

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 11th March	7.30-10.00pm—PTFA Race Night, Memorial Hall
Thursday 17th March	Kingfishers to Blackboys Zoolab All day
Friday 18th March	Sports Relief Day 10.45-11.45—Eagles to Author Event at Rocks Park
Monday 21st March	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 22nd March	3.45-5.00 pm—Eagles tag rugby coaching—UCTC
Thursday 24th March	Last Swimming Day for Puffins
Thursday 24th March	9.00 am—Easter Church Service 3.00 pm—Easter Cake Sale—PTFA
Thursday 24th March	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 11th April	First day of term 5
Friday 27th May	Last Day Term 5

Framfield

News

Week Ending

11th March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Vernon on completing her recent staff development training—onwards and upwards!

Governor News

It has been two very short and very busy terms for the schools, for parents and indeed for our Governing Body, and since Christmas we have met as a full Governing Body twice. Agendas are always very full! As reported in previous newsletters we are keeping updated on the new assessment methodologies and are delighted with how the tracking is being undertaken and equally delighted with the progress the children are making across the federation. We also have spent time discussing how the beginning of the day and the afternoon can be more purposeful in each school and avoid time wasted, and we are making great progress. Governors have also been into the schools fairly regularly undertaking Formal visits on various topics such as More Able chil-

dren, Growth Mindset and Christian values, with everyone also looking at feedback and marking protocols in children's books. I personally enjoyed a tremendous day at Framfield reading for each class on World Book Day and observing how the school works to embed a joy of reading in the children. Before Christmas I spent a similar day in Blackboys, spending time in each class, joining in with a terrific singing practice and getting to know the Blackboys team. As I have written before, a key challenge for the new Governing Body this year is to ensure we get to know both schools and this is done not just through discussion and analysis of progress data with the Senior Leadership team, but by spending time in each school and getting to know the communities. With this in mind we all look forward to seeing you at the Easter Services and as ever if you would like to know more about the work of the Governing Body please do get in touch via the School Office.

Sport Relief

We are asking all children to come to school dressed as a sports person of their choice. May we suggest a donation of £1.00. All donations will go towards Sport Relief. If you would like further information on how the money is spent, please visit the website www.sportrelief.com/schools.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting the Sainsbury's active kids vouchers so please bring any you may have into reception where we have the collection box.

Easter Service

We will be having an Easter Service in Church on Thursday 24th March at 9am. Please take your child directly to the church wearing smart school uniform. If you are unable to drop your child at the church please do let the class teacher know—I am sure we will be able to help.

Healthy Foods

As you have all received the 'Let's Get Sugar Smart Changel 4 Life' leaflet in your children's book bags, I am sure you will agree it is interesting and important for the children to understand the need for healthy eating.

Please encourage your children to eat a healthy lunch by providing them with a balanced meal in their lunch boxes. It would be great for every child to have a savoury element to their lunch as well as the sweet treats and snacks; although we realise this can be a challenge, it would be really great to see this in every lunch box.

World Book Day

We had an amazing variety of very imaginative vegetable book characters

brought into school for World Book Day. They made lovely displays in the class rooms. Thank you for all your efforts and vegetables.

During World Book day each class contributed to a whole school story. It began in Peacock class and ended in Eagles. We are hoping to have this on the website soon

Swimming Lessons

Please note there will be a swimming lesson on the last day of term (Thursday 24th March). If there are any changes regarding transport, please contact the school office as soon as you can.

Sports News

Hockey Tournament

Six of us went to Blackboys School and played three games. We drew one. We played Blackboys and East Hoathly. It was tough but we enjoyed it.

Teddy

5/6 Tag Rugby Coaching

We went to the UCTC training ground to learn about tagging, passing and dodging. We worked on advancing in a line. It was a lot of fun and I will be using this training in future games. *By Haydn*

Year 2 Music

A group of us went to Blackboys School for a music afternoon. We sang songs about food 'Peel, peel banana' and 'ginger beer'. Our favourite part was seeing our pen pals and using real instruments.
By Matilda and Otto

Puffins Visit to Plumpton College

On 1st March we went to Plumpton College with Blackboys School. We learnt about how to look after pigs and how many piglets they have. We stroked them and they felt quite rough. It rained a lot but we really enjoyed it. We learnt how to grind wheat to make flour which was interesting. We also talked about raising female cows and bulls. We really learnt a lot for our Farm to Fork topic *By Freddie and Cooper.*

Effort Awards 12th, 26th February and 4th March

Peacocks

Hugo Sharples, for his fantastic number formation this week.
Sofa Awbery, for her fantastic phonic work.
May Geer, for her great contributions to class discussions, sharing some lovely ideas.

Kingfishers

Jude Wickens, for always working really hard, being attentive and a really well-behaved Kingfisher!
Ella Horscroft, for the huge improvements and hard work in her Maths—Well done!
Gus Bradford, for his greatly improved hand-writing.

Puffins

Harry Johnson, for helping others and having a positive attitude on the playground this week.
Jack Barraclough, for having an excellent attitude both in class and in the playground, helping others and always being a good friend.
The whole class for their excellent behaviour and questioning on our trip to Plumpton College

Eagles

Max Baker, for his improved effort in working hard and completing homework tasks.
Maria McQuarrie, for her excellent attitude, both in improving and editing her work in maths and literacy.
Morris Holland McGhee for his excellent effort in improving his presentation in literacy and maths.