

# Feltonfleet Weekly

Friday 16th September 2011



## From the Headmaster

“We walk together at Feltonfleet,” Could be a good strap line, I muttered to myself. I should add that there was a reason for all this. Ahead of me on the long, wide path which descends the 1 in 12 slope linking the Terrace with Kendall Court and all that veers from it, a very good boy in Year 7 was walking purposefully towards lesson 6 with his teacher. As I trailed behind them, trying not to overhear their increasingly trusting conversation, I was amused to detect them chattering enthusiastically about the fortunes of Liverpool FC. Good banter, some common ground, shared affection, a relationship being forged beyond the formal learning of the classroom they were both about to inhabit, a pervading air of community and mutual respect. What then happened in that lesson who knows, but it had a high chance of being rich and rewarding because they had found something in common they both believed in, and the child sensed that here was more than just a teacher. He had found a friend, a confidant, a trustee.

If the lesson which they shared was anything like as impressive as much of the teaching and learning I have eavesdropped on this week then it would have certainly impressed the school inspectors who we sense might descend upon us at some point this year. And when they do we intend that they will see plenty of outstanding teaching, and plenty of outstanding learning to match - high on energy and ambition, rich in content and progression, and undeniably excellent. And all this will have its roots in the high expectations and common understanding that we want to make our school. A rewarding and substantial place to be, where we all have a part to play in working hard, and playing hard as well. I am, as my regular readers know, an officianado of the alliteration. I know it is a whimsy which I employ rather too freely at times. Nonetheless my latest alliterative ditty - clarity, crispness and challenge - has its merits when we apply it to teaching and learning at Feltonfleet (and if you press me I will expand on what I mean in this column in the week ahead). Suffice to say the best teachers do more than teach their subject; they engage the children in developing a passion for learning because they, the children, sense that their teachers empathise with them, grip their attention, and fire their imagination. In return the children want to reflect this energy, flair and ambition. Humour is the vital ingredient. Great teachers are funny people. Children need to laugh as much as they value the merits and the satisfaction which comes with working hard. Excellence is the outcome. The learning goals do get tougher year on year – indisputable - but learning must never be dreary. Fun and excitement should

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ripple through the school all the time, and balance and variety are critical.

This happens at Feltonfleet, and the word has got out! Earlier this week Sue and I were at *The Tatler Top Schools Awards* at The Dorchester. It's a tough life! Our *Tatler* entry – we are one of the top 100 prep schools nationally and one of only five in Surrey to make the hallowed list – says it all rather better than I can. If you haven't stumbled on it yet, here it is;

*In the words of head Phil Ward, "schools are exciting places, energy levels need to be high and the teachers in them have to be inspiring." Feltonfleet ticks all three of those boxes; it's a nurturing place, where lots of hard work goes on, but there are plenty of high jinks after school hours too. Water pistol fights – which have to be earned – are a popular evening activity with boarders, as is rifle shooting. There are squillions of school trips and a summer-holiday cricket academy. Pupils roll in to this fabulous 25 acre campus from all corners of south-west London and Surrey – the excellent bus network is a boon for parents. And the tree house accessed by a climbing wall has to be seen to be believed."*



The past week has been packed with the cheery endeavour which *The Tatler* has recognised in us. Quite apart from the classroom learning, the games field action, and so much else, the sight of some wonderful new Year 3 girls delighting in the simple pleasures and excitements of bourbon biscuits at break time would have gone unnoticed in most schools. What is more their equally feisty and engaging parents enjoyed a happy and buoyant new parents' drinks party with the HM, Mrs Ward and the staff. Here and elsewhere the tenor and tone of *The Tatler* entry seems uncannily spot on. It was ever thus that "we walk together at Feltonfleet", and the term is off to a flyer as a result.

Have a very good weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Ward".

# Boarding News

It's all Carry On Boarding at Feltonfleet as we find ourselves at full speed in the term and gathering pace each week. I am so pleased to see so many new faces joining us each morning in the Boarding House for breakfast. Don't forget breakfast starts at 7.30am each day and can be booked directly through contacting the matrons at [matrons@feltonfleet.co.uk](mailto:matrons@feltonfleet.co.uk)

Children can also join us for evening meal at 5.30pm (6pm on Wednesday) and we have been treated to some fabulous feasts this week thanks to Head Chef, Dan and his team. How can anyone resist a full roast beef platter at the end of a long and busy day?

