

# Feltonfleet Weekly

Friday 30th September 2011



## From the Headmaster

The Carol Service planning meeting seemed a surreal place to be as the thermometer outside soared to 27C in mid-week. My baking brain could barely remember the name of a single Christmas carol, less still the familiar tunes which make the end of the Autumn term so special and festive. The paradox in all this was almost as quixotic as a breakfast moment I had on Saturday. Tucking into my Dorset mueseli early on Saturday the striking and chilly boldness of the newspaper headline struck this Headmaster full square and head on. "The erosion of childhood" it barked, and on it went in smaller case, "Children's health is being undermined by the pressures of modern life, warn 200 experts". The general message didn't seem, to me, either new or surprising. We have known for years that childhood is a magical time but which modern living has nibbled away at. But I read on nonetheless. "Childhood is being eroded by a "relentless" diet of advertising, addictive computer games', test-drive education and poor child care. (Experts) say children's well-being and mental health are being undermined by the pressures of modern life. They urge the Government to address a culture of "too much, too soon" in Britain."



These are serious claims, and even more serious issues, and deep down we know them to be true. And whether we as parents and educationists, even within our fine school community, feed this paralysis, the young are under undeniable and wholly dangerous pressure. Expectations are rising unmanageably, and young people are wilting under the burden of striving to be this, that or the other. You know what's coming, then. Thank goodness for Feltonfleet, and here the second paradox. Less than an hour after grimacing through this grizzly image being portrayed in the Daily Telegraph I stood amongst many of you and your excellent Year 3 and 4 boys who had gathered for the Section Football. We all enjoyed a stunning hour or two, the cares of modern living a distant spectre. Here and throughout this week of sizzling excitement the chil-

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dren reminded us what a great thing childhood can be, and how we strive for it to be at Feltonfleet. A wonderful whole school singing day, inspired by the genius who is Paul Spicer culminating in a deeply uplifting and emotional whole school concert after just four hours of rehearsals; Year 7 intoxicated by the creativity and brilliance which is the Tate Modern; Year 8 historians taken back to the C14th at Warwick Castle; Year 2 captivated by the natural world at Wisley; unbridled passion in matches in mid-week, and so much more I could mention. We are working at full steam (literally this week!) to establish the culture of Positive Living at Feltonfleet. And alongside the educational breadth and range of our superb in and out of class programmes your children may have told about our new programme of Positive Living lessons. These have replaced the existing PHSE course. PL aims to embrace six aspects of well-being, and links closely and interactively to the children's day to day life in and beyond school. It's dynamic and interactive, and the children are responding really well to it.



The third paradox, then, and a sensitive one if your children are in Years 6 and 7 currently – to put it bluntly, the test led educational culture versus the enrichment for life educational culture. And is there a happy medium, a *via media*? We aren't unaware that whilst the range and stimulation of the opportunities on offer are central to our children leading a positive life once they have left Feltonfleet, we nonetheless need to agree on the right senior school for each child and work closely together to ensure they are as realistically prepared **as possible** where pre-assessments are involved. Now is not the time or place to dwell on the politics of entry tests or the merits or not of teaching for tests. However, we are very conscious of the balance to be struck between giving the child all they need to ensure they are accepted for the senior school of choice, whilst at the same time ensuring they arrive there with a love of learning. We are looking very carefully at how we reach the right formula for every child, not least because of the shifting sands of senior school entry requirements which test your patience and mine. Education should be a marathon not a sprint but the demographics of local senior school choosing make it the Bolt like dart it should never be at such a tender age. Whilst we are **examining** how we can best focus children for the ghastly round of 11+ tests which some of these schools seem so conditioned by, we continue

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to explore every possibility to help you find the right school for your child, and to learn more about the many options available out there. So, I shall be devastated if you don't come and support our Senior School Heads panel evening on October 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30pm. And I am working hard to forge and re-forge links with schools we know well. Including those where the Heads are newly installed like Bradfield and St John's. I know it's hard not to worry about all this, but if we keep talking as one and work closely as parents and school, I am sure we can support each child in a targeted and successful way.

A warm weekend awaits us all. Thank you for your support on Open Morning, and spare a thought for the Ward's as we transport our daughter to Bristol University on Sunday to help her begin the next phase in her life long journey. Lucky girl, very stressed parents! Sound familiar?



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# Lower School News

Calvi have been enjoying the 'Indian summer'. The sand pit has been very popular! Nursery Class have been working on their gross motor skills in a variety of ways- one of which was painting giant circles with decorator's brushes!

