

Feltonfleet Weekly

Friday 9th December 2011



From the Headmaster

All was going so well at the Calvi Christmas party. That is until I found myself in the middle of a detailed and probing discussion involving several little chaps who decided to quiz me about the authenticity of Father Christmas. Hula hoop munching, sausage roll nibbling and orange squash imbibing took a subsidiary roll to this lofty and cerebral conversation. At last it seemed that I had convinced them Father Christmas not only exists but there was a possibility he might even visit Calvi during their party. They assured me that they had met him before at last year's Calvi party but there was a question for me which was more knowingly Year 2 than, shall we say, Nursery. "But why do you always leave the party just before Santa arrives, Mr Ward?" I could see where this was heading, but fortunately I was "saved by the bell" as one admirable cherub chirped up with this observation. "We would soon be able to tell if it was Mr Ward dressed in a Santa costume. You've got to be even older and hairier than Mr Ward to be Father Christmas." I didn't know quite how to take this but you will be relieved to hear that I have recovered my self-esteem since and I feel I can still hold my own with the mighty men and women of Year 2. What a super bunch they are too.

Although teachers are usually so saturated by Christmas festivity by the end of term that we sometimes adopt a rather pallid sense of expectation about the real thing to come, I have to confess that I am looking forward to the festive period as much as the children are throughout the school. I suspect it won't be an extravagant year of giving this time round, and the mood of austerity will restrain us all in some shape or form. Nonetheless, I have found myself wondering whether it could be the year of *Kindle* giving. I had better not divulge who I have in mind to give a *Kindle* to, but in a good many ways I suspect it's something I might find a use for myself. A quick glance at my bed side table and the stack of semi-read books piled high around the radio alarm will tell you a little of my rather dysfunctional and wayward reading habits. Funnily enough, I noticed, when we visited our daughter at Bristol this weekend, that Anna appears to have inherited her father's scattergun approach to reading and there were the tell tale signs – a pile of partially devoured books of all kinds. More of that trip and the highly entertaining birthday lunch which followed shortly.

So should it be a *Kindle*? I don't have a view either way as to whether or not a book should look and feel like a book, or if it should live digitally on a screen. What matters to me is this - is it worth reading?

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From the Headmaster continued

In a week when the National Literacy Trust have reported the tragic statistic that four million children (33%) in the UK do not own a book, we should all be very anxious indeed about the future of reading and literacy in our country. And it follows, of course, as the Trust observes, that children with their own books were more likely to be above average readers and do better at school. “We know that there is a direct correlation between book ownership and children’s reading abilities,” said the Trust’s director. He went on to report that about a fifth of children said they have never been to a bookshop or a library. And the clincher for me as I contemplate whether to *Kindle* or not at this time of year, “The survey also reveals links between reading ability and receiving books as presents.”

I doubt if any Feltonfleet child lacks for a book at home. But whether or not your child is an avid reader now, if you are wondering what to give your child for Christmas this year, what better present than the gift of a book (and at relatively modest cost). Last weekend *The Sunday Times* Culture supplement carried a very good review of new and age appropriate children’s books which might figure on a Christmas shopping list this year. I can’t vouch for them personally, and risking accusations of plagiarism, herewith a selection of some recommended by Nicolette Jones in her article on Sunday:

Up to 4 years

The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse (Puffin) - Eric Carle
The Twelve Days of Christmas (Orchard) – Jane Ray
Just Right (Nosy Crow) – Birdie Black and Rosalind Beardshaw
King Jack and the Dragon (Puffin) – Helen Oxenbury

5-7

The Pied Piper of Hamelin (Walker) - Michael Morpurgo
Magic Beans; A Handful of Tales from the Storybag
(Pickling) – Anne Fine etc
Muncle Trogg (Chicken House) – Janet Foxley
The What on Earth? Wallbook of Natural History
(Natural History Museum)

8-11

The Snow Merchant (Andersen) – Sam Gayton
The Sleeping Army (Faber) – Francesca Simon
Kidnap in the Caribbean (Orion) – Lauren St John
Middle Earth Too (Macmillan) – Paul Stewart

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We can be heroes (Egmont) – Catherine Bruton
Revolution (Bloomsbury) – Jennifer Donnelly
How To Make a Universe with 92 Ingredients (Scholastic) – Adrian Dingle
Life; An Exploded Diagram (Walker) – Mal Peet



From the Headmaster continued

So, now that I have organised your Christmas shopping for you, what about that 20th birthday lunch in Bristol. Well, whilst it was riotously good fun and so happy, what struck Sue and I was that these “new” friends of just ten weeks who have already agreed to share a house next year spoke most passionately about their school days. In particular, their prep school days. And the common thread were the tales and mellowing reflections of prep teachers who had been so important to them, role models, inspirational, enthusiasts and personalities who gave their time richly and freely (and often very good fun, smiley and passionate about learning). The result - happy and motivated children.

