



# Families' Bulletin

Monday 11 December to Friday 15 December 2023

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been another busy week, with events such as the Gym and Dance show with over 150 students taking part from years 7-12, a 'Christmas Carol' workshop for students in year 10 organised by our English team, year 8 Consultation Evening, non-uniform day and other fundraising events for our new Community charities and Sackville's version of the Big reveal (photos and results will be in next week's Sackville News), and not forgetting Mr Roberts annual Christmas reading to years 7 and 8.

We also had our second Community student voice meetings, where we were able to feedback to students on progress since the last round of discussions plus listening to their opinion on new matters that are important to them. These included things like our curriculum offer and extracurricular opportunities, competitions and events.

These are just a few examples of the vibrant and inclusive ethos we feel so passionately about. As we gradually approach the end of a very busy term, I am sure you will join me in spreading a little bit of thanks to the incredible team of staff we have here that always go above and beyond to help make these things happen for our students.

And of course, a huge well done to our young people who continue to amaze me every day. Our school values are gradually becoming more and more embedded and this week's gym and dance show illustrated that so beautifully. The teamwork, resilience, positivity, inclusivity and overall community spirit was exemplary.

Have a good weekend.

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

## Key Dates

Tuesday 12 December  
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Friday 15 December  
Tuesday 2 January  
Wednesday 3 January

**Years 7-11** Influenza Vaccination  
Carol Concert – St Swithun's - 6.30pm  
Early Closure – 12.00  
Inset Day  
First Day of Term

## Hot Choc Friday

This week I had the pleasure of being joined by 6 students from year 11 and sixth form. Hannah, Esme and Evie from year 11 were nominated for their resilience and positivity in form time. Wilfie for his amazing contribution to extra-curricular activities, most recently his beautiful performances at the Winter Concert (I have told him I could listen to him play the saxophone all day, he makes it look and sound so effortless). They were also joined by Josh and Mary in year 13, both of whom were nominated for their contribution to the community.

Well done everyone. Such great ambassadors for the school.



## Extra Curricular Enrichment

### 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](#)

### Christmas Jumper Day and Last Day of Term Arrangements

#### Friday 15 December 2023

Sackville will be inviting students and staff to wear a Christmas jumper on the final day of term, Friday 15 December 2023, in aid of the five community charities selected by students.

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 our chosen charities.



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. 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 15 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 dining hall 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**

### 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/carers

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](mailto:pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

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

Mr Street

### Spotlight on Digital Learning

You should have received an email about a Digital Survey I have created. This survey should take you no more than 5 minutes to complete and will provide me with some insight into our students' home digital use/access to the internet.

Please can I urge you to fill this in at your earliest convenience but before January 2nd 2024. I will report back with my findings and information, but in the interim, will be able to use the data to support students in their Digital Learning.

The form can be found [here](#) or on the link in your message.

If you have more than one child attending Sackville, could I kindly ask you to fill in a form for each.

Many thanks

Mr Vallally-Godfrey  
Digital Learning Lead

## Communities

Turing Community are collecting donations up to Thursday the 14th for Ten Little Toes baby bank in Crawley

<https://www.tenlittletoesbabybank.org/>

The list below is what items we are collating if anyone would like to contribute. We are taking the items to the baby bank next Thursday afternoon. Please drop off at reception or at the Turing Community:

- Seasonally appropriate Clothing and Shoes
- Baby Milk / Food Pouches (Unopened and well in date)
- Sterilisers and Bottles
- Bottles must be new and unused please.
- Breastfeeding Equipment
- Bottles, Breast Pumps and Milk Storage Bags (New) Breast Pads.
- Disposable Nappies and Wipes
- Baby Seats, Highchairs, Bouncers
- Pressure fit stair gates, Baby Monitors, Playpens and other Safety Equipment
- Baby Baths, Bath Seats
- Baby Carriers and Slings
- Changing Bags and Mats
- Maternity Clothing
- Toiletries and Hygiene products
- Adult and Child appropriate please.
- Baby Toiletries
- Shampoo, Baby Bath, Nappy Cream, Wipes
- Sanitary Products
- Toothbrushes
- Sippee Cups (New)
- Small Handheld Toys and Board Books



Mrs Gill Sands, Community Leader of Turing



## 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](mailto:kdawson@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

- [Learning Support Assistant](#)
- [Cleaners](#)
- [Invigilators](#)
- [Study Supervisor](#)
- [Science Technician](#)
- **Administration and Communications Officer**
- **HR Office**

## Medication & Illness

### Flu Vaccinations

As a reminder to families you should have received an invitation to consent to the flu spray for your child from years 7-11. If you have a question regarding this please call the vaccination team on 01273 696011 ext 2043.

Mrs S Hill  
Welfare Officer

### 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.