Reception went on a treasure hunt to look for signs of Autumn to make their Autumn collages. Very confusing when it feels like summer! Year 1 went in search of living and non-living things and collected all sorts of interesting mini beasts. They also had a fabulous time last Friday making and launching Rockets with Mr Harnden. Year 2 had a super trip to RHS Wisley and in one of their workshops designed their own 'William Morris' inspired wall paper from patterns in nature.



In Year 3 the children had to build their own skeletons and identify the different bones and their functions. In Geography they explored what happens to rainwater when it hits the ground. All very clever with no rain in sight!

Year 4 have created a model Celtic Village in the Junior garden area and nature club have been busy collecting grapes and filling bird feeders with the seeds from our home grown sunflowers!



Finally, well done to all of Calvi for a super Harvest assembly and well done to Junior boys for playing so well in your matches and for the Junior girls for their excellent play in the section netball matches. Have a lovely weekend!

**Sue Ward, Assistant Head Lower School**

# Boarding News

When you are running a boarding house you are constantly reviewing and altering things to ensure that your House runs smoothly. I am sure this is the same in any home across the country and it is essential to the way that boarding works at Feltonfleet.

I have been seriously impressed this term by the way in which the boys have discussed issues such as changing routines and how they use and keep their new bathroom in tip top condition. Not only have they shown maturity in their ability to discuss such matters but they have made their own recommendations and seen these implemented and making a real difference. It is just another example of how boarders are given leadership opportunities and the chance to solve problems themselves.

As the nights draw in (although the temperature stays relatively high) thoughts turn to autumn and all that the season offers. This week the boarders have been treated to some of nature's free tuck as roast chestnuts have appeared on the late night snack menu. The school has plenty of chestnut trees around and with a small amount of preparation they have provided us with a welcome treat. I was surprised by how many children had not tried them before but not surprised to see an empty baking tray at the end of the evening. I roasted them at 200 for 20 mins – do not forget to score them before baking or you will get some early fireworks in the oven.

**Peter Harnden, Head of Boarding**

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## **1. Save the Date - Friends of Feltonfleet 'May Ball'**

Following the success of the Valentine's Ball, the Friends of Feltonfleet are now organising a May Ball, which is going to be held on 26 May 2012. Tickets will go on sale after February half term.

*Friends of Feltonfleet*

## **2. Music News**

Our next Informal concert in the Music Department is on **Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 in the Mem Hall**, when a number of Amanda Allen's pupils will be playing the piano. Do feel free to come along and support this short concert which is an ideal opportunity to hear some of the pianists in the school, many of whom are preparing for their grade exams at the end of term.

All parents and friends are welcome.

*Anne Turner*

*Director of Music*

## **3. Bus For Open Morning**

A reminder to all parents who would like to take advantage of the service that we will be running a bus from the War Memorial in Wimbledon to Feltonfleet via Coombe Lane for Open Morning. The timings are as follows:

Depart Wimbledon War Memorial 8.45am

Depart Coombe Lane 8.55am

Return to Coombe Lane 12.30pm

Return to Wimbledon War Memorial 12.40pm

*Jackie Williams*

*Administrative Assistant*

## **4. School Uniform**

All children should be wearing their winter uniform for Open Morning on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October and to school from Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This includes wearing their blazer to and from school.

*Shelley Guest*

*Deputy Head*

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## 5. Lower School Notices

All pupils should be in winter uniform next week. This means that **Junior** pupils must wear their blazer to school each day. However, as there has been a problem with the **Calvi** boy's cord trouser and some people are still waiting for orders, the **Calvi** boys can continue to wear their shorts until the cords have arrived.

*Sue Ward*

# • Results • Results • Results •

## Section Football

### YEAR 4

Badgers 2 v Foxes 1  
Badgers 3 v Otters 0  
Badgers 7 v Tigers 0  
Foxes 1 v Otters 0  
Foxes 3 v Tigers 0  
Otters 0 v Tigers 0  
1<sup>st</sup> Badgers 9pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> Foxes 7pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Otters 4pts  
4<sup>th</sup> Tigers 4pts

### YEAR 3

Badgers 0 v Foxes 3  
Badgers 3 v Otters 0  
Badgers 1 v Tigers 0  
Foxes 0 v Otters 1  
Foxes 2 v Tigers 1  
Otters 0 v Tigers 2  
1st Foxes 7pts  
2nd Badgers 7pts  
3rd Tigers 5pts  
4th Otters 5pts

## Hockey v Bishopsgate

U10A won 2-1

U10B lost 4-0

## Hockey v Ardingly

U12B lost 3-0

U13B

## Hockey v St Georges

U11A lost 6-3

U11B lost 4-1

1<sup>st</sup> XI v Edgeborough Drew 3-3

2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Homefield 1<sup>st</sup> XI Lost 1-0

3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Edgeborough 2nds Lost 4-0

4<sup>th</sup> XI v Edgeborough 3rds Won 3-2

U11A v Edgeborough Lost 3-2

U11B v Edgeborough Won 7-0

U10A v Edgeborough Won 3-0

U10B v Edgeborough Won 8-1

U10C v Edgeborough Won 13-0

## U13 Hockey

Congratulations to the U13A Hockey team who came second in the Highfield Hockey Tournament.