While boarders have been busy with work sessions and outdoor activities each evening it is worth noting that the House Tutors have also been completing a mass of training courses that will enable us to offer an even boarder range of activities to children. Well done to all the staff who gained their Life Saving swimming qualifications this week. If you add that to the House Tutors' qualifications of .22 Rifle Shooting Instructors and the Climbing Instructors awards you can see that we have a highly talented team. This term will be even more exciting, seeing how far we can take the boarders this term in such activities.

**Peter Harnden, Head of Boarding**

# Lower School News

Thank you to all the **Year 3** parents and new **Year 4** parents who came to the introductory evening and drinks on Thursday which I hope you found useful. It was great to hear from so many of you that your children were feeling positive about their start at Feltonfleet.

Well done to the **U8** and **U9 football** and **netball teams** who played so well on Thursday- a great effort all round.

**Calvi** have been enjoying the good weather and making the most of their outdoor learning areas. Lots of happy smiley faces I am pleased to report.



**Sue Ward, Assistant Head Lower School**

# • Notices • Notices • Notices •

## **1. New arrangements for entry into Epsom College:**

Epsom College is introducing a pre-test in January for Year 6 pupils, for entry 2 years later at the end of Year 8.

The following is taken from a letter sent by Epsom to all prep schools – “The test will consist of Verbal, Non-Verbal and Numerical Reasoning. The tests are multiple choice in nature, using a standard question booklet and answer sheet. These tests are not about recall of knowledge, and require no special preparation or tutelage, thereby offering all pupils the same opportunity to demonstrate latent ability rather than acquired knowledge. The results will form **part** of the selection process alongside references from the prep school”.

All pupils will be completing a Verbal and Non-Verbal test this ½ term alongside additional preparations within their English and Mathematics lessons.

*Jane Ashfold*

*Assistant Head: Teaching and Learning*

## **2. Year 8 Bay Pond Visit is taking place next Monday**

A reminder that Year 8 are going to Bay Pond nature reserve on Monday for a day of practical fieldwork. A letter has been e-mailed to parents about this. The children should arrive at school on Monday morning in comfortable outdoor clothing that could get dirty. We will return to school by about 4.15pm, in time for a normal school finish. This is the rescheduled June Y7 trip and I already have permission slips and details of who will be bringing packed lunches. I have also discussed lunches with the children so they should know if they are bringing a lunch from home or taking one from school.

*Simon Pomeroy*

## **3. Library News**

The next Book Fair will be held in the Sue Johnson Library from Friday September 30th to Tuesday 4th October. A letter giving all the necessary information is being sent out today. Pupils from Reception to Year 7 are coming home with the Scholastic leaflet giving a sample of what will be on offer. Do please email me if you would like your child to purchase a book at the Fair.

I have started chasing books that were borrowed from the library last term and hopefully most of these will be returned shortly. Reminder letters will be sent home in the next couple of weeks if necessary,

*Jenny Harris*

*Librarian*

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## 4. Lower School Notices

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Junior Department presentation and supper for Y2 parents

We look forward to seeing as many Y2 parents as possible. If you have not replied please let us know asap.

This is an opportunity to find out a little more about the transfer to the Main School, to meet the Junior Department teachers, to have a tour around the Junior classrooms and to enjoy an informal supper with teachers from both Calvi and the Main School.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – Junior Individual photographs. (Calvi children with siblings in Y3 or 4 will be taken across for sibling photos.)

**Calvi Gate-** For obvious security reasons, and because the children love to race ahead of you as they leave the building, please ensure the green gate is closed behind you at all times.

## 5. Music News

We have two exciting singing events coming up to which parents and friends are warmly invited:

On **Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.30** there is an **Informal Singers' Concert** given by pupils of Ruth Parr in the Mem Hall. These informal concerts are ideal performance opportunities for the pupils, chances for parents to meet the visiting music teachers and, most of all, enjoyable interludes in the middle of a school day.

The following **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** we have a special day of singing workshops with the renowned choral conductor **Paul Spicer**. Paul will be working with all the pupils in the school at various stages in the day, culminating in a performance in the **Sports Hall at 3 pm. 'Felfonfleet Sings!'** promises to be an exciting occasion and we do hope you will be able to come and join us for the performance.

*Anne Turner*

## 6. Mothers' Dinner

The Friends of Feltonfleet would like to invite all mums to the annual Mothers' Dinner. It will be a relaxed evening of French bistro wining and dining – a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Friday 7 October 7.30-11.00pm in Calvi Hall at Feltonfleet. Look out for the ticket application forms, which will be sent out next week. It's always a great event, so book early as tickets sell quickly. You can either organize your own table of 10, or simply tell us which year group you would like to sit with. New mums, don't be daunted! We will be seating everyone as best we can to ensure you get to meet other mums.

