



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2024

Christian Value for Term : Fellowship

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our super pupils have made an excellent start to term 2 and staff are pleased with the learning going on in classrooms.

## Fellowship

This term, our school is focusing on the Christian value of Fellowship. To us, Fellowship means building a strong, caring community where every pupil feels valued, supported, and included. In our classrooms and on the playground, pupils are exploring ways to strengthen friendships and work together as a school family, with Jesus as our guiding influence.

Our pupils are learning that fellowship is about helping each other, sharing happiness, and creating an environment where everyone feels they belong. Through stories, activities, and discussions, pupils are discovering how fellowship reflects God's love and how Jesus welcomed everyone with kindness and open arms.

We're excited to see our pupils grow in compassion and kindness as they learn the importance of caring for others and making everyone feel part of our school community. To support this further, Miss Mayhew is working on a Wellbeing Warriors scheme, developing an idea articulated by one of our thoughtful year 6 pupils. Wellbeing Warriors will be members of school council or members of our Worship Group and will have special responsibility in looking out for children who might need a bit of a hand at play-time or lunchtime.

## Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying week, we held a special assembly on Tuesday on the theme of Choice and Respect. Children have a choice to how they respond to situations and the message was to chose **not** to bully; that everyone should be treated with respect regardless of their personal circumstances or beliefs. Due to our school ethos, incidents of bullying at Blackboys are extremely rare. However it is not something to be complacent about and children were reminded that we take allegations of bullying very seriously and that although they can talk to any member of staff if they have a concern, Mr Sullivan, Mr Boorman and Miss Mayhew have special responsibilities to keep our children safe. If at any stage parents are concerned about their child/children please help your child to talk to an adult in school. We are here to help. This also includes potential bullying online, something which sadly becomes more prevalent as children get older and have more independent access to devices.

As part of anti-bullying week, Tuesday also saw a flurry of multi-coloured socks in school. Thank you to everyone who took part in odd-sock day, promoting that it is good to be different.

Anti-Bullying week always ends with Children in Need day. Look out on our socials for coverage of our Children in Need Crazy Catwalk!

## Term 2, Chosen Charity of the term

The School Council have chosen local charity, Chailey Heritage Foundation as our termly charity.

Chailey Heritage Foundation provides education and care services for children and young adults and is one of the UK's leading centres for children and young people with complex neurodisabilities. We look forward to this terms' fundraising efforts.

## Page's Cabin

The final touches of Page's Cabin, located on the field, next to Class 3 are being completed and we look forward to a whole school unveiling in the new year!

## Term 2

We are fortunate, there isn't a term when things are quiet here at Blackboys, but during term 2 and as we race towards December and Christmas events, the calendar seems to get busier and busier! By the end of November we shall be sending out to all a Christmas Events calendar, an aid to help you keep up to date with all things School and Christmas. However, please do keep a regular eye on the homepage of our website where the School calendar is located as well as reading ParentMail emails sent out.

In the meantime please see set out below some events with dates:

## Class Led Acts of Worship/Assembly Dates for Term 2

CLASS 1	THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 9.05AM, SCHOOL HALL
CLASS 4	THURSDAY 05TH DECEMBER 9.05AM SCHOOL HALL
CLASS 3	THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 9.05AM SCHOOL HALL

## Class Fundraising, Mugs, T Towels and Christmas Cards

The proofs for these were sent out last week via your child's bag. Ordering deadline is Monday 18th November, midnight. Please ensure that you have placed your order online via the portal. Portal access information on the templates handed out.

## Wear your home clothes to School day, Friday 22nd November

In exchange for wearing home clothes to School, please can you child bring in on Friday 22nd November an item for the PTA Christmas Fair tombola; bubble bath, a bottle of wine, chocolate etc are all traditional favourites to donate. A table will be located on the play ground at drop off.

## Tempest School Photographs

School photos taken on Monday 04th November have been distributed this week via your child's bag. Deadline for returning completed order forms to the School Office is Wednesday 27th November. There is the option to order online, with delivery to School. Please see the information sent home.

## PTA Wreath Making, Wednesday 04th December, 7pm, School Hall

Mrs Beale and the PTA invite you to take part in the annual Blackboys tradition of the PTA Wreath Making event. If you would like to secure a place, please make contact with a member of the PTA or email [office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk) cost of the evening will be £38 and includes all materials to make your wreath.

## PTA Film Night

There will be no formal After School Club (wrap around care) taking place on Friday 13th December, as the annual PTA Christmas Film evening will be taking place in the hall. Children who had already booked a place for the 13th December at After School Club will automatically be given a place at the film night. Further details

## Whole School Christmas Lunch

One of the highlights of the final week of term is our whole School Christmas lunch, where all children gather in the School hall and eat together. A letter will be sent out detailing the menu options for the lunch towards the end of next week.



Please can we ask that return slips with chosen options are returned to the School Office as soon as possible and by the deadline given on the letter. This will allow our kitchen to order stock required in plenty of time.

