



# Families' Bulletin

**Monday 10 July to Friday 14 July 2023**

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It is a relatively quiet day in school today with most students having to access their learning from home and many staff not with us. However, that void has certainly been filled with 280 very enthusiastic and fully engaged year 6 students on day two of their transition days. As I write I can hear Mr Endersby leading them through our annual treasure hunt to help find their way around school. Their confidence growing every step of the way. We have had a great two days with them and cannot wait for them to start in September.

Also this week, we held our year 11 into sixth form information evening and are equally excited to see those students starting the next phase of their education with us in our popular and successful sixth form. We were also joined in the morning by a fantastic number of young people looking to join our sixth form from other schools. We have exciting plans ahead for the sixth form next year including expanded leadership opportunities through our Communities system, our extended LIFE curriculum and refurbishment of our sixth form Sackville Centre, alongside the expert and specialist post-16 teaching.

Staying with the sixth form we had 30 students taking a TEFL course on Monday and Tuesday this week, developing skills to help them teach English as a foreign language, and tomorrow we will see our year 10 geographers heading off on their field trip to Pembrokeshire in South Wales. Special thank you to those colleagues who have given up their weekend to accompany the students.

With the industrial action today we have had to postpone our usual Hot Choc Friday but I would like to end with a shout out to our sixth form and year 8 young leaders who have been amazing buddies with our year 6 these past two days. They have been an absolute credit to us.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Ms Jo Meloni**  
**Headteacher**



## Key Dates for the Diary

Saturday 8 to Monday 10 July	<b>Year 10</b> Geography Trip to South Wales
Monday 10 July	<b>Year 9</b> Sports Day
Thursday 13 July	<b>Year 7</b> Sports Day
Thursday 13 July	<b>Year 8</b> Sports Day
Thursday 13 July	<b>Year 10 &amp; 12</b> D&T Trip to Goodwood
Friday 14 July	<b>Year 10</b> Sports Day
Mon 17, Tue 18 and Wed 19 July	<b>Years 7,8,9 &amp; 10</b> Curriculum Enhancement Week
Monday 17 to Friday 21 July	<b>Year 10</b> Spanish Trip
<b>Friday 21 July</b>	<b>Last Day of Term – Early Finish 12.00pm</b>

**You can view the full parents' calendar [here](#).** If you have any questions regarding a particular activity, please contact the member of staff who is running the club.

## Last Day of Term Arrangements – Friday 21 July 2023

For your information the following sets out our timetable for the last day of term:

Registration	08.25am-08.35am	Shortened 10 minute registration
Period 1	08.35am-09.25am	50 minute lesson
Period 2	09.25am-10.15am	50 minute lesson
Break	10.15am-10.30am	15 minute break
Period 3	10.30am-11.05am	Assembly Year 7 and 8 – Main Hall Tutor time Year 10 in tutor bases
Lunch	11.05am-11.25am	20 minute lunch
Period 4	11.25am-12.00am	Assembly Year 9 and 10 – Main Hall Tutor time Years 7 and 8 in tutor bases
End of Day	12.00pm	Students dismissed

## Start Dates for the 2023/24 School Year:

Friday 1 September	INSET Day – No students in school
Monday 4 September	Years 7 and 11 only. (Year 12 Enrolment)
Tuesday 5 September	Years 7,8,9,10,11 and 13 only
Wednesday 6 September	All students in school

## Extra Curricular Activities

### Summer Term Timetable

We offer a wide range of after school activities at Sackville. You can browse through all the clubs, by year group, via the website link [HERE](#).

## School Notices

### Sports Day

We are really excited for our annual sports days to happen over the coming week. These will happen on the following:

<b>Year 7</b>	Thursday 13 July 2023	11.20am - 02.50pm
<b>Year 8</b>	Thursday 13 July 2023	11.20am – 02.50pm
<b>Year 9</b>	Monday 10 July 2023	08.55am - 10.55am
<b>Year 10</b>	Friday 14 July 2023	12.20pm - 02.50pm

Students will wear their PE kits for the whole day when they have their sports day. This will help them maximise their time out at the sports day events and help us to manage the need for changing across a whole year group. Therefore, it is really important that students wear the correct PE kit to school which will be checked at the start of the day.