*Friends of Feltonfleet*

# • Results • Results • Results •

## Sports Results

### Hall Grove Tournament 1stXI

V Moulsoford Lost 3-1  
V Hall Grove Lost 3-0  
V Papplewick Lost 2-0  
V Kings House Drew 0-0

2nds v Kings House Lost 2-1  
3rds v Kings House Won 3-1  
4ths v Kings House Drew 2-2  
5ths v Kings House Lost 6-0

1stXI v Chinthurst D 1-1  
2ndXI v Lanesborough W 5-1  
3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Chinthurst 2ndXI L 3-2  
4thXI v Lanesborough W 2-1  
5<sup>th</sup> XI v Chinthurst 3<sup>rd</sup> XI L 5-1



### U11 Triangular Tournament against Lanesborough and Chinthurst

#### A Tournament

Felt v Lanes D1-1  
Felt v Chint D1-1

#### B Match (Chinthurst did not enter a team)

Felt v Lanes L 2-6

#### C Tournament

Felt v Lanes L 0-1  
Felt v Chint L 1-3

#### D Tournament

Felt v Lanes L 0-3  
Felt v Chint W 2-0

### Hockey v Downsend

U13A won 3-0  
U13B lost 1-0  
U12A lost 3-2  
U12B drew 2-2

### Netball v Caterham Prep

U10A lost 5-0

### Netball v Halsted

U11A lost 7-4  
U11B lost 4-0  
U11C lost 3-2



### U9 Triangular Tournament between Hawthorns and Amesbury.

Felt U9A v Hawthorns W4-0 & W1-0  
Felt U9B v Hawthorns W2-1 & W3-0  
Felt U9C v Hawthorns W1-0 & L0-1

### U8 Triangular Tournament between Lanesborough and Amesbury.

Felt U8A v Lanes W2-0  
Felt U8A v Ames W1-0  
Felt U8B v Lanes L0-1  
Felt U8B v Ames D1-1  
Felt U8C v Lanes L0-3  
Felt U8C v Ames D0-0

# Next Menu

Week 4 (4): Monday 19th Sept to Friday 23rd Sept

## Boarding Breakfast

Full cooked English breakfast/cereals/toast/juices/tea served each morning

## Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> Beef Lasagne	<b>Main Meal</b> Cumberland Sausages	<b>Main Meal</b> Beef & Seasonal Root Vegetable Casserole	<b>Main Meal</b> Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	<b>Main Meal</b> Battered Fresh Fish
<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Mushroom Stroganoff	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Stuffed Peppers	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Quorn & Vegetable Chilli-con-carne	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Macaroni Cheese	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Sun Dried Tomato & Olive Couscous
<b>Vegetable</b> Cauliflower Cheese	<b>Vegetable</b> Steamed Broccoli Florets	<b>Vegetable</b> Sautéed Savoy Cabbage	<b>Vegetable</b> Roasted Carrots	<b>Vegetable</b> Garden Peas
<b>Vegetable</b> Sweetcorn & Sliced Green beans	<b>Vegetable</b> Fresh Sliced Carrot	<b>Vegetable</b> Sweetcorn	<b>Vegetable</b> Sautéed Leeks	<b>Vegetable</b> Baked Beans
<b>Potato</b> Buttered and Herbed New Potato	<b>Potato</b> Cheesy Creamed Mandarin & Pineapple Crumble	<b>Potato</b> Steamed Baby New	<b>Potato</b> Roasted with Cracked Pepper & Sea Salt	<b>Potato</b> Cajun Spiced Wedges
<b>Hot Dessert</b> Vanilla Sponge and Custard	<b>Hot Dessert</b> Mandarin & Pineapple Crumble	<b>Cold Dessert</b> Fruit Jelly	<b>Hot Dessert</b> Creamy Rice Pudding with Vanilla	<b>Hot Dessert</b> Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

**Available Daily:** A Selection of Salads, Fresh Yogurts, Apple, Bananas, Oranges, Pears

## Supper

2-course hot meal served each evening with vegetarian option available, plus salad bar



# Feltonfleet Sings!

A day of workshops with the famous  
choral conductor PAUL SPICER

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

The day will finish with a performance for  
parents involving all the pupils at the school  
at 3.00 in the Sports Hall

The Head Master invites you to a College Open Morning.  
*Saturday 24th September 2011.*  
*09.30 - 12.00 noon*



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T: 01273 704200

College Open Morning.