I believe (I know) that the current generation of Feltonfleetians will talk just as graciously and fondly of their teachers at Feltonfleet in the future. Indeed, my colleagues have been outstanding this term, and I cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication. I know that your children are just as grateful as I am, and I feel sure you are, as well. Bravo everyone.

Have a wonderful Christmas, thank you for your support this term, and don't forget to ask Santa to pop a good book in your child's stocking!



Merry Christmas

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Lower School News



Christmas lunches were enjoyed by all the children this week. Mr Ward came as a special visitor to the **Calvi** Christmas Lunch and he helped the catering staff to serve the children at the **Junior** lunch!



Reception and Nursery invited visitors from Red Balloon, Little Sparrows, Martyrs Green and Downside nurseries to join with them when the Barking Dog Theatre Company came to perform 'Sleeping Beauty and the Noisy Prince'.



The **Juniors** enjoyed a fabulous trip to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford. Lots of the usual pantomime banter and risky humour, which fortunately would have gone straight over the children's heads but was enjoyed by staff!

Calvi enjoyed their Christmas party, with traditional games, party food and a visit from you know who!



Year 3 had great fun at their Christmas workshop and **Year 4** went over to Painshill Park to help plant some spring bulbs.



Finally, a festive Lower School Carol Service has really put us into the Christmas spirit, with excellent singing by the **Junior Choir, Years 3 & 4 and Calvi**, as well as some very confident readings by pupils in **Years 2, 3 and 4**, to remind us of the Christmas Story. Wishing you a super Christmas and a Happy New Year !

Sue Ward, Head of Lower School

Boarding News

Well done to Blewitt's Blunderers for winning the 3rd Annual Boarding House Christmas Generation Game on Wednesday night. The evening was attended by 120 people. We managed to squeeze into the PAC with room to spare. As the host I was surprised by the (over) competitive nature of the adults around the room. Everyone played the game in the true spirit in which it was intended – which meant booing and laughing at each other, heckling the host (points deducted), throwing up steward's enquiries (we had no stewards) and basically cheating.

The marking and scoring by Mrs Harnden was excellent – despite the protests and it was clear that under the leadership of Mr Blewitt, the best team won. Seriously though – thank you to everyone who attended this highlight of the Boarding Calendar and make it such a wonderful evening for all the boarders.

On Thursday night we had our Boarders' Christmas Meal. The meal was great, the company and conversation fascinating and the kangaroo court after the meal was carried out with good humour all round. The now Legendary Feltonfleet Present Grab was the main focus for all of us and even Mrs Barnes and myself got decent presents this year! Best seasonal wishes.

Peter Harnden, Head of Boarding

Charity News

A huge **congratulations** to all the Year 3 and 4 pupils who participated in the Gatoto School Sponsored Read. And a **big thank you** to parents and all sponsors for your support. Pupils raised an astonishing.... **£2559!**

Gatoto Primary School is located in Nairobi in Kenya. All the children at Gatoto Primary School live in the surrounding slum. There are no roads or street lights. The houses have only one room and there is no water or electricity. The children eat lunch everyday at school. For most of the children it is the only meal they eat all day. Their lives are very different to the lives we have here and they live without many of the things that we take for granted. The target of the sponsored read was to raise funds to purchase solar study lights so that the children can light a room, study for exams, write stories and read books.

The Gatoto School Sponsored Read raised enough money to buy **511 study lamps!**



Sarah Bray

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1. HEADMASTER'S NOTICE

Year 8 Coffee Morning Friday 13th January 2012

Parents of pupils in Year 8 are invited to a Coffee Morning with the Headmaster on Friday 13th January at 8.30am.

