



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Christian Value for Term : Fellowship



This is the final newsletter of term 2. There are lots of important pieces of information throughout this newsletter for parents/carers to read and digest.

### Anti-social parking

We are fortunate to be located in the heart of a charming village. However, we have recently had a number of concerns from local residents about inconsiderate parking during drop-off and pick-up times.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park safely and responsibly. Please avoid blocking driveways, obstructing pavements, or parking in ways that make it difficult for other vehicles to pass. It's essential that emergency vehicles can pass through and residents can access their properties at all times.

Villagers take great care and pride in their environment. It is essential parents/carers do not drive across or churn up grass verges.

We also encourage everyone to be respectful towards our neighbours and other road users. A friendly wave or a moment of patience goes a long way in maintaining positive relationships with the wider community.

If you are able to, consider walking part of the way to school or using alternative parking further from the gates; not only does this reduce congestion, but it also promotes healthy habits for our children. We have the option of parking at the Blackboys Inn, particularly at drop off, plus the village hall car park is readily available.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. By working together, we can ensure that our school remains a valued part of the village and that everyone feels respected and safe.

### Online Behaviour

As technology becomes a bigger part of our children's lives, we need to work

together to ensure their online experiences are positive and safe. Many of our older children now use mobile phones or other devices to connect with friends, but it's important to remind them about using these responsibly.

We encourage all parents to regularly monitor their child's online activity, including the apps and platforms they use, to help protect them from risks such as inappropriate content or online bullying. A simple conversation about online safety can go a long way.

Please also remind your child of the power of kind words. Whether in person or online, being thoughtful and respectful can make a big difference in creating a positive environment for everyone. Let's teach our children to think before they post and to always treat others as they would like to be treated.

### Christmas Message

This season is a special time to reflect on the Christian values that bind us together as a school community. It has been wonderful to see these values shine through in recent weeks, from the generosity shown during our PTA school fair to the joy and teamwork you will see displayed in our Key Stage 1 Nativity play and Key Stage 2 carol service.

These moments remind us of the true spirit of Christmas and the difference we can make when we work together. At Blackboys, we are proud to be a Church of England primary school, rooted in faith and committed to nurturing each child as they grow in wisdom, knowledge, and character.

As we prepare to celebrate this festive season, we hope you all have a chance to rest, recharge, and spend precious time with loved ones. Thank you for your ongoing support this year—we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January to continue building a bright and positive future together.

### January '25 Return to School

We shall be returning to School following the Christmas break, Monday 06th January.

**KS2 Carol Concert** — next Tuesday 17th December 6pm start time (doors open at 5:40pm) at St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield.

**All KS2 pupils are expected to attend** and to be dressed in their full School Uniform. The whole school community are welcome to attend this popular festive event.

**KS1 Nativity** — next Wednesday 18th December, 2pm (pedestrian gate open at 1:50pm to allow audience to take their seat) School Hall.

**This is not ticketed but we would expect families to keep numbers to a minimum.**

### End of Term Cup Assembly

Our traditional end of term cup assembly will take place at 2pm, Friday 20th December in the School Hall. The pedestrian gate shall be opened at 1.50pm to allow the audience to take their seat. If your child is a recipient of a cup/award you shall be notified by Parent-Mail email on Monday 16th December.

### Christmas Parties

Our two Christmas parties for each Key Stage will be taking place next Thursday 19th December, with Key Stage 1's party taking place from 1.30pm in the School Hall and Key Stage 2's party from 6-8pm in the School Hall.

KS1 (classes 1 and 2) - please bring a change of clothes in a named bag ready for the party!

KS2 (classes 3, 4 & 5) - please drop your child off to School at 6pm, returning again at the end of the party, 8pm. Of course, no party is complete without party food, please remember to sign up to bring in a food contribution, located in the foyer of the School Office.

For both we would appreciate offers of parental volunteers to assist with games and distribution of food. If you are able to assist, please email the office; [office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk) and we shall be in touch.

### Reminder! Last week of After School and Lunch Time Clubs

Please remember that this week has been the last week of all lunchtime and after school clubs.

Wrap around care breakfast and after school club will continue up until and including the last day of term, next Friday 20th December. A new Spring term club choice letter will be distributed upon our return following the Christmas break, from Monday 06th January 2025. Invoices for Term 2's wrap around care provisions will be sent out next week/first week back to School, January 2025.

## Year R Starters, September 2025

A reminder to all parents/carers who have a child who will start School in September 2025, that the deadline for applications via the ESCC admissions portal is Wednesday 15th January 2025.