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## *10 facts about Brighton College*

1. Brighton College was ranked the top co-educational school in England in 2008, 2009 and 2010 by The Times and Daily Telegraph, with the best GCSE and A-level results in Sussex.
2. The School was given the highest possible marks across every area in the 2011 Independent Schools Inspection Report.
3. The Head Master, Richard Cairns, was rated one of the five most influential Head teachers in England by the Evening Standard.
4. The College has a national reputation for sport, music, drama and dance; but our focus is inclusive, not exclusive.
5. We are the only independent school in England where Mandarin Chinese is taught to every pupil.
6. We have both day pupils and boarders. Buses run across Sussex to bring day pupils to school each day. Boarders are free to go home on Friday evening and return on Monday morning as we have no lessons on Saturday. The best of both worlds.
7. Our location in leafy Kemp Town on the edge of Brighton encourages our pupils to feel a part of society, not apart from it.
8. We have an exciting programme of development under way. This year our new Design Technology School, English Department and Lower School were opened. In 2011, we are creating new social areas for boarders and the sixth form, a new health centre and chaplaincy and an outdoor theatre. We are currently planning a new Music School and Sports Pavilion.
9. We are genuinely co-educational and believe passionately that young men and women should learn to work together, preparing them properly for life in the real world.
10. We admit pupils to our Prep School at 3+ and 7+ and to the College at 11+, 13+ and 16+.

*If you would like to find out more, please click here for further details or to book a place at the College or Prep School Open Morning.*

*Alternatively, telephone us on 01273 704201.*



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**Week 4**  
**19 - 25 September**

**Monday 19**

8.30am	Year 8 visit to Bay Pond	
10.35am	Flute choir	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.05 - 1.25pm	Years 3 & 4 assembly	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.30pm	Orchestra	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
4.35 - 4.55pm	Year 7 & 8 sing-along	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
4.35 - 4.55pm	Years 5 & 6 assembly	<i>PAC</i>
<b>4.30pm (H)</b>	<b>UI3 - 9 boys' and girls' swimming gala v Cranleigh Prep</b>	

**Tuesday 20**

12.30pm	Recorder Group	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.05 - 1.25pm	Years 3 & 4 circle time	
1.30pm	Informal singers concert - pupils of Ruth Parr'	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
4.35 - 4.55pm	Years 5 - 8 circle time	
<b>3.30 - 6.30pm</b>	<b>Judo clubs Calvi 3.30 - 4.15, Juniors 4.15 -5.00, Seniors 5.30 -6.30</b>	<b><i>Calvi Hall</i></b>
7pm	Junior Dept presentation and supper evening for Year 2 parents	<i>PAC &amp; Dining Hall</i>

**Wednesday 21**

9am	Individual photos for Years 3 & 4	
1.05 - 1.25pm	Years 3 & 4 sing-along	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
<b>2.30pm (H)</b>	<b>IstXI, 2ndXI &amp; 3rdXI football v Aldro</b>	<b><i>Main field</i></b>
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>4thXI, 5thXI, UI1A , UI1B &amp; UI0A - C football v Aldro</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>UI0A &amp; B netball v Highfield</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>UI2A/B hockey v Cranleigh</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>UI1C netball v Cranleigh</b>	
<b>4.15pm (H)</b>	<b>UI3A&amp;B netball v Notre Dame</b>	

**Thursday 22**

9am	Year 1 visit to Weald and Downland Museum	
12.30pm	Junior String Group	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.30pm	Senior String Group	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
<b>2pm (A)</b>	<b>U8A-C football v Aldro and Hall Grove</b>	<b><i>Aldro</i></b>
<b>2pm (H)</b>	<b>U9A-C football v Aldro and Hall Grove</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>U9A &amp; U9B netball v Hawthorns</b>	
<b>2.30pm (H)</b>	<b>U8A &amp; U8B netball v Hawthorns</b>	
3.05 - 4.20pm	Years 5 & 6 clubs	
3.05 - 4.20pm	Year 7 & 8 internet safety talk	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
4.35 - 4.55pm	Years 7 & 8 assembly	<i>PAC</i>
4.35 - 4.55pm	Years 5 & 6 sing-along	<i>Memorial Hall</i>

**Friday 23**

8.30am	Headmaster's coffee morning for Year 7 parents	<i>Old Library</i>
1.00pm	Junior Choir	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
2.00pm	Senior Choir	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
3.05 - 3.30pm	Years 3 - 8 assembly	<i>Sports Hall</i>
4 - 5.30pm	Year 5 cycling proficiency course	<i>Hard Yard</i>

**Saturday 24**

<b>10am</b>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4 Section football</b>	<b><i>Main field</i></b>
<b>1pm (A)</b>	<b>IstVII football at Parkside</b>	

**Sunday 25**