I warmly invite you to join Sue and me, together with a number of colleagues, in the Old Library. Please reply by email to my PA lucy.goodall@feltonfleet.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Phil Ward

2. MFL news

Thank you for your replies regarding the Year 7-8 Modern Foreign Languages presentation evening on January 10th. The evening starts with drinks at 6.30p.m. in the PAC and the presentation will start at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. If you are interested in going and have not sent in a reply slip, there are still places available. If you need another reply slip, please let me know and I will send one out to you.

Joyeux Noel! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale!

James Lanzon

j.lanzon@feltonfleet.co.uk

3. Junior Clubs

The Junior clubs form for Spring 2012 is now online. As before, you can enter your requirements on the online form at

<https://docs.google.com/a/feltonfleet.co.uk/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFY3X3JOSUwwMGZtTkdUNkwwWUVVckE6MQ>

When completed, you may wish to print the form for your own records before sending. Thank you.

David Pearce

4. Library News

I have sent Christmas letters to all pupils in the main school to remind them of the books they currently have on loan. I hope they all have plenty to read over the break and would encourage everyone to support their local libraries if they run out of reading material.

Thank you for supporting our book fair this term. It was very successful and we have acquired new material for all our libraries. I have also recently seen some of the representatives from the publishers and have purchased some wonderful new additions to the libraries including new books on the Olympics.

Happy Reading

Jenny Harris, Librarian

• Results • Results • Results •

Rugby Sat 3 Dec

1st XV 17 CLFS 12
2nd XV 17 CLFS 0
3rd XV 14 CLFS 7
4th XV 5 CLFS 64

U11A 28 CLFS 7
U11B 12 CLFS 10

U10A 40 CLFS 0
U10B 40 CLFS 5

7 wins 1 loss very good indeed.



Shooting: Prep Schools' Rifle Association Competition

Out of 11 teams of 8 pupils entered for the St Patrick's Shield, our 2 squads came 2nd (winning the 'St Hubert's Trophy') and 6th. **Tom Blackburn, Daniel Barnham and Mackenna Edwards-Mair won shields for their scores of 100/100**, while Nicholas Phizackerley gained 99/100 and Matthew Buxton Smith, Oliver Armstrong and Katie Hinkly each scored 98/100 for the comp.

Feltonfleet's 1st VIII total of 782 keeps them in Div 1 of the competition, in second place to Ardreck's 790.

At the same time, **Mackenna Edwards-Mair and Katie Hinkly have won** the cadet pairs competition (Mackenna 100/100 and Katie 98/100), equalling the competition's record score of 198 which Mackenna and Oliver Armstrong had also achieved last year, while other Feltonfleet pairs came 3rd, 5th and 7th out of 14 pairs entered;

3rd - **Daniel Barnham and Ryan Denvir** (190)

5th - **Harry Cameron and Tom Wilson** (186)

7th - **Zachary Robbins and Elizabeth Lenon** (182)

All in all this highlights Feltonfleet's continuously strengthening standing in the sport.

Shooting: Under Fourteen League

Our .22 squads shot over 3 dates each term, this latest round has confirmed our place as runners up in the top division while our II squad has won Div 2 - gaining both the **Terra Nova Trophy and promotion to Div 1** (helping to sending Ardreck II to Div 3 on the way).

We now boast 2 of the four teams in Div 1 of the national league. Some excellent scores, with Oliver Armstrong and Matthew Buxton-Smith scoring 100/100 in this round and Matt Buxton-Smith and Felix Griffin winning 'best bull' awards.

Armstrong and Griffin along with Nicholas Phizackerley and Harry Cameron are commended for some of the highest aggregate scores this term.



C. Hames, M. Rochford & A. Wright

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

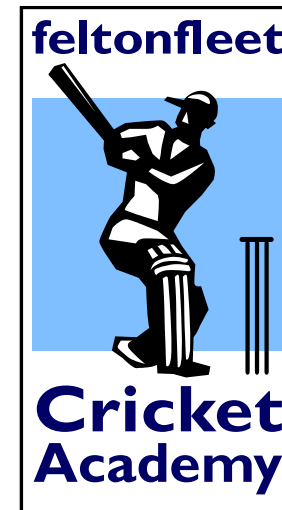
Fridays	4.00 – 5:15pm	Years 7 & 8 Chris Smith, Nigel Baxter and coaches	£4 per session
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Summer Holiday Courses

Mon 9 th to Fