

# Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 week 10B

## Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

The season of remembrance is upon us, and we have been reflecting on this in school through assemblies and activities in class – for instance, if you have visited us recently, you may have seen the beautiful display of hand-painted pebbles in our Reception area that students in Art have created. We consider this so important, especially at a time of such global turmoil, when peace seems so hard to attain. Over the coming weekend, students and staff will also be participating in remembrance services in Felpham and Bognor. Our student leaders will be laying wreaths and paying their respects, and we also look forward to seeing those students who will be participating as cadets or for local societies.

I would also like to say how proud I am of the Year 11 students who have managed their mock exams so very well over the last couple of weeks. Despite the rain, wind, floods, outages and necessary reorganisation of some exams, they have persevered, conducted themselves brilliantly, and given it their all. This will give them the very best chance of performing well in the real thing, so it was definitely worth it! They have finished off this week with their Interview Day, engaging in practice interviews with our colleagues from the world of work and industry. Thank you to everyone from our community who volunteered to support the students, and to our careers and exams teams who made it all happen.

Have a wonderful restful weekend – I hope that the sun shines for us!

## 1. Diary

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

- Students follow their week B timetable

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

- Year 9 Interim reports to Parents and Carers
- Years 7 to 11 Deadline for consent for the Flu vaccination - (see year group notice below)

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

## 2. Year Group Notices

### Years 7 to 11 - Reminder - Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations

If you would like your child to have the Flu Nasal Spray vaccination in school and have not yet given consent please do so by 11.00am on Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup> November). If you need the original letter resending please email [fcc@felpham.org.uk](mailto:fcc@felpham.org.uk). The vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### Year 8 - HPV vaccinations

The Immunisation Team are coming into school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to offer Year 8 students the HPV vaccination. Information was emailed to parents and carers this week. Please note the deadline to give / decline consent is by 11.00am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

### Year 10 - Brighton and Sussex Medical school event - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Our next Brighton and Sussex Medical school event is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This one is aimed at Year 10 students so you can start exploring whether you might like a career in healthcare. If you would like to find out more about studying medicine, or any healthcare related career then please come along. It will be in L8 from 3.15 until 4.15pm; refreshments will be provided - please respond to the e-mail I sent if you would like to attend so I can order enough. The session is as follows:

#### Design a pathogen

After discussing what pathogens are, and what makes them 'successful' in causing disease, we will work together to design our very own. Having considered transmission style, microscopic characteristics and symptoms it will cause, we will then battle the pathogens against each other to find the ultimate super bug.

Miss Buckland, Science Department

## Year 11 - Level 2 Award in Financial Education (LIBF)

All Year 11 students have been emailed a survey regarding entry into the financial education exams. Please can you ensure that your child has answered the survey by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, thank you.  
Mrs S Ayres, Computer Science and Financial Education teacher

### 3. School canteen

Please [click here](#) to view the menu for next week. Our lunch menus run on a 3-week cycle, below is a link to our website which shows all 3 menus and the morning break menu, [click here](#).

### 4. Magic Days

We have our first Magic Day taking place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, welcoming Downview Primary Year 5 students to FCC for the day. Please make them feel welcome if you see them around site, thank you.

### 5. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

The deadline for entries to last week's maths challenge should have been 3.00pm, 17<sup>th</sup> November (not 10<sup>th</sup>). Please send your entries in to me [lpullen@felpham.org.uk](mailto:lpullen@felpham.org.uk) by then. A reminder of the challenge is below.

*A student has read three quarters of a geography textbook. She calculates that she has read 120 more pages than she has left to read. How many pages does the book have?*

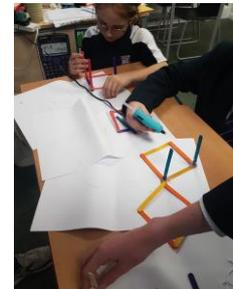
Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

### 6. STEM Club



At STEM club this week we have been using our engineering skills to construct a Newton's cradle.

We needed to make adjustments to our designs to strengthen them and ensure that each part lined up correctly. We will be finishing these off in our next session.



