

# Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 week B

## Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that I have now been at Felpham for nearly a whole term! It has gone like a flash, but at the same time I am privileged to feel as though I have been here forever...thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome.

We are well into the seasonal spirit in school at the moment...it is great to be able to get to know and be involved in the traditions here at FCC! Thank you to all who donned a Christmas jumper on Thursday this week, and a massive thank you for donations to the Bognor Foodbank. We are looking forward to the Y7 Disco on Tuesday and the Carol Service on Wednesday.

With all that going on, alongside learning that will continue as usual, please be aware that Friday is a non-uniform day, and that school will finish early - pupils will be dismissed at 12:30 (see item 15 for details).

Have a great weekend, and here's to a productive final week!

Best wishes

## 1. Diary

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Students follow their week B timetable

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- 16.30-18.45 Year 7 Disco - see year group notice below

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- 19.00 Carol Service - see item 13

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- End of Term, school finishes at 12.30pm (non-uniform day) - see item 15

## 2. Year Group Notices

### Year 7 - Christmas Disco

A reminder that the Year 7 Christmas Disco takes place on Tuesday - 12<sup>th</sup> December, from 4.30 to 6.45pm. Tickets are available via ParentPay until 3.00pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. **After this time, tickets cannot be purchased.** Tickets are £3.50 which includes a drink and sweets.

### Year 8 - deadline reminder

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.

## 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. Canteen Cards

The Finance department are able to set a daily limit for your child's spending on his/her canteen card. Setting a daily limit would enable you to top up once a week, rather than daily. This limit would be for the day, rather than break and lunchtime, so you would need to let your child know. Please email [parentpay@felpham.org.uk](mailto:parentpay@felpham.org.uk) if you would like a daily limit set.

Finance Department

**6. Bognor Foodbank donation drive**

Thank you to everyone who supported our donation drive for Bognor Foodbank. We delivered an amazing amount to them on Thursday morning, and they were incredibly grateful.  
Mrs Chester, Charity Coordinator

**7. Student health and wellbeing**

Please could parents and carers ensure that when sending their child into school they are well enough to attend. It is the responsibility of parent/carer' to assess the health and wellbeing of the child in the morning, before school, and not the responsibility of the Medical Room. If your child is sent home ill - after being unwell in school - they will be marked as ill (the same as if they were reported ill in the morning) and parents/carers will be contacted to collect them.

FCC will always respect careers/parents' decision if they send their child in, and we will encourage their child to continue on. Thank you for your support.  
Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

**8. Rights Respecting Schools**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December was World Aids Day; this is a topic that has a lot of misconceptions. If you would like to know more information about the condition, and its implications on society, please [click here](#).

We are currently making cards to send to children in Chestnut Tree House and the elderly in local care homes as a way to spread some joy. We would love to encourage students and parents to get involved, by either making a homemade card or writing in a shop bought card which will be sent out in time for Christmas. For more information on what to write in the cards please click [here](#). Please can all cards be placed in the box in Reception by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Miss A Jarvis, Rights Respecting Schools Coordinator

**9. Parents / Carers who have children who left FCC Summer 2023**

If you have a child who left FCC during the Summer of 2023, when they were in Y11 or Y13, their exam certificates are ready for collection. It is extremely important that these are collected as universities and employers will ask for the original copies. The certificates cost approx £45-50 per certificate and we are only required to keep these for two years before we have to destroy them.

Please ask your child to either:

1. Come into school to collect these between 9-3pm, term time only, or
2. If they wish for someone else to come and collect their certificates to fill in the form [here](#), or email [exams@felpham.org.uk](mailto:exams@felpham.org.uk)

If parents and carers prefer, the certificates can be posted home at a small cost - please email [exams@felpham.org.uk](mailto:exams@felpham.org.uk).

Mrs Whelan, Data & Exams Manager

**10. Christmas Fair - Raffle Prizes still to be claimed**

We still have the following raffle prizes to be claimed:

Ticket Colour	Number	Prize
White	611	£25 Southern Co-op Gift voucher
Pink	563	£15 Blushed Blooms gift voucher
Pink & White	112	MOT voucher, Milestones
Green	274	Family Swim voucher, ALC
Pink & White	303	Family Swim voucher, ALC
Pink	553	Bottle of Bucks Fizz
Green	69	Football Billionaire Game
Green	193	Edgcumbes Coffee Gift Set
Blue	44	Bath Bombs

Prizes can be collected from our Finance Office next to Reception; please bring your ticket with you. Please collect by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, thank you.

