



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 07th February 2025

Christian Value for Term : Courage

Dear Parents/Carers,

Respecting Blackboys: Please Park Considerately



I know there is no proof that the shocking picture above was caused by a Blackboys parent. However it is natural that residents have pointed the finger at school, due to previous issues with parking that have been well documented. I'm particularly sad about the damage to the grass verge as there should be Spring bulbs starting to grow there. I doubt they will now.

As a reminder we kindly ask all parents and carers to park responsibly when dropping off and collecting children from school. Unfortunately, some vehicles are being parked on the grass verges along School Lane, causing significant damage.

These verges are not designed to support heavy vehicles, and the deep ruts left behind not only spoil the appearance of our school surroundings but also create hazards for pedestrians, particularly young children.

By parking properly and avoiding the verges, you are helping to keep our environment safe and welcoming for everyone. If parking spaces are limited, please consider using alternative areas such as the Blackboys Inn, especially in the morning and the Village Hall car park in Gun Road.

A sensible recent suggestion has been that older and more independent pupils are dropped at the school gate without parents/carers coming into the playground, thus speeding up the release of parking spaces.

That might be something drivers wish to consider please.

Let's work together to set a good example for our children by showing care and respect for our community. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping School Lane safe and looking its best.

## Parent Consultations

At Blackboys School we strive that every child achieves their very best with appropriate encouragement and aspiration. As we approach parent consultations, we encourage you to have positive and constructive discussions with both your child/ren and your child's teacher about their progress, strengths, and next steps. Setting high expectations helps children develop confidence, resilience, and a love for learning.

## Spring Term Parent Consultations

Next week the Spring Term Parent Consultations will take place. Each Parents/Carer has been offered the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. If you are yet to secure your appointment please refer to the letter sent out via ParentMail email.

**Due to the consultation evening, please remember there will be NO after school football club**

**taking place next Monday, 10th February. All other clubs, as well as wrap around care, continue as normal.**

**Please note there is no availability (unless already booked) for next weeks After School Club Monday and Wednesday sessions.**

Upon arrival to the hall before your appointment you will be given a copy of your child's 'Data Collection' sheet. This details information including address and contact details for your child and family. It is vital that this is checked, amended as required and returned, either to the boxes which will be situated in the hall or to the School Office in the following days post Parents Evening.

## PGL Residential Trip, September 2025

Reminder to all current Year 4/5 pupils who will be attending the PGL Residential trip in September; if you haven't already done so please settle your ParentPay account in relation to this trip, thank you, this will assist with internal reconciliation.

## Year 6 Houses of Parliament Trip

Reminder, to all Year 6 Parents/Carers please return your child's completed consent slip to the School Office by Monday 10th February.



## School Lunches and ParentPay

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers of pupils within KS2 (Classes 3,4 and 5) to keep a regular check on your ParentPay account for School lunch debt and to top up your account as required.

**INSET DAY**  
REMINDER—THERE IS AN INSET DAY ON MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, CHILDREN SHALL RETURN FOR TERM 4 FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY HALF TERM BREAK ON TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY.

## Parent Consultations- continued

When talking to your child about school, celebrate their achievements and encourage them to reflect on areas for improvement. Ask open-ended questions like, "What are you most proud of?" and "What would you like to get even better at?"

Together, we create a culture of aspiration and success, helping every child to reach their full potential. We look forward to seeing you at parent consultations next week!

## Windows, Mirrors and Doors!

To boost the spiritual thinking of our school community we launched the Windows, Mirrors and Doors technique last term. This is a framework for children to think, reflect and take action about issues that challenge them, such as climate change. Our recent work with the Savannah Trust has inspired lots of pupils and we have upcoming cake sales as well as supportive letter writing and campaigning on the behalf of school children in Ghana.

World Book Day,  
Thursday 06th  
March 2025



Looking forward to the start of Term 4... as normal we shall be celebrating World Book Day.

