

# Sackville News



28<sup>th</sup> September 2017



Dear Parents

September seems to have flown by and the students have, as ever, settled back to their studies very well indeed.

The past two weeks have been dominated by our **open evening** and **open mornings** and I am delighted to say that the attendance was fantastic with many interested visitors keen to meet us and see what we have to offer. It is great that the school seems to be a popular choice in our community.



Our student guides were absolutely magnificent. We had so much positive feedback about them and below are just two examples:-

*"If any of you are mums (or teachers) at Sackville to the children who volunteered to stay behind at the open evening last night can I say how incredibly proud of your children you must be!*

*Every single one we met was helpful, polite and most importantly kind to my 10 year old. We had a very informative and inspirational evening and my little one came away literally buzzing at the possibilities. Thank you"*

*"It was absolutely wonderful. We were shown around by two lovely lads. They were an absolute credit to your school, so polite and positive. It was a pleasure to look around Sackville. My husband and I both said it made us want to go back to school!!!"*

Our **new year 7 students** have started very positively and we are looking forward to welcoming their parents to our **parental workshops** in a variety of subject areas over the next few weeks. The introductory **'interform' sports competition** was held last week and we were really pleased to see so many students taking part and so many parents coming along to support them.



Whilst on the theme of sport, I would like to congratulate **Ben Aubrey** in year 9 who has recently signed a Football League Youth Contract with **AFC Wimbledon** at U14 level. This is a marvellous achievement.



Congratulations also to **Grace de Souza** on achieving an **Arkwright Scholarship** this year. Such scholarships are awarded to talented potential engineers and it is an honour for both the school and Grace to receive this.

Many thanks to you all for the support you give us and your children. It is greatly appreciated and makes such an impact. "Together we achieve"!

Best wishes,

Julian Grant  
Headteacher

## Open Evening

As Mr Grant has written, our Open Evening was extremely busy, despite the best efforts of the weather. A collection of photos from the night follow in case you were not able to make it.

An annual fixture of the evening is the **lowest positive integer that no-one else chooses** competition run by Mrs Smith in maths. A positive integer is a whole number larger than 0 – in other words 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 etc. So you would think that the winner might have to suggest quite a high number to ensure that no-one else chooses it. Not this year, with the competition won by **Annabel from Felbridge**, with the number 2, the second lowest number possible. Well done Annabel – and that's enough words and numbers for a few pages – just enjoy the photos!

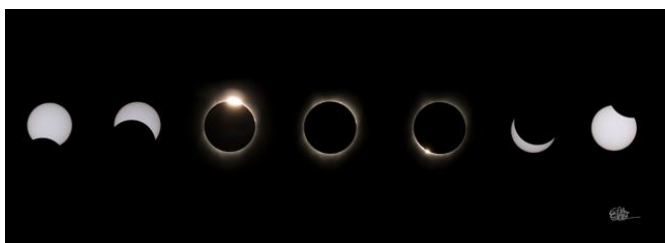






## The summer solar eclipse in the USA

Ella Straszynski (year 9) writes of her amazing time observing the recent solar eclipse:-



Here are a few shots taken of the total eclipse from Driggs in Idaho. Driggs was located in the Umbra right by the centre line path of the eclipse. My dad promised me 3 years ago he would take me to see the eclipse as I have been interested in astronomy since I was



7 and we travelled out just for this event.

The equipment I used was a Canon 750D camera, a tripod and a 500mm lens. We had to shop around to get a solar filter to fit the lens.

It was an amazing experience and I recommend seeing the next one to anyone interested. I would describe it as eerie : The temperate dropped from 80F to 50F before the total eclipse, it suddenly got dimmer, everything went quiet, people stopped, cars stopped, animals went quiet, then it suddenly got dark and all the street lights switched on, bright orange and pinks filled the horizon surrounding us. It was a once in a life time experience.

## Support, believe, foster

Could you support a child who is going through a difficult time in their lives by becoming a foster carer? West Sussex County Council is looking for more people in West Sussex to become approved foster carers. In return you will receive local training, support and a competitive fostering allowance.

The County Council would be especially keen to hear from people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people who could support a parent and child in a foster placement.

An information event is taking place; date and time below:

- 4 October 6.30-8.30pm, The Wave Centre, Worthing

If you can't make this, please contact the Fostering Recruitment Team on 0330 222 7775 or visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fostering)

## E-safety Tips

Mr Lea, our Leader of ICT, Computing and E-Learning, writes:-

As your children become more reliant on technology and social media for their everyday lives it's important as parents you have an idea about the types of websites and applications they are using. Although there are many ways of monitoring their behaviour through filtering and user rights the best way to really understand their usage is through conversations. Below are a few conversation starter ideas which may help:

- Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and [how to report](#) or block on the services they use.
- Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

Look out for some more e-safety tips in the next couple of editions of the Sackville News. If you require any more information then visit the school website under the parents tab: <https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/e-safety/>



## Grace is an Arkwright scholar

Mrs Wogan writes:-

Congratulations to **Grace de Souza** who was awarded an Arkwright Scholarship this year. She is one of only 426 young people in the UK to receive this award.