**11. Safeguarding Corner - Staying Safe Online**

Please [click here](#) to view the December edition of Staying Safe Online from WSCC. This includes information on:

- Community WhatsApp Group scam
- Email and social media hacking
- Keeping safe online this festive season

Mrs Covill, Safeguarding and Inclusion Lead

**12. Chanukah**

Chag sameach to all in our community who are celebrating Chanukah, which this year takes place from December 7<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please [click here](#) to view a PowerPoint, and click on the link below to find out more about this eight-day Jewish festival - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3zsTXLjH4s>.  
Mx Aston-Rose, Curriculum Leader: Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

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



We would like to invite staff, governors, 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

**14. 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.

**15. Last day of term - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Students and staff are asked to donate £1 on the last day of term to 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.

**Please note:**

- Period 4 will finish 10 minutes early (11.40am-12.20pm)
- Students will then register with their tutors (12.20-12.30pm)
- Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm

**16. Charities FCC will support for the rest of this academic year**

Thank you to everyone who voted for what charities they felt FCC should support as a community in the Spring and Summer Terms. The following charities have been selected:

**Youth Action Week 2024**

1. Chestnut Tree House
2. Macmillan Cancer Support
3. St Wilfrid's Hospice

**Non-school uniform days**

1. UNICEF - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024
2. Mount Noddy Animal Rescue - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024
3. NSPCC - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024
4. Youth Action Week charities - 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**17. Appeal for donations**

Deligo Eatery in Felpham are doing a Christmas Appeal asking for gifts, food and goodies which will be distributed out to children, families and vulnerable adults in our community who may otherwise go without this holiday season. Please follow them on Facebook for more information or pop in if you think you can support in any way.

**18. Activity Camps for students in receipt of free school meals**

Absolute Sport receive part-funding from West Sussex Council for the HAF program and will be running activity camps during the Christmas break for students aged 4-14; any child with a HAF code gets a free space at one of their camps. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer with more information. Spaces can be booked via this link <https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login>.

## 19. School Ski trip 2025 update

We are looking to increase our numbers for this trip to 50 students, if anyone would like to join this please see the information below.

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 the trip is **£1589.00, which is broken down into instalments over the year**. The price is great value for what for the students will be offered and they have an amazing experience. 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 six 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, a trip hoodie and evening activities. The accommodation has full en-suite facilities and great in-house entertainment.

Please [click here](#) to view the original letter and [here](#) to view a PowerPoint.

If your child would like to join this trip, please email me at [Jross@felpham.org.uk](mailto:Jross@felpham.org.uk) stating your child's name, tutor group and skiing experience (beginner, 1 week, 2 weeks or more).

If you have any questions, please email me at the above email address.

Mr Ross, PE Department

## 20. STEM Club

STEM Club this week had a Christmas theme as we held reindeer races using balloons decorated by students. This was very competitive and enjoyed by all. We also made marble mazes using candy canes which we tested by students before being allowed to dismantle and eat them.



STEM Club is held every Tuesday week A in N24. Come along and join in the fun!  
Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

## 21. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer 7<sup>th</sup> December:

- FCC redesignated as Gold standard for Rights Respecting Schools (page 6)
- Christmas Fair Success (page 22)

## 22. Department information and students shout-outs

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

## 23. PE Fixture results Year 7 and 8 Girls football



'Well done' to the Year 7 and 8 girls who took part in their first area football tournament at St Phillip Howard school on Tuesday evening. The girls played extremely well, despite the cold conditions, and scored some brilliant goals too! Please see below.

- The first game was against St Phillip Howard 3 team, which was a Year 8 side. The girls fought hard to win the game 1-0, with a superb goal from Molly.
- The next game was against St Phillip Howard 1 side. Again, the girls showed their determination throughout the whole game, but sadly fell short and lost 2-0. Apart from the score line, there was lots of great football being played and some brilliant saves from Sophie.
- Our third game was against Chichester High School, despite the many great chances the girls made, and some great defending from Chloe, Chi High won the game 1-0.
- The second to last game was against St Phillip Howard 2. This was a great game which saw lots of goals for us! The game finished with a 3-0 win to Felpham, with Ruby scoring 2 great goals and Chloe finishing it off with a fantastic freekick which landed in the top corner.
- Our last game of the evening was against The Regis School which looked like a tough match. The girls fought hard, defended excellently together as a team, and played superbly; Armelle scored a great goal from a distance to win the game 1-0.

Miss Shine and Miss Jones, PE Department

### KS3 Girls Football

On a wet Thursday afternoon, the Year 7,8 and 9 football girls came together to take part in the FCC KS3 cup. The girls were split into two teams to compete - one was named FCC purple and the other FCC Red.