Mrs Sullivan is working on some super World Book Day activities, but for advanced notice, it will involve a friendly dress up as a favourite book character! Look out for Mrs Sullivan's World Book Day email just before half term!

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 3rd February

### Class 1

Jack S & William S - for settling into their new school well, for working hard and producing some great work.

Darcy R - for her great work in RE when we were talking about welcoming babies into different faiths.

### Class 2

Emily B - for always listening carefully in storytime and showing great comprehension of what is happening in the story.

Enzo B - for making lots of improvements to his handwriting and spelling.

Molly W - for always being ready to learn with the right equipment.

### Class 3

Eva D - for always going back through her work with a purple pen to edit and improve.

George C - for his positive attitude towards his learning and being much more independent.

Lyla H - for using her knowledge of Flat Stanley to write an excellent summary of key events.

### Class 4

Jesse S - for impressing Miss Mayhew with his enthusiasm and understanding in Science this term.

Saffron MC - for working really hard on her explanation text and persevering with tricky comma placement.

Izzy M - for being an excellent coach to others, providing other children with support in many different subjects.

### Class 5

Evie H - for making a great start to her story writing.

Bolton R - for doing brilliantly with his practice arithmetic test.

Harrison B - for his impressively presented Pok a Tok writing.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25

### FEBRUARY

MONDAY 10TH YEAR 6 RETURN OF CONSENT SLIPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TRIP TAKING PLACE 28 02 25  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
NO AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB (DUE TO PARENT CONSULTATIONS)  
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING 3.30-6PM

TUESDAY 11TH SELECTED PUPILS YR5/6 TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL UCKFIELD COLLEGE, BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-4.45PM

WEDNESDAY 12TH PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING 5-7.30PM

THURSDAY 13TH FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME  
CHESS AT SANDOWN FOR SELECTED PUPILS 12-4.15PM  
CLASS 4 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM  
YR 3/4 SKIPPERS HILL VS BLACKBOYS FOOTBALL AT SKIPPERS HILL. MINIBUS TRANSPORTING PUPILS. 2-4.30PM

FRIDAY 14TH LAST DAY OF TERM 3  
CLASS 3 RETURN OF BRIGHTON TRIP CONSENT SLIP TO SCHOOL OFFICE  
YEAR 4/5 PUPILS FIRST PGL PAYMENT DUE TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY TODAY  
END OF SCHOOL DAY, CAKE SALE IN AID OF THE SAVANNAH TRUST 3.15-4PM

MON 17TH - FRI 21ST

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM

MONDAY 17TH MISS ZARA'S HALF TERM DANCE WORKSHOP 10AM-3PM

MONDAY 24TH

### INSET DAY (NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL)

TUESDAY 25TH

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4  
SELECTED PUPILS YR5/6 NETBALL UCKFIELD COLLEGE MUGA 3.45-5.15PM

THURSDAY 27TH

CLASS 3 MUMMIFICATION WORKSHOP AND TRIP TO BRIGHTON MUSEUM 9.30AM-3.15PM  
CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 28TH

YR 6 HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT TRIP 8AM-8.30PM  
BLACKBOYS BABIES GROUP, SCHOOL HALL 2-3PM

### MARCH

MONDAY 3RD

NATIONAL OFFER DAY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPT '2025  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

TUESDAY 4TH

CHARTWELLS DESSERT CHANGE ONLY TO PANCAKE DAY  
SELECTED PUPILS YR5/6 NETBALL UCKFIELD COLLEGE MUGA 3.45-5.15PM

THURSDAY 6TH

WORLD BOOK DAY  
SPECIAL MENU - CHARTWELLS WORLD BOOK DAY MENU  
CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL - BY ROTA 1-3.15PM

FRIDAY 7TH

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED  
JH TA - X10 YEAR 2 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.  
END OF SCHOOL DAY, CAKE SALE IN AID OF DEMENTIA UK 3.15-4PM

### 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\*