## There is often plenty of sporting success at Blackboys School.

We had record numbers of Blackboys children representing Uckfield School at the recent North Wealden Final. All the children ran brilliantly in challenging conditions and demonstrated our core value of 'being the best they can be'. Special mentions to Benjy C and Bea B who have now qualified to represent North Wealden in the Sussex Finals in March. Thank you to parents for supporting with lifts and for cheering on the team.

We also enjoyed a friendly chess match with High Hurstwood Primary School. Both our A and B team performed well, gaining first and second place in the fixture.

Thank you to Grayson, Erin and Max M who volunteered to make up an 'All Stars' team with a pupil from High Hurstwood which allowed us to complete all the fixtures.



## Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 11th November

### Class 1

Freddie B - for the amazing effort he is putting into his reading.  
Levi C - for the great progress he is making in Maths, finding the missing part in a subtraction number sentence.  
Dixie C - for settling into her new class and making lots of new friends.

### Class 2

Mabel B - for persevering with place value to understand how many tens and ones there are in numbers to 100.  
Elsa U - for always demonstrating that she understands where capital letters and full stops should go.  
Molly W - for always being ready to learn and listening well to instructions.

### Class 3

Oscar M - for using a description from Julius Caesar to draw a detailed image of what a Celt would look like.  
Ariana C - for her excellent work with paraphrasing in English.  
Faith C - for all her hard work with using column method when adding and subtracting, great progress!

### Class 4

Sylvie C - for her excellent commitment to roleplay in PSHE this week.  
Darcey S - for impressing Miss Mayhew with her netball knowledge and skill and being really clear on what she needs to do to improve.  
Ella H - for impressing Mr Harper on Wednesday during RE, contributing excellently to discussions about the 5 pillars of Islam.

### Class 5

Muffin S & Freya C - for giving up their own time to help the ROAR group.  
James E - for his excellent attitude to all lessons at school.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25

FRIDAY 15TH	CRAZY CATWALK IN AID OF CHILDREN IN NEED WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 18TH	PARENT/CARER CLASSFUNDRAISING DEADLINE ORDER FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS, MUGS ETC VIA THE PORTAL CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 19TH	SELECTED PUPILS - INDOOR ATHLETICS @ UCKFIELD COLLEGE SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 20TH	SELECTED YEAR 5/6 PUPILS MINI ROAR COMPETITION AT THE BELMONT CENTRE, UCKFIELD 9.30-11.40AM INDIVIDUAL PUPILS INVITED - FOOTBALL FIXTURES VS SACRED HEART 1.15-3.45PM
THURSDAY 21ST	CLASS 1 LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM INVITED PUPILS TO SKIPPERS HILL FOR NETBALL MATCH 2.30-4.15PM INVITED PUPILS FOOTBALL MATCH, BARCOMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2.40-4.10pm
FRIDAY 22ND	WHOLE SCHOOL MUFTI DAY - IN EXCHANGE FOR WEARING HOME CLOTHES TO SCHOOL, PLEASE BRING IN AN ITEM FOR THE PTA FAIR TOMBOLA - BUBBLE BATH, BOTTLE OF WINE, CHOCOLATE. THERE WILL BE A TABLE LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AT DROP OFF TO POP DONATIONS ON. 10 YEAR 3 PUPILS READING TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' GROUP HEATHFIELD CRICKET CLUB. LEAVE SCHOOL 1.10PM LEAVE FOR A 1.30 START - RETURN IN TIME FOR END OF SCHOOL.
MONDAY 25TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 26TH	SELECTED PUPIL RETURN OF PARISH CAROL CONCERT SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE KS1 MULTISKILLS UCKFIELD COLLEGE SPORTSHALL 3.45-5PM
WEDNESDAY 27TH	LAST DAY FOR DROPPING OFF TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY BOCCIA FESTIVAL - UCKFIELD LEISURE CENTRE SPORTSHALL YR 5/6 12.30-3PM
THURSDAY 28TH	PROSPECTIVE PARENT YEAR R SEPT '25 STARTER EVENTS 9.30-11AM AND 6-7PM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM CHESS CUP FOR INVITED PUPILS. AT BLACKBOYS. 1.30-3.30PM
FRIDAY 29TH	PTA FAIR POTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED - TO BE RETURNED FOR 06/12 FILLED IN PREPERATION OF SELLING AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR - PLEASE KEEP SWEETS TO A MINIMUM! RETURN OF UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENT CHOIR SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED CLASS 3 TRIP TO FISHBOURNE 8AM-3.45PM BLACKBOYS BABIES GROUP, SCHOOL HALL 2-3PM
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
MONDAY 2ND	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
WEDNESDAY 4TH	PTA WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP WITH MRS BEALE, SCHOOL HALL. £38 PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR A MEMBER OF THE PTA TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE. 7-9PM

## 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\*