Any students not in the correct kit will need to change and the tutor and year team will ensure this happens at the start of the day.

As a reminder:

**Girls** – navy blue t-shirt, navy blue shorts/skort, white socks, training shoes and/or spikes.

**Boys** – navy blue t-shirt, white shorts, white socks, training shoes and/or spikes.

Please ensure students are prepared for all eventualities of weather (sun cream, sun hat, waterproof jacket) and have a refillable water bottle with them.

Unfortunately, we aren't in a position to be able to support having parents on site due to staffing and time constraints. We need to have robust safeguarding in place for any visitors on site and this just isn't something we can accommodate this time around unfortunately. Lots of schools do not ordinarily allow parents to attend sports days for this very reason and while we would always like to make arrangements for this if we can, it hasn't been possible this year. It may be something we are able to do in future as we manage these requirements.

If you have any questions regarding sports days please contact Mr Currie via [acurrie@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:acurrie@sackvilleschool.org.uk) or Mrs Richards via [lrichards@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:lrichards@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

Mr Peter Cowlin  
Assistant Deputy Head

## A Message from the Immunisation Service

Dear Parents and Guardians

The Immunisation Service coordinates the national school-based vaccination programmes for Flu, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations, for eligible students.

Please see the attached flyer which contains information on the vaccinations your child should have received by the end of each year group, and what to do if they have missed any of these. We are running catch up clinics at various locations across Sussex throughout the summer.

**If your child has missed any of these vaccinations, and you would like to book an appointment at one of our community catch-up clinics, please follow one of the two options below:**

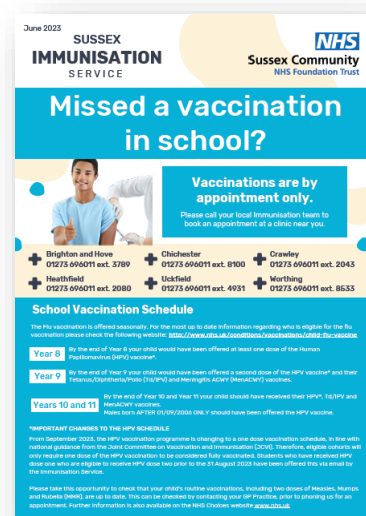
- **Option 1 - If you have previously completed a consent form for the vaccination you would like to book an appointment for:**
  - Check your emails (including Junk folder) for a 'Consent Form Submitted' email from [noreply@cinnamondigitalapplications.co.uk](mailto:noreply@cinnamondigitalapplications.co.uk) This contains your unique booking reference number, which you will need to enter in order to book an appointment.
  - Click the following link [www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/ClinicBooking/Booking](http://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/ClinicBooking/Booking) and select the vaccination you are booking an appointment for (this must match the vaccine on the 'consent form submitted' email).
- Enter your booking reference number and email address, to view and book an appointment at one of our clinics. **Option 2 - If you have not previously completed a consent form for the vaccination you would like to book, or you are having any problems booking an appointment,** please follow the instructions in the attached flyer to speak to one of the team and arrange a clinic appointment.

Sent on behalf of the Vaccination Programme Coordinator, Sussex Immunisation Service (SIS)

**Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust (SCFT)**

[www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk](http://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk)

VIEW FLYER HERE: <https://sackvilleschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Missed-Vaccination-Flyer-July-2023.pdf>



## Year Group Notices

### Open to all Year Groups:

### Find It out Thursdays



Your child has the opportunity on Thursday's lesson 5 to come and hear from people in different industries. They can find out from the people that know what that profession is like, ask them questions, start to explore different careers available and consider if they are right for them. We invite a different profession each week and your child is able to sign up for one talk, each half term.

### The Cats Protection League

This week saw students learning about the work that the Cats Protection League does. Students learnt about how to look after cats, how to read the signs of their behaviour, as well as the many different roles that the organisation has to offer.

