Class 1

Trixie S - for her great work in Maths, sorting and counting objects.
Mabel C - for coming into school in a happy way.
Ruby B - for working independently and always trying her best.

Class 2

Merryn B - for great writing in our 'Teddy' home diary.
Lucy G - for careful and colourful artwork.
Reuben B - for trying really hard to join in with lessons.

Class 3

Eva D - for being an excellent role model to her peers in Class 3, being kind, respectful and helpful.
Fred B - for a super start to our tennis topic. Fred has been modelling to others how to hold the racket and giving his peers advice and support during lessons.
Daisy H - for excellent work with 'Journey' using expanded phrases and verbs.

Class 4

Astrid G - for her great science knowledge of invertebrates.
Jessica RH - for some great work with her writing, showing a good understanding of 'Holes' and using it to inspire her!
Sophie C - for showing great perseverance with her times tables, working hard to get them at speed.

Class 5

Hattie D - for great perseverance with bikeability this week.
Millie M - for her supportive attitude in after-school club.
Hugo B - for his excellent work in writing this week.

ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 23RD -
FRIDAY 27TH

CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK

MONDAY 23RD

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

TUESDAY 24TH

YR 5/6 FOOTBALL TEAM @ MANOR, UCKFIELD 3.45-5.30PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH

SELECTED PUPILS CROSS COUNTRY @ ROCKS PARK 12.25-2.30PM

THURSDAY 26TH

DEADLINE FOR INTERNAL POETRY COMP
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
PTA AGM, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME, 7-9PM

FRIDAY 27TH

SELECTED PUPILS ALBION CUP U11 MIXED QUALIFIERS AMEX ELITE PERFORMANCE CENTRE, LANCING, BN15 9FP 8AM-1.30PM
PARENT PHONICS MEETING - SCHOOL HALL @ BLACKBOYS 9-9.30AM
BLACKBOYS BABIES GROUP, SCHOOL HALL 2-3PM
PARENT PHONICS MEETING - MEMORIAL HALL @ FRAMFIELD 2.45-3.15PM

MONDAY 30TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

OCTOBER

TUESDAY 1ST

NO BREAKFAST CLUB TODAY - HARVEST FESTIVAL CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED DIRECTLY TO FRAMFIELD CHURCH FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL. STAFF PRESENT FROM 8.30AM
BLACKBOYS SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL, DROP OFF FROM 8.30AM - FRAMFIELD CHURCH. KS2 TO HIKE BACK TO SCHOOL. CHANGE OF CLOTHES/FOOTWEAR, PACKED LUNCH AND BIN BAG (OR SIMILAR) TO SIT ON. KS1 TO RETURN ON COACH.
YR 4/5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM @ MANOR, UCKFIELD 3.45-5.30PM

THURSDAY 3RD

SELECTED PUPILS ALBION CUP U11 GIRLS QUALIFIERS AMEX ELITE PERFORMANCE CENTRE, LANCING, BN15 9FP 8AM-1.30PM
CHARTWELLS SPECIAL HARVEST FESTIVAL MENU TO CHOOSE FROM FOR LUNCH OPTION TODAY.
SELECTED PUPILS AT KINGS ACADEMY RINGMER POETRY COMPETITION. 1-3PM.
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 4TH

INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL

MONDAY 7TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

TUESDAY 8TH

NHS - NURSE TEAM IN TO DELIVER INFLUENZA NASAL SPRAY TO ALL PUPILS WHOSE PARENTS/CARERS HAVE CONSENTED. 9 - MIDDAY.
YR 3/4 FOOTBALL TEAM @ MANOR, UCKFIELD TEAM A 3.45-5.30PM

THURSDAY 10TH

CLASS 1 TRIP TO LEWES CASTLE 9AM - 3.15PM
HEAD LED ACT OF WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME - 9-9.30AM
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 11TH

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED

MONDAY 14TH

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

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.

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