## U12 Hockey

Well done to the U12A Hockey Team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Cranleigh Hockey Tournament

U8A v Homefield Won 3-0

U8B v Homefield Won 3-0

U8C v Homefield Lost 2-0



# Next Menu

Week 6(2): Monday 3rd Oct to Friday 7th Oct

## Boarding Breakfast

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

## Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Main Meal	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> Chicken in Black Bean Sauce	<b>Main Meal</b> Cottage Pie	<b>Main Meal</b> Creamy Chicken Casserole	<b>Main Meal</b> Minced Beef, Onion & Vegetable Pie	<b>Main Meal</b> Tuna Pasta Bake
<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Sweet & Sour Quorn	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Sun Dried Tomato Arrabiata Pasta	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Sweet Chilli Stir-fry with Egg Noodles	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Vegetable Stew and Dumplings	<b>Vegetarian Meal</b> Roasted Vegetable Parcel
<b>Vegetable</b> Soy Sauce and Ginger Stir-fried Vegetables	<b>Vegetable</b> Fresh Diced Swede	<b>Vegetable</b> Fresh Sliced Leeks	<b>Vegetable</b> Baby Carrots	<b>Vegetable</b> Peas
<b>Vegetable</b> Buttered and Herbed Broccoli	<b>Vegetable</b> Minted Garden Peas	<b>Vegetable</b> Steamed Petit-pois & Sweetcorn	<b>Vegetable</b> Sautéed White Cabbage	<b>Vegetable</b> Baked Beans
<b>Potato</b> Egg Fried Rice or Noodle Nest	<b>Potato</b> Buttered and Herbed	<b>Potato</b> Steamed New Potatoes	<b>Potato</b> Colcannon	<b>Potato</b> Paprika & Thyme Wedges
<b>Hot Dessert</b> Golden Syrup Tart and Custard	<b>Hot Dessert</b> Banoffee Pie	<b>Hot Dessert</b> Double Chocolate Sponge and Milk Choc Sauce	<b>Hot Dessert</b> Lemon Sponge & Vanilla Sauce	<b>Hot Dessert</b> Banana & Peach Custard

**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

# Independent SCHOOLS Show 2011

The Evolution in Battersea Park  
Saturday 5th November 10am - 5pm  
Sunday 6th November 11am - 4.30pm



## Complimentary Ticket Admits the whole family

The Show is housed in The Battersea Evolution, a striking contemporary structure in the delightful setting of Battersea Park, with easy access by road and rail.



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### Getting there:

- **Tube:** Sloane Square (District and Circle Line)
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- **By Car:** follow AA yellow directional signs to the show, enter Battersea Park through Chelsea Bridge Gate on Queensdown Road

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# Cricket Academy

## Summer Term 2012

### Year 3 & 4 Cricket Club

Monday Clubs	4.00 – 5.00pm	Year 3 & 4 Led by Chris Smith and coaches	£4 per session
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### Year 5 & 6 Cricket Club

Mondays	5:30 – 6:30pm	Year 5 & 6 Led by Chris Smith and coaches	£4 per session
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### Years 7 & 8 Cricket Club

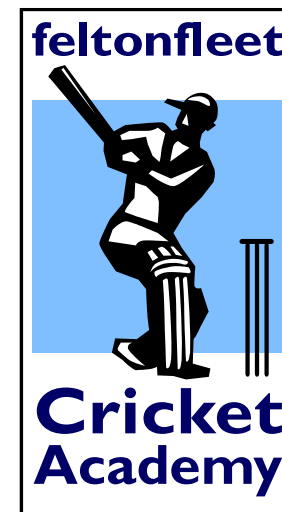
Fridays	4.00 – 5:15pm	Years 7 & 8 Chris Smith, Nigel Baxter and coaches	£4 per session
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### Summer Holiday Courses

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am – 2:30pm	Cricket camp Year 3 - 7	£27 per session OR £100 for 5 days
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To reserve your place on any course please contact:  
Chris Smith, Feltonfleet School, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1DR  
or phone 07500 334826  
or email [cricket@feltonfleet.co.uk](mailto:cricket@feltonfleet.co.uk)

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*Activities 2011- 2012*

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The Cricket Academy builds on a long tradition of cricket within Feltonfleet to create a structure to improve the standard of Feltonfleet's cricket and to provide opportunities for pupils from outside the school community to benefit from the cricketing expertise and facilities available at the school.

