

# Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 week A

## Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a busy week, both during the school day and outside of it! We have welcomed many of you here for the wonderful Christmas Fair and for our Year 11 Parents' Evening. Both events were really uplifting in very different ways! Thank you for supporting us in providing the best we can for our students.

There is still much to come in the final two weeks of this term. In the midst of the Christmas hustle and bustle, as ever at FCC, many students are also thinking of those who might need an extra helping hand. We are very grateful for your contributions that we are collecting via tutor groups to donate to the Bognor Foodbank. Those donations will be heading off next week to make a difference, so please do bring your final donations in soon.

We are also looking forward to talking to Year 8 parents at their consultation evening next week - see below. Please do be aware that this is an online event. At the moment, along with many schools, we are trying to find a good balance between the convenience of our online platform and the ability to have those crucial face-to-face discussions at key times in a students' career with us - we hope that this is working for you.

Do stay warm and safe over the chilly weekend!

Best wishes



## 1. Diary

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- Students follow their week A timetable

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

- 16.00-19.00 Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening (virtual)

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

## 2. Year Group Notices

**Year 7 Christmas Disco**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30 - 6.45pm**  
**FCC main hall**



**Tickets available via ParentPay - £3.50 - to include a drink and sweets**  
**Payment deadline - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

<b>Year 8 reminders</b>
<b>Parents' Evening - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Booking is now open for the Year 8 Parents' Evening next Thursday. Please <a href="#">click here</a> to view a letter emailed to parents/carers this week with information on how to book appointments.
<b>Interim reports</b>
Interim reports are available to view via My Child at School (MCAS). Please <a href="#">click here</a> to view the letter to accompany the reports which was emailed to parents/carers this week.
<b>HPV vaccinations - deadline reminder</b>
A reminder that the deadline to give / decline consent for the HPV vaccinations is by 11.00am on Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024. The Immunisation Team are coming into school on Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 for these.

<b>Year 11</b>
<b>Parents' Evening and Careers</b>
Unfortunately, I was unable to be at the Year 11 Parents' Evening last night. If anyone had wanted to speak to me about anything, please email me and I will get back to you as soon as possible - <a href="mailto:gwoodman@felpham.org.uk">gwoodman@felpham.org.uk</a> . Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader
<b>Poetry Live trip - reminder</b>
A reminder that we are running a trip in January to give Year 11 students the opportunity to listen to live poem readings and attend seminars in support of their English Literature GCSE exam. Part of the syllabus requires students to study a collection of poems, as well as responding to two unseen poems. At this event many of the poets on the syllabus will be providing live readings and seminars regarding their work, as well as sharing useful ideas about how to analyse poetry and unseen poetry.  The trip takes place on Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024, the cost is £31.00. If your child would like a place, please email <a href="mailto:fcc@felpham.org.uk">fcc@felpham.org.uk</a> by the end of term. Please find below a link to the Poetry Live website - <a href="https://poetrylive.net/event_categories/brighton/">https://poetrylive.net/event_categories/brighton/</a> .

**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. Christmas lunch**

The canteen will be offering a Christmas lunch menu on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, [click here](#) to view a flyer.

**5. Bognor Foodbank Donation drive**

We are delivering all our donations to Bognor Foodbank on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - please bring in a donation if you are able too, [click here](#) to view a flyer.

**6. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge**

This fortnight's challenge is:

*What number should replace the question mark?*

- ❖  $6,136 = 2$
- ❖  $6,666 = 4$
- ❖  $8,881 = 6$
- ❖  $8,888 = 8$
- ❖  $988,919,865 = 10$
- ❖  $9,328,233,322 = ?$

Please email entries to me at [lpullen@felpham.org.uk](mailto:lpullen@felpham.org.uk) by 3pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December in order for the winning family to receive their prize before the Christmas break. Good luck!

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

**7. Reminder - What charities should FCC support in the Spring and Summer Terms 2024?**

Students, their families and staff are invited to vote for the charities FCC will support in the next two terms. Everyone has 3 votes each, the top 6 charities voted for will be the ones FCC will support. Students have been encouraged to complete the form within registration time.

**Parents/Carers:** Please find the link below if you wish to join in.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/FelphamCommunityCollege/UKParliamentWeek2023>

The deadline is 9.00am Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant and Charity Coordinator

**8. Non-school uniform day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Students and staff are asked to donate £1 on the last day of term and wear non-school uniform, raising money for Stonepillow - a local charity which supports the homeless and vulnerable. ParentPay is open to pay online, or students can bring in £1 cash on the day. Many thanks for your continued support with our charity programme of events.