### Christmas Tree — a Thank You!

Our annual thanks must be extended to the Cottingham family and Staverton Nursery for generously donating our beautiful Christmas tree which is currently adorning our school hall.

### Forest School, Spring Term '25

The Spring term Forest School rotas for Class 1 and now Class 4 up until February mid-term break have been distributed via ParentMail email and pupil bags.

A copy of each of the rotas will also be displayed on the office door in the main entrance to School.

Please can we remind Class 4 Parents/Carers that the running of the sessions are reliant upon volunteers and if you are able to help to put your name down for the corresponding session(s) you are available for.

### A PTA Thank you!

The PTA wanted us to express a huge heartfelt 'thank you' to all those who supported the PTA Christmas Fair.

The Fair raised an impressive £2700! Thank you to all for your continued support of our School.

The PTA are looking forward to being able to put the money raised back into the School and therefore additionally supporting each and every child.

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 2nd December

### Class 1

Mabel C - for her great work in Maths; naming and sorting 2D shapes.

Penny V - for the amazing effort she is putting into learning to read.

Ruby B - for her great work in DT, showing great perseverance when making a castle tower.

### Class 2

Roman W - for trying really hard at his shepherd's part in the Nativity.  
Ella S - for her beautiful singing in her solo.

Joshua I - for doing well with his reading challenge this week.

### Class 3

George C - for his effort and determination when tackling his assessments this week.

April M - for her excellent arithmetic results!

Aggie T - for her brilliant reading results!

### Class 4

Missy-Rose R - for showing excellent perseverance with her assessments this week and working hard on her persuasive leaflet.

Mirra D - for some impressive Maths assessment scores including her arithmetic paper!

Saffron MC - for always showing a positive attitude and making us all laugh! She is always being the best she can be!

### Class 5

Bea B & Hugo B - for great work in school and doing brilliantly in their piano exams!

Eloise B - for her excellent work in her assessments this week.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25

### DECEMBER

SUNDAY 15TH	SELECTED PUPILS SINGING REPRESENTATIVES TO ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD FOR CAROL CONCERT. SINGING THE GIFT. 6.30-7.30PM
MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH	THERE ARE NO LUNCHTIME OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK (WRAP AROUND CARE CONTINUES TO RUN AS NORMAL)
MONDAY 16TH	RETURN OF CUPS/AWARDS FROM SUMMER TERM TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TODAY AUTUMN TERM CUP ASSEMBLY NOTIFICATION - CUP ASSEMBLY RECIPIENTS PARENTS/CARERS WILL BE SENT A PARENTMAIL EMAIL TO INFORM THEM THAT THEIR CHILD WILL BE AWARDED A CUP IN CUP ASSEMBLY - FRI 20/12 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 17TH	RETURN OF PANTO PUPILS (07 01 25) CONSENT FORMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL DAY - DONATION OF A £1 WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12-1PM KS2 CAROL CONCERT AT ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD. STAFF WILL BE AT THE CHURCH FROM 5.40PM. WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY WELCOME TO ATTEND. 6-7PM
WEDNESDAY 18TH	KS1 NATIVITY 'LITTLE STAR'S STORY' - SCHOOL HALL. THE EVENT IS NOT TICKETED BUT WOULD EXPECT NOT EXCESSIVE NUMBERS FOR EACH FAMILY. PEDESTRIAN GATE WILL BE OPENED FROM 1.50PM TO ALLOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE THEIR SEATS.
THURSDAY 19TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM KS1 IN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY, SCHOOL HALL 1.30-3PM KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SCHOOL! 6-8PM
FRIDAY 20TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 CUP ASSEMBLY, SCHOOL HALL, 2-3PM. GATES WILL OPEN FROM 1.50PM TO ALLOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE SEATS.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

MONDAY 23RD - 3RD JANUARY	
MONDAY 6TH	START OF TERM 3 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 7TH - WEDNESDAY 8TH	RETURN TO SPRING TERM CLUBS CHOICES AND WELCOME BACK LETTER DISTRIBUTED
WEDNESDAY 8TH	PROSPECTIVE PARENT YEAR R SEPT '25 STARTER EVENTS 9.30 - 11AM AND 1.30-2.30PM
THURSDAY 9TH	SELECTED PUPILS TO EASTBOURNE PANTO 12.30 - 5PM CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM
MONDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 17TH	RETURN OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
MONDAY 13TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM CLASS 1 PLANNING MEETING IN CLASS 1 2.45 - 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 Spring Term Parents Evenings, Tempest Photos (for 2025!) 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\*