STEM club runs after school every Tuesday in week A in N24. No need to book on - just come along and join us.

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

### 7. School Ski trip 2025

Following on from the continued success of the school ski trips, we are now taking deposits for the trip planned for February half-term 2025. Non-skiers are more than welcome, with over 50% usually attending annually.

The total cost of this trip is **£1589.00, which is broken down into instalments over the year**. The price is great value for what the students are being offered, and they have an amazing experience each time. We have received many offers and quotes, and this is best price, with the best hotel and slopes on offer that we have used for many years.

The group of approx. 40-50 students travel to Austria for 6 days of skiing for 5 hours a day. The price includes travel, full board accommodation (3 meals a day), ski pass, ski equipment hire (Skis, poles, ski helmet and boot hire), full ski tuition, trip hoodie and evening activities. The accommodation has full en-suite facilities and has great in-house entertainment.

**If your child is interested in a place on this trip, or you have any questions regarding it, please email me at [Jross@felpham.org.uk](mailto:Jross@felpham.org.uk).** Please clearly state - your child's name, tutor group and skiing experience (beginner, 1 week, 2 weeks or more).

Please [click here](#) to view the Ski trip letter with more information and [click here](#) to view the PowerPoint.

Mr Ross, PE Department

## 8. Student Council

Student Council Year Group meetings will take place week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please can all reps check Teams for details, thank you.  
Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

## 9. Charity - Bognor Foodbank

Our annual donation drive will be for Bognor Foodbank this year. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in a donation - please [click here](#) to view a flyer with suggested donations. The deadline is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## 10. Diwali

This year the festival of Diwali will be celebrated on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated to commemorate Lord Rama's return home after a fourteen-year exile. It is part of a five-day festival which celebrates the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. Happy Diwali to all who celebrate it.

Mx Aston-Rose, Curriculum Leader: Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

## 11. Careers

Careers updates will return next week.



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➤ [Click here](#) to be taken to our dedicated Careers website, with lots of information/links for parents and students.

## 12. Year 7 Girls football

The Year 7 girls football team played their second match together in a County Cup and National Cup fixture against Blatchington Mill, Hove. In the first half, Blatchington Mill scored early on from an amazing goal just outside the area, there were some excellent saves from Sophie to keep us in the game. Felpham then equalised from a through ball to Sydney, who slotted it in the right-hand corner, out of reach of their goalkeeper. After a lapse in concentration shortly after, Felpham found themselves behind 2-1.

Going into the second half the girls created lots more goal scoring opportunities, although these were kept out by the Blatchington Mill goalkeeper. Chloe, Molly and Grayce made some very important challenges to try and keep Felpham in the game. Unfortunately, the pressure was too much, and we conceded two more goals shortly after each other.

A change in formation was made and the girls never gave up. Lots of shots from Mazie, Lilly and Sophie. Eventually Molly played a ball to Sophie in the middle, who ran through their back line to slot the ball behind the Blatchington Mill goalkeeper making the score 4-2.

I am so proud of the girls, they never gave up and showed lots of enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the match, wearing the FCC badge with pride.

I would like to give a massive 'shout-out' to Connor and Oliver, our Year 8 Sports leaders for being amazing linesmen. Also, to Ruby-May from Sixth Form who helps coach the Year 7s girls' team.

Miss Shine, PE Department



## 13. Department information and students shout-outs

Please [click here](#) to view departmental information and student shout-outs for this week.



# Felpham Community College Christmas Craft Fair

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

4.00pm—5.30pm at FCC

An event open to both the FCC and the local community!

FCC would like to invite you to join us with a fun and feel-good evening filled with activities!

- \* Craft fair with local crafters
- \* Christmas fun and games with year 7
- \* Festive songs from the FCC choir
- \* Tombola
- \* Raffle - amazing prizes to be won supported by the local businesses
- \* Homemade cakes and bakes
- \* Hot drinks and sweets
- \* Play your cards right with the student leadership team

So why not get festive at Felpham?!