The Coaching Academy is run jointly by Nigel Baxter, the school's First XI Cricket Coach, and Chris Smith. Nigel has coached not only for many years within schools but also at Club level and is an ECB Level 2 coach. Chris has coached at School, Club, and County level as well as being on the England Schools' strategic development group. He too is an ECB Level 2 coach.

The Academy now offers a wide variety of term time courses to Feltonfleet pupils as well as holiday courses which are available to **any boy or girl** between 6 and 13.

**These courses are staffed by experienced, qualified ECB coaches and school staff.**

## Winter Term 2011

### Year 5 & 6 Cricket Club

Mondays After October half term	5:30 – 6:30pm	Year 5 & 6 Led by Chris Smith and coaches	£4 per session
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### Years 7 & 8 Cricket Club

Fridays After October half term	4:00- 5:15pm	Years 7 & 8 Chris Smith, Nigel Baxter and coaches	£4 per session
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### Christmas Holiday Courses

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00am – 1:00pm	Skills Course Year 3 - 5	£18 per session OR £60 for 4 days
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:00 – 5:00pm	Skills Course Year 6,7 & 8	£18 per session OR £60 for 4 days

# Cricket Academy

## Spring Term 2012

### Year 3 & 4 Cricket Club

Monday Clubs	4:00 – 5:00pm	Year 3 & 4 Led by Chris Smith and coaches	£4 per session
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### Year 5 & 6 Cricket Club

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### Years 7 & 8 Cricket Club

Fridays	4:00- 5:15pm	Years 7 & 8 Chris Smith, Nigel Baxter and coaches.	£4 per session
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### Easter Holiday Courses

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> April to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am – 1:00pm	Skills Course Year 3 - 6	£18 per session OR £60 for 4 days
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> April to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> April	2:00pm – 5:00pm	Skills Course Year 6,7 & 8	£18 per session OR £60 for 4 days

**Week 6**  
**3 - 9 October**  
**National Childrens' Book Week**

<b>Monday 3</b>	Book fair	<i>Sue Johnson Library</i>
10.35am	Flute choir	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.30pm	Orchestra	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
<b>Tuesday 4</b>	Book fair	<i>Sue Johnson Library</i>
12.30pm	Recorder Group	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.05 - 1.25pm	Years 3 & 4 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>Calvi Hall</b>
<b>4.30pm (A)</b>	<b>U11-U9 swimming gala v St Hilary's and Guildford High</b>	<b>Guildford High</b>
6pm	Year 5 parents' evening	<i>Sports Hall</i>
<b>Wednesday 5</b>		
9.30-11.30am	Calvi 'The Jungle' Drama Workshop by Perform4schools	<i>Calvi Hall</i>
<b>2.30pm (H)</b>	<b>2ndXI, 4thXI, 5thXI, U10A &amp; U10B football v Cranleigh Prep</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>1stXI, 3rdXI, U11A &amp; U11B football v Cranleigh Prep</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>U13A &amp; U13B hockey v Danes Hill</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>U12A &amp; U12B hockey v Danes Hill</b>	
<b>4.15pm (H)</b>	<b>U10A &amp; U10B netball v The Study</b>	
<b>4.15pm (H)</b>	<b>U11A &amp; U11B netball v The Study</b>	
<b>Thursday 6</b>		
9am	O-Pro gumshield fitting	<i>Pavilion</i>
9.30am	Reception to Esher Pizza Express	
12.30pm	Junior String Group	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.30pm	Senior String Group	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.30pm	Wind Group	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
2.30pm	Wellington College Chemistry Spectacular	
<b>2.30pm (H)</b>	<b>U9A - C football v Cranleigh Prep</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>U8A - C football v Cranleigh Prep</b>	
3.05 - 4.20pm	Clubs	
<b>Friday 7</b>		
8.15am	Year 8 (group A) to the Europa Language Centre	
8.30am	Headmaster's coffee morning for Year 5 parents	<i>Old Library</i>
11am	Year 8 (group B) to the Europa Language Centre	
1.00pm	Junior Choir	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
1.30pm	Informal piano concert with Amanda Allen	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
2.00pm	Senior Choir	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
7pm	Friends of Feltonfleet mothers' dinner	<i>Calvi Hall</i>
<b>Saturday 8</b>		
<b>10am (H)</b>	<b>1stXI, 2ndXI, U10A &amp; U10B football v Hall Grove</b>	
<b>10am (A)</b>	<b>U11A &amp; U11B football v Hall Grove</b>	
<b>10am (A)</b>	<b>U11A &amp; U10A girls' hockey v St George's, Hawthorns &amp; Danes Hill</b>	
<b>Sunday 9</b>		