

Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 12 December 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

One of this week's highlights has to be the Movie Night, organised for our year 7 and 8 students by our antibullying ambassador groups. Over 100 students attended who, as well as enjoying a drink and snacks, (including popcorn!), had the opportunity to watch Minions-Rise of Gru, together and helped to raise £178.35 for a local antibullying charity. Well done and thank you to those students involved, and to Mrs Sands and Mr Pearson for organising the event.

Our year 13 students have been finishing off the last of their exams this week and have been an absolute credit to themselves with their commitment to their studies.

As we move into the final week of term we look forward to some seasonal festivities such as the Carol Service at St Swithun's, Christmas lunches, celebration assemblies and our Christmas jumper day on Friday, with an earlier finish for students at 12.00pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni Headteacher



Mr Bush has been leading assemblies this week and next on the theme of resilience, so I will leave you with a quote on that theme by poet, Beau Taplin, which you might want to use as a follow-up or lead into the assembly with your child(ren):

"She was unstoppable, not because she did not have failures or doubts, but because she continued on despite them".

Key Dates

Tuesday 13 December Year 7 & 9 Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 13 December Year 8 – Reward Trip

Tuesday 13 December

Year 7 Celebration Assembly – 8.55am – 7EWY,7FSH,7HMY,7KHL and 7RHN

Wednesday 14 December

Year 7 Celebration Assembly – 9.05am – JEMA,7KPY,7SCT,7SDT and 7SSG

Wednesday 14 December Year 8, 10 & 11 Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15 December Carol Service – St Swithun's Church – 6.30pm (<u>Tickets</u>)

Friday 16 December Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16 December Last Day of Term – Early Closure 12.00pm

Tuesday 3 January First Day of Term

Friday 10 February Years 7 to 9 – Influenza Vaccination Programme

Remember you can see the full parents' calendar here

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We offer a wide range of after school activities at Sackville. You can browse through all the clubs <u>HERE</u>. If you have any questions regarding a particular activity, please contact the member of staff who is running the club.

Message from Curriculum Team Leaders of PE

Please note that there will be no PE extra-curricular activities after school next week nor on the first week back after the Christmas break. Activities will resume week commencing Monday 9 January 2023!

Mr A Currie and Mrs L Richards, Curriculum Team Leaders of Boys and Girls PE

Hot Chocolate with the Head



I was joined by students in year 7 and sixth form today and our discussions were based around ambition and what

was working well for each student in their studies. It was great to see one student, Henry, who was nominated for this week's value of Resilience as he comes to the end of his very first term at Sackville. Ellis, Seren and Sopphie demonstrated the Sackville values of leadership, community and teamwork to achieve their nominations. Well done to each of them.



Christmas Jumper Day and Last Day of Term Arrangements

Friday 16 December 2022

Sackville will be inviting students and staff to wear a Christmas jumper on the final day of term, Friday 16 December 2022, in aid of Save the Children.

We appreciate that Christmas is an expensive time for everyone and are fully aware of the ethical issues surrounding Christmas jumpers. However, we would like to show our support as a school to Save the Children.



Students who do wear a Christmas jumper or brightly coloured sweater in addition to their usual school uniform will be invited to make a small donation to Save the Children. I look forward to a very successful and enjoyable final day.



I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the school will be closing early on Friday 16 December, finishing at 12.00pm. There will be no early buses to Edenbridge so students who are unable to get home can be supervised by staff in school and should make their way to the canteen area at 12.00pm.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Paul Street, Deputy Head

Christmas Lunch 2022 – please order no later than Monday 12 December





School Carol Service - St Swithun's Church — 6.30pm on Thursday 15 December 2022

The Sackville School Carol Service takes place at St Swithun's this Thursday 15 December and begins at 6.30pm. The service is expected to end at 7.30pm.

Entry to the carol service will be on a ticket only basis. Tickets are free and can be ordered through Ticketsource.

I do hope that you and your family will be able to attend the service as it is always a lovely occasion.

Mr Tom Heatley, Curriculum Team Leader of Music

February 2024 Ski Trip is in the Planning.....



Mr Kevin Treen Ski Trip Leader

Year/Department Notices

Message from PE Department:

As a little stocking filler why not get your child a mouth guard!

Please could we ask those that have not done so already to purchase a mouth guard for their child. All the boys in years 7, 8 and 9 have rugby after Christmas.

Also, if you are playing hockey we recommend you wear a mouth guard.

We have mouth guards available to purchase through MCAS (My Child at School) App.

Happy holidays to you all!

Mr Ali Currie and Mrs Lisa Richards

Curriculum Team Leaders of Boys and Girls PE

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Safeguarding - On-line

YouTube and YouTube Kids

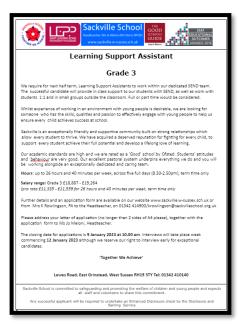


The children's media use and attitudes 2022 report revealed that YouTube was the most widely used platform of any type among children. Their research found that, overall, YouTube was the app or site used the most by children aged 3-17 (89%), ranging from 84% of 3-4s to nine in ten 5-17s. The majority used it to watch videos, although 13% used it to post their own videos – more likely among boys than girls.

But did you know that YouTube also offers a dedicated app, aimed at children up to the age of 12, which is designed to allow them to consume content more safely? (YouTube Kids). A minority of YouTube users aged 3-4 only used this dedicated app (40%), falling to 33% of YouTube users aged 5-7 and 18% of 8-11s. Learn more about YouTube Kids.

Mr Kevin Treen
Wider SLT/Curriculum Team Leader of Technology

Vacancies









Please follow the appropriate link to view any current vacancies within <u>teaching</u> and <u>support staff</u> areas of the school.

External Clubs, Events and Services

Learn Dance - 10% OFF FEES for Sackville Students