We would like to thank Jonathan Ramsden for coming in and speaking to the students who all went away knowing more about the likes and dislikes of cats and maybe their future career.



### Coming up Next on Find It out Thursdays

**Next Thursday (13 July) is the turn of Shionagh Kerr, a Physiotherapist talking about the work that she does and the various routes into the profession.**

Please encourage your child to sign up and use these opportunities to start investigating the different careers. They can sign up by using this [Link](#). Remember this will be the last talk of the year.

**Helen Smith, Futures Leader**

## Staff Vacancies

One of the many great features of Sackville School is the fact that many colleagues do stay here for a long time.

Unfortunately for us, that does mean that we have a number of staff who are reaching retirement now or in the near future, both teaching and support staff. This will result in a number of vacancies becoming available over the coming weeks, months and years.

**If you or someone you know are thinking of joining our team, please follow the appropriate link to view any current vacancies within [teaching](#) and [support staff](#) areas of the school.**

If the perfect role isn't listed, but you know someone who shares our vision and ethos and is interested in joining our team, please do [enquire via the vacancies page on our website](#) so that we can get in touch if something comes up in the future.

## Wellbeing

Friday 7 July is World Chocolate Day. Imagine my excitement to find that there is a day when we are actively encouraged to eat chocolate! World Chocolate Day is a celebration to mark the arrival of chocolate in Europe from The Americas in 1550. It wasn't until the 1800s that chocolate started to take the solid form we recognise now. Some believe that chocolate is the best culinary invention ever and whilst I'm not sure I'd go that far I do enjoy chocolate in all its forms.



If you want to get involved in celebrating World Chocolate Day, here are some ideas below:

1. as a family, make something with chocolate as an ingredient this weekend
2. you could watch a chocolate inspired movie; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Forrest Gump or Chocolat
3. buy three superstore varieties of a branded chocolate alongside the branded version. Sample them as a family, working out which one really is your favourite
4. pose this question to your family "What's the best chocolate bar?" and spark a dinner table (or equivalent) conversation
5. collect chocolate wrappers and create a craft item with them (I'm imagining an upcycled lamp shade)
6. plan a visit to Cadbury World
7. try some dairy free chocolate and see if you like it/can tell the difference/would swap it for your dairy chocolate

Alongside chocolate's sweet tasting goodness, it also has an impact on our mood and can be used as a way to hack some of our happiness chemicals. It is believed that dark chocolate can promote production of dopamine (our reward chemical), serotonin (our mood stabiliser) and endorphins (the painkiller). So, if you're in need of any of these three anytime soon, you can have a square or two (or more!) of dark chocolate. If you're not a fan of dark chocolate, you could see if milk chocolate has the same effect on your happiness chemicals. I know Lindt balls do for me!

**Hannah Nibloe**

## External Clubs, Events and Services

**west  
sussex  
music**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**



**7 - 8 AUGUST**  
CRAWLEY - DJ, MUSIC PRODUCTION AND  
ROCK & POP BAND

**16 - 18 AUGUST**  
LITTLEHAMPTON - RAP & LYRIC WRITING

**21 - 23 AUGUST**  
BOGNOR REGIS - DJ, DANCE & SAMBA

**29 - 31 AUGUST**  
WORTHING - ROCK & POP BAND

**AGES 8 - 16YRS**  
**SIGN UP HERE**  
[WWW.WESTSUSSEXMUSIC.CO.UK/HOLIDAYACTIVITIES](http://WWW.WESTSUSSEXMUSIC.CO.UK/HOLIDAYACTIVITIES)





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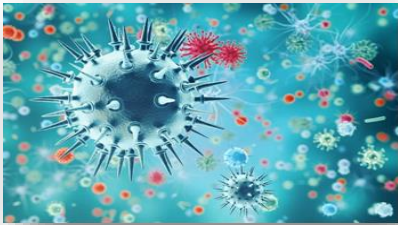


### Medication

To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their year team.



**We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.**



### Illness

In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant year office, thank you in advance.