Grace is being sponsored by The ERA Foundation which is a non-profit organisation that contributes to the economic vitality of the UK by supporting engineering skills development and by helping bridge the gap between engineering research and its commercialisation. The objectives

of the ERA Foundation are to ensure that the important role manufacturing and productive industry play in the UK economy are recognised, to support the next generation of UK engineers through a range of engineering and STEM scholarships and to conduct a variety of activities designed to encourage organisations and individuals' entrepreneurship and technical excellence.

The ERA Foundation's history means they have a particular interest in electrotechnologies, but they maintain a broad interest in all of engineering, especially in their work supporting young people. Much of their activity is in partnership with other organisations or individuals. All their partners have a significant stake in what they do and how they do it. Their work involves: [informing and promoting a supportive UK policy environment](#) for industry; [developing future UK engineers](#); and [supporting excellence in enterprise and entrepreneurship](#) through awards and investments in fledgling electro-technology-related companies.

An Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK to inspire and nurture school-age students to be the country's future **leaders** of the engineering profession. The scholarships are awarded to high-calibre 16 year old students through a rigorous selection process and support students through the two years of their A levels, Scottish Advanced Highers or equivalent qualifications. Every Scholarship is sponsored by a commercial company, trade association, university, professional institution, armed service, government organisation, worshipful company, charitable trust or personal donor. This means that support is offered in various different ways, for example, valuable hands-on work experience, support for a curriculum project and a personal mentor who can help with aspects of their studies and career planning. The process involves submitting an online application and sitting the Arkwright aptitude exam in school. If successful in the exam you will be invited to the interview stage. If you are then successful in the 20 minute interview, you'll be matched to an available scholarship.

**If you are in year 11 and would like to be considered for entry to the 2018 Arkwright Scholarship, please contact Mr Treen.**



## Ex-students Charlie and Anchal work with refugees in Athens

Charlie Dickson and Anchal Cryer have just arrived back from Athens where they volunteered in the **Hope Café**, supporting recently arrived refugees. Last term they were able to raise over £100 to take out with them to support their work. Charlie writes:-



*The cafe was extremely challenging but we both found our time there amazing; over 250 refugees would visit each day for meals and hot drinks, there would be around ten clothing appointments a day where they are able to choose one outfit each from the free 'shop' of donated clothes. Over 100 packs of nappies were handed out each week and toiletries too. Anchal and I spent so much time with the families who came in, and did activities with the children each day, saying goodbye was much harder than we ever thought!!*

*We were able to bring with us about £130 converted into euros that was raised from the bake sale at the school and they were so grateful; it was used to buy supplies for the nappy and toiletry packages they gave out to families, thank you again.*

In the picture above Anchal is in the yellow tee-shirt, and Charlie is on her right. Well done girls; it is always heartening to hear of the exploits of our former students.

## Sports News

The new season has got off to its usual frenetic start with lots of results to tell you about.

### Boys' football

#### U13

- Lost to Warden Park 3-4 (Harvey Burgess 2, Callum Kilkenny)
- Lost to Forest 3-6 (Matt Nicholson, Harvey Burgess 2)
- B team beat Forest 5-2

#### U14

- Lost to Warden Park 0-5
- Beat Hazelwick 5-2 (Freddie Payne, Joe Sheridan, Ben Aubrey, Jamie Webb, Jude Hayman)

#### U15

- Drew with Warden Park 1-1 (Finn Gadd)
- Lost to Forest 1-2 (Sam Kelly)
- Beat Imberhorne 7-2

#### First XI

- Lost to Reigate College 0-3

### Boys' rugby

#### U13 tournament (pictured)

- Beat Tanbridge House 15-5, beat Downlands 15-5, drew with Heathfield 5-5, lost to Warden Park 0-15

#### U14

- Beat The Weald 57-7 (Elliott Vincent 2, Jack Morrison 2, James Grimwood, Jack Sands, Ben Aubrey (and 6 conversions), Oliver Ally, Vincent Turner)
- Lost to Imberhorne 5-24 (Jack Morrison)
- Lost to Worth 0-56



- ❑ Beat Heathfield 50-12 (Elliott Vincent 4, Jack Morrison 2, Vincent Turner, Ben Aubrey (and 5 conversions))

### U15

- ❑ Lost to Warden Park 7-35 (Peter Kelly, conversion James Young)
- ❑ Beat Worth 58-12 (Nathan Randall 2, Maurice Payet 2, Finley Lee-Fisher, Peter Kelly 2, Alex Moore, Finn Gadd 2 (and 4 conversions))

### U16

- ❑ Lost to Imberhorne 0-52

## Girls' netball

### U13 (pictured)

- ❑ Winners of West Sussex Versatility tournament – unbeaten!

## Girls' football

### U14

- ❑ Beat Hazelwick 3-2

## Girls' hockey

### U14

- ❑ Lost to Lingfield 1-3



Other sporting activities already this year include our year 10 and 11 GCSE PE students enjoying a climbing assessment, and our core PE year 11 students learning footgolf at the Gatwick course.



## URGENT - HELP REQUIRED

On Sunday 8th October it is the annual primary schools cross country at East Court. We really need more volunteers to help run this event. If you are able to help please contact Belinda Sims on [belsims@icloud.com](mailto:belsims@icloud.com) Thanks EGAC



# The Adam Dabell Annual Memorial Football Match Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**East Grinstead Town F. C. Ground, East  
Court** (Blackwell Farm Rd / Holtye Rd)

**Sackville vs Imberhorne 6<sup>th</sup> Forms**

**For the Adam Dabell Memorial Cup and Trophy  
Kick-off at 7.00pm**

(Hot food and drinks will be available and the bar will be open)

Please join our Town's lovely Young People and Adam's Family and Friends to cheer on the teams and to continue to make this '14th Memorial Match' a celebration of Adam's life



**Teamwork  
Respect  
Enjoyment  
Discipline  
Sportsmanship**



These are the RFU values make the game special for those who enjoy the environment and the culture they create. At East Grinstead Rugby Club, we embody all of these and more, with added fun! We also have a very successful Under 13's team, coming 4<sup>th</sup> last season in the West Coast Tour from over 30 teams!!

This season we are looking for some additional new recruits for our  
Under 13's Intermediate Team.

***Do you have what it takes??***

Please email or call Beth to find out more....

07411 699241 or [bethhilton@hotmail.com](mailto:bethhilton@hotmail.com)





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# East Grinstead

*Junior*

## COLOUR RUN

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

**Bursting with colour and on your doorstep!**

The East Grinstead Junior Colour Run is 1K (Family Run) or 2K for ages 5-16 and will be held on Halsford Park School Field.

Refreshments available plus a BBQ & beer tent. The Colour Run is being held to raise money for Halsford Park School and will precede the AGM.

Email: [colour.runeg@gmail.com](mailto:colour.runeg@gmail.com) for a booking form and more details



## Response to government National Funding Formula announcement for schools – September 2017

Please find below a letter from primary and secondary headteachers concerning recent school funding announcements:-

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Secretary of State for Education's announcement about school funding on 14 September 2017, Headteachers working across 17 counties – from Cornwall to Norfolk – wish to update you on the current situation.

### **Is £1.3 billion enough?**

It should be acknowledged that introducing a new national formula for schools was complex and challenging. This Government is the first in a generation to try and grasp the nettle. Schools that have previously been at or below the "breadline" do now receive some improvements to their funding position, but the universal view of headteachers across the 17 counties is that this is not enough to make a real difference.

In July 2017, the Government announced that schools would benefit from £1.3 billion of additional funding. This does not, however, make up for the £3 billion overall reduction that was already announced and planned for 2015-20. This means that there is simply not enough money in the system. As a result, the Department for Education is unable to implement a new funding formula that meaningfully addresses the two principal aims of their new policy. These are, firstly, to fund all schools adequately and secondly, to ensure that schools with the same socio-economic/school based characteristics in one area of the country will be funded the same as another in a different part of the country.

### **So, how do the new arrangements work?**

Instead, due to the £1.7 billion shortfall, the new funding formula is dependent on a series of limits (capping) to either how much a school can gain or potentially lose from the formula. The caps are largely arbitrary and mean that any new per pupil funding is often based on the previously discredited formula.

Better funded schools gain funding protection, which means that their relative positions are unaltered. We have no real issue with this. Schools such as ours know how challenging and difficult it is when budgets are reduced and squeezed to the limit. The problem is, however, that in order to fund these protections, the government is limiting what many other low funded schools will gain under the new formula. Crucially, these differences will not last for a year or two, they will last for years and years.

### **What does this mean for our schools?**

Schools in very similar socio-economic areas will, in fact, continue to have entirely different levels of funding – a post code funding lottery. This often amounts to hundreds of thousands of pounds in the primary sector and even millions of pounds across the secondary sector.

### **So what do we do now?**

Costs will continue to rise and again differently funded schools will have different abilities to soak them up. All school budgets will be under severe pressure, but some will be under much greater strain than others.

As headteachers, we simply want to see every child's school in England, funded adequately. It is not about all schools receiving identical amounts of money, but it is about the fair application of a formula right across the country.

We recognise that there has been some improvement to our budgets and that as a country we must live within our means. We cannot, however, suggest the new formula is, in any way, satisfactory. The finances of very low funded schools are still insufficient to provide the service that your child deserves.

Your influence as parents/carers is significant. Please discuss these issues with your local MPs and local representatives. There are also many active local parent groups who you can engage with. We will continue to lobby vigorously and provide further updates shortly.

In his budget in November 2017 and spring statement of March 2018, the Chancellor must do better to support your child's education. MPs and education ministers must continue to bang the drum until every child's education is fully and fairly funded.

Yours sincerely,

The primary and secondary headteachers of 17 counties