The first half was very close, both teams looking like they were going to get a goal; however, Hattie worked her magic from the middle, took the ball around the defenders and scored in the top left-hand corner. The purple team then fell under a lot of pressure; however, Chloe and Sophia were there to cover. 1-0 half time to FCC red.

The second half started slowly then Evie played a through ball to Willow, who looked like she was going to score but Sophie made a great save. The FCC reds found themselves under pressure again with a through ball from Sophia to Evie, who played to Fayth, who went on to slot the ball behind the goalkeeper. With three minutes to go FCC red team were really putting the pressure on, Mazie had to make a double save to keep them out. Final score 1-1.

The game went to a very close penalty shootout where FCC red team became champions!! 'Well done' to all the girls who took part, you were all amazing and your future at FCC is very bright!

I would also like to give a massive 'Thank You' to the Year 8 sports leaders Oliver and Connor who were linesmen.

Miss Shine and Mr Whiffin, PE Department



## Year 8 Boys Football - FCC Year 8s negotiate their way into the quarter finals of the county cup

On a cold Tuesday afternoon on 5<sup>th</sup> December the Year 8 FCC boys football team travelled to Priory School in Lewes, in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the county cup. Getting to this stage is always difficult and, having sat on the bus for over an hour, the boys were keen to get started after some poor map-reading skills from myself.

The game started well for FCC with the midfield of Toby B, Toby J, Louis, Oscar, Will, Jude and Harry dominating the possessions, and playing fantastic balls through to the strikers Chace and Ethan to get shots away. It was a pass through from Toby J which set Chace off, and he netted neatly through the goalkeepers' legs to make it 1-0. At 1-0 Priory started to come back, but the fantastic defence of Teddy, Oliver B, Austin, Oliver T, Oli B, Tyler - and led by Blake - was like a brick wall countering all of the attacks that came their way. It was lovely play from Blake who played the ball back to Tyler in goal which set the play in motion for the second goal. Teddy got hold of the ball at left back and cleverly weaved his way through the Priory winger and played a nice ball to Toby on the wing; he then did the same and attacked down the left and pulled the ball across for Chace to slot home for his second and to make it 2-0.

Unfortunately, being this age, the team are naturally not very tall yet and - when someone shoots high into the net, it is impossible to defend against - and that is what Priory did to bring the game back to 2-2 at half time.

Some key substitutions were made but Priory came out a different team and were quickly 3-2 up after another good corner that made its way in. Just after that, Oscar collected the ball in midfield and did something with it that can only be described as 'Messi'-like and weaved his way through 5 players and slotted the ball in the bottom corner to make it 3-3.

FCC were quick off the mark again and worked the ball well in midfield and a good cross by Chace led to Toby B finding an empty net to make it 4-3 with 5 minutes to go. Priory were blessed with a fantastic left winger, and a ball over the top was run onto by him and he placed it well into the bottom corner to make it 4-4. In the dying seconds, Oliver T did well to divert a cross which was destined for one of the Priory strikers which allowed the game to finish 4-4.

The next call to make was whether it would go to straight penalties or play 5 minutes each way extra time. Blake was persuasive in his approach and extra time started. By this time Priory were tired and FCC were picking up pace and, before the 5 minutes were up, FCC had scored 2 outstanding goals from Chace and Toby B and the game finished 6-4, with FCC progressing through to the Quarter Finals.

'Well done' boys. It is always a pleasure taking such a dedicated and hardworking team on fixtures. You did FCC very proud.

Mr Whiffin, Deputy Headteacher



**Team:** Tyler D, Oliver B, Toby B, Toby J, Louis S, Chace T, Oscar L, Austin C, Oli B, Jude C, Ethan J, William B, Harry O, Blake C (Capt), Oliver T and Teddy S

## Year 8 Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the Year 8 sports leaders who completed their second leadership workshop based on communication. The Year 8s were amazing and showed a lot of enthusiasm throughout the workshop.

Keep up the great work!

Miss Shine, PE Department



## Year 8 Girls Basketball



'Well done' to the Year 8 girls basketball team who played a fantastic game against St Phillip Howard (SPH) school on Wednesday afternoon. Please see below.

### First Quarter:

- Sophia charges down the court to open the scoring up with a great shot
- 2 minutes later, Sophia shoots and scores again! Fantastic work
- SPH score a basket making it 4-2
- SPH score another basket making it 4-4, 30 seconds later
- Layla - with a great rebound - grabs the ball, shoots and scores! 6-4 to Felpham after the first quarter.

### Second Quarter:

- Faith scores in the opening 30 seconds of the second quarter, making it 8-4 to Felpham
- SPH pull another basket back, it's now 8-6
- SPH score another basket, making it 8-8!
- Sophia receives the ball after a brilliant run, she shoots and scores! Making it 10-8 after the second quarter.

### Third Quarter:

- Sophia scores another basket making it 12-8 to Felpham, amazing work
- 14-8 to Felpham after another good shot from Layla
- SPH score making it 14-10
- Faith scores in the last seconds of the quarter making it 16-10 to Felpham.

### Fourth Quarter:

- Sophia scores another basket for Felpham, making it 18-10
- Layla runs down the line and performs an amazing lay-up to score! Fantastic work - 20-10 to Felpham
- SPH score on their second free throw making it 20-12
- SPH shoot in the last seconds of the game to finish the game.

An amazing effort from all the girls and well done for winning with a great score line of 20-14 to Felpham.

Miss Shine, PE Department

## 24. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Students in all Year Groups
<b>Job of the week</b>
<p>This week's Job of the Week is <a href="#">quality manager</a>.            Discover what the job entails, what qualifications you will need to get into it, what subjects are useful for it and the salary you might earn. If you want to find out more about a specific job pop along to the Careers Hub (S13b) and speak to Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash.</p>
<b>All students and parents / carers</b>
<b>Information on Careers Survey - be in with a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher</b>
<p>Sussex Learning Network is working with partners to support advancement of the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP). They are interested to know what information is available to people living in Sussex in relation to careers and key sectors.</p> <p>The form below is for <b>users of Careers Information</b> ie people looking for information about careers to help them or people they are working with. You can use this form if you are working in a school or college, if you work to support others to find out information on careers, or if you yourself are using careers information to help you take your next steps.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">here</a> to complete this short survey. Closing date for the draw is 15<sup>th</sup> December.</p>

### Year 10 Students - Army Careers Day at Thorney Island – February 2024

There are still a few spaces available on this half-day visit to Thorney Island to find out more about careers in the Army. If you would like to find out more about the different sections of the Army, and what they might be able to offer you, I need your name before we finish for the Christmas holidays. Please see Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash in the Careers Office as soon as possible (S13a).

### Year 11 Students

#### CVs and Mock Interview Day - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

During P1 and P2 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January we will be inviting the 35 students who missed the mock interview day recently to take part in this valuable experience. If you are one of the 35, and still have not produced a CV and sent it to Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash, there is still time for you to do so.

#### Virtual work experience opportunities

Doing any sort of work experience, including virtual experiences, is a great way for you to find out more about different careers and great to add to your CV. Please see below:

#### Cisco Pathways Work Experience (Virtual) - February half term

This is a weeklong programme with the aim of showing you the range of jobs within a global IT company. During the week you will develop presentation, teamwork and employability skills, and build your confidence through online modules and interactive sessions. The deadline for applications is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January but will close earlier once the places are filled, so don't delay if you are interested.

The programme will provide opportunities to learn about Cisco and the IT industry. You'll hear from technical teams and business teams. There'll be a challenge that you work on as a group and then present to our Cisco judges and we'll be learning about and practising employability skills such as interviewing and CVs. Plus learn about routes into Cisco straight from school via the apprenticeships, as an intern once at university or as a graduate after university. This is a full five days of learning opportunities. You will need a device, preferably with a camera, to join the virtual meetings. A laptop is best, with a tablet and then a phone in the order of how to get the best experience. To apply, click [here](#).

### Careers Information

#### Parents and Carers of Year 9 students - preparation for GCSE option choices

After Christmas Year 9 students will have two computer-based lessons using Xello, the careers programme we use across school. These lessons will allow them to research the careers or sectors that might suit their skills, strengths and interests, and to find out what route they might need to take to get into that career or sector and, more relevantly, which subjects, if any, they might need to study in KS4 to follow their preferred pathway.

In addition, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, students will take part in a Careers Carousel in school. Over the course of two lessons, they will have the opportunity, in small groups, to speak to five different volunteers about the job that they do, the route they took to get into it, the skills they use and the school subjects that they find most relevant. So far, we have the following volunteers coming in:

- Drone pilot
- Author
- Cabin crew
- Paramedic
- Professional football referee
- Personal trainer
- Lawyer
- Charity worker
- Two business owners
- Anatomical pathology technologist
- Educational psychologist
- Occupational therapist
- Representative from the Army

Apart from the Army and the football referee, all the volunteers are former students of FCC, keen to share their stories with current students.



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