



Families' Bulletin

Monday 4 December to Friday 8 December 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

There have been a number of highlights at school this week, not least the fantastic performance by students across all age groups at the annual Winter Concert on Wednesday evening. Their talent never ceases to amaze but it was also their teamwork, positivity, sense of community and belonging in a truly inclusive event, that they and we should be very proud of. Hats off to Mr Webb, our new Head of Music for pulling everyone together so brilliantly and all of the other staff who gave up their time to make this such a wonderful event and opportunity for our students.

Also this week our year 11 families had their first face to face Consultation Evening which was a wonderful opportunity for parents/carers to meet teachers for the very first time. This was closely followed by a transition to Post-16 day for them as they begin to think about their next steps.

Next week we look forward to the first of our year 7 celebration assemblies, year 8 consultation evening (online) and our annual gym and dance performance on Tuesday evening. Just seeing the students rehearsing today was fantastic, so I know we are in for another great evening.

Have a lovely weekend

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Key Dates

Tuesday 5 December
Thursday 7 December
Thursday 7 and Friday 8 December
Tuesday 12 December
Tuesday 12 December
Friday 15 December

Years 7, 8 & 9 Gym and Dance Display
Year 8 Consultation Evening – 4pm to 7pm (online)
Year 7 and 8 – Christmas reading
Years 7-11 Influenza Vaccination
Carol Concert – St Swithun's – 6.30pm
Early Closure – 12.30pm

Autumn Term Timetable

We offer a wide range of after school activities at Sackville. You can browse through all the clubs, by year group, via this link:

[Autumn Term Timetable](#)

School Notices

Families Focus Group

Our final Families Focus Group of this calendar year will take place on **Tuesday 12th December from 4.00-5.00pm.**

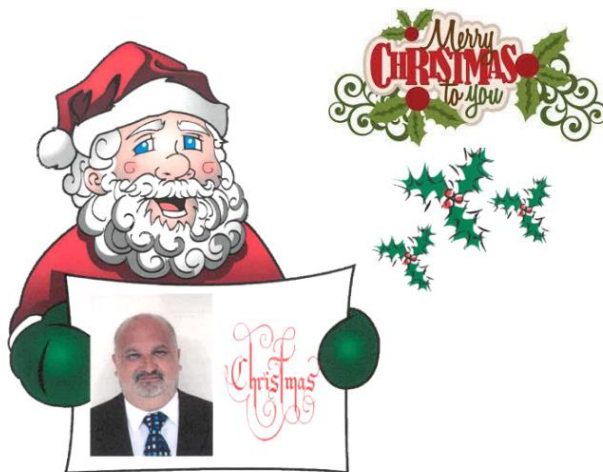
The agenda is as follows:

1. Reporting attendance
2. Curriculum maps
3. Reporting to parents

If you would like to attend this meeting, please could you let Mr Street know as soon as possible by sending an email to pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming parents for a mince pie or two.

Mr Street



*Our very own Mr Roberts will be reading
Christmas stories, witty ditties and poems in the
LRC at Lunch time on :*

Thursday 7th December

Friday 8th December

Come along at 1.30pm

Christmas Readings

If you have a child in Year 7 or 8, please let them know they will be very welcome during lunch to visit the library to listen to Mr Roberts Christmas Readings (stories and poetry)

This will be from 1.30pm on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December in the LRC.

Find it Out Thursday

As part of the careers programme Sackville offers their students we run the weekly event, 'Find It out Thursdays'.

Students have 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 questions and 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.



This coming 'Find it Out Thursday' the 7th December we have the Army coming in to Sackville.

If your child would like to find out about the opportunities that the Army has to offer please use this [Link](#) to sign up.

If any parents would be willing to come in and speak to students about their professions please contact Helen Smith on hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk.



Thank you for reading - Helen Smith, Futures Leader

**Mrs H Smith
Futures Leader**

Current Vacancies

If you or someone you know are thinking of joining our team and are interested in any of the positions below, please follow the corresponding link, or enquire by contacting the Headteacher's PA, Katie Dawson on

kdawson@sackvilleschool.org.uk

- [PE Technician](#)
- [Learning Support Assistant](#)
- [Cleaners](#)
- **Administration and Communications Officer**
- **HR Office**

Spotlight on Christmas Technology (Digital use)

Embrace Refurbished Tech: A Sustainable and Savvy Choice for Christmas

An alternative to the normal bulletin from me. As the holiday season approaches, the allure of new gadgets and gizmos intensifies. However, before embarking on a shopping spree, consider the environmental and financial implications of your purchasing decisions. Buying refurbished tech offers a compelling alternative, not only as a sustainable choice but also as a cost-effective way to get the tech you or your family want!

The production of electronic devices extracts a significant toll on our planet's resources. From mining raw materials to manufacturing and transportation, the tech industry leaves a substantial carbon footprint. Refurbished tech provides a sustainable solution by extending the lifespan of existing devices, thereby reducing the demand for new ones. By choosing refurbished, you actively contribute to minimizing e-waste and conserving precious resources. Additionally, and importantly in the current climate, refurbished tech presents a remarkable value proposition, offering premium products at a fraction of the cost of new ones. These devices have undergone rigorous testing and refurbishment processes, ensuring they function flawlessly and meet the highest standards. By opting for refurbished, you can enjoy the latest tech advancements without breaking the bank.

So what are the top Destinations for Refurbished Tech Treasures this Christmas?

Currys: A leading electronics retailer, Currys' refurbished section features a wide selection of smartphones, laptops, tablets, and more, all backed by a 12-month warranty.

eBay: Renowned for its vast marketplace, eBay offers an extensive collection of refurbished tech, ranging from popular brands to hidden gems.

Back Market: This online platform specializes in refurbished tech, providing rigorous quality checks and a 12-month warranty for every device.

Music Magpie: A reputable tech reseller, Music Magpie offers a diverse range of refurbished tech, including smartphones, laptops, and gaming consoles.

Amazon Renewed: Amazon's dedicated refurbished tech section features a variety of devices, all backed by a 90-day guarantee.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas season, and that if you are buying tech this Christmas you consider buying refurbished.

Mr A Vallally-Godfrey
Wider SLT & Online Safety Lead



CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL FUN DAYS

WHEN

9:30am-3pm Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th,
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December

AGE GROUPS

School years 1-7

WHERE

Durrington Infant and Junior School, BN13 2JD

PRICE

£20 a day or £70 for all 4 days
8:45am early drop off available for £3



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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 community 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 community office, thank you in advance.