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant / Charity Coordinator

**9. Pre-loved uniform event - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 8am-9.30am - library**

Please note, we have very limited FCC branded items currently available as we only ran the last event recently. However, we have a very good stock of trousers / shirts / blouses / and a good selection of winter coats, which we hope can be of use to people. We also have limited PE kits / football boots and trainers. This event is open to students and their families. Please bring a cash donation for items which go towards the running cost of the events, thank you.

**10. West Sussex Music Service - Holiday Courses**

West Sussex Music Service are running holiday courses in Bognor this December, see link below. These will be held at The Phoenix Centre for anyone interested in Rap and Lyric Writing. Free places for those receiving free school meals. For those families not eligible for HAF funding, but in receipt of other benefits, West Sussex Music are offering places at half price.

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/holidayactivities/bognor-regis/>

**11. South Coast Skate Club - Holiday Club**

South Coast Skate Club are a not-for-profit organisation that uses skateboarding to help young people with their self-development. They will be providing a free holiday club through West Sussex County Council for students who receive free school meals. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer with dates and a QR code to the booking system.

**12. A message from the Children's Commissioner for England - The Big Ambition - Have your say!**

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition - a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important. In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

Students or their parents / carers can complete the survey here:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition).

The survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

**13. Student safety**

We would like to remind students about the importance of cycling safely to and from school. This week we were contacted by a concerned driver to report a male student cycling, with no hands on the handlebars, down Ashmere Lane who turned into the main road without looking around him first; the driver narrowly avoided the student.

**Please could students:**

- Cycle in single file (if cycling with friends)
- Cycle with both hands on the handlebars
- Be aware of cars and pedestrians
- Check all around them before they start to cross the roads

We also strongly recommend students wear cycle helmets.

**Parents and Carers:** If your child cycles along Ashmere Lane please mention this to them, thank you.

**14. Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex - Carol Concert**

The Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) have asked us to share the following message with our parents and carers:

*The Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) would like people to join them on Friday 15th December for their Christmas Carol Concert at Arundel Cathedral and support your local air ambulance charity. Doors will open at 7pm and the concert will begin at 7.30pm. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer.*

*This fun and festive evening marks 10 years of KSS flying at night - all made possible by your support. During the concert, you'll have the unique opportunity to hear from their life-saving crew and gain insights into the incredible work they do to save lives every day.*

*Tickets are available via the website [Carol Concert - Arundel Cathedral - Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex \(aakss.org.uk\)](http://Carol Concert - Arundel Cathedral - Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (aakss.org.uk)) or via the code on the flyer [click here](#).*

**15. Christmas Fair - Raffle Prizes to be claimed**

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Christmas Fair this week. Please [click here](#) to view the list of prizes to be claimed. Prizes can be collected from our Finance Office next to Reception; please bring your ticket with. Please collect by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, thank you.

**Message from 7G:** Thank you to the students and families who got involved in our Guess the Gonk's Name stall at the Christmas Fair. I can announce that the Gonk's official name was 'Rocket', and the winner is Sophie Clarke from 7L! Please come and collect your Gonk from Miss Mills in V5 at break or lunchtime.

**16. Publicity**

In the Bognor Regis Observer 30<sup>th</sup> November - Downview year 5 students visit FCC (page 24)

Please click on this link to view our latest press releases:

<https://www.felpham.com/news-events/news/>

**17. Felpham Community College Carol Service - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**



We would like to invite students, parents and carers and their families to our Christmas Carol Concert taking place at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church, Felpham on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Mince pies and drinks will be available afterwards.

We do hope you can join us.

Mr Harrington, Curriculum Leader: Music

**18. U14s Basketball**



I would just like to say a massive 'Well Done' to the U14s Basketball team who played their first two games of the league on Wednesday.

The first Match was against Bishop Luffa. The girls played very well, after the first quarter FCC were winning 6-2. The match continued to be really close, and FCC were just pipped to the post, losing 14-12.

The second match was against a strong Bourne Community College side. The first quarter finished 8-2 to Bourne. However, FCC never gave up and finished the match with a win of 12-10.

Miss Shine, PE Department

**19. Department information and students shout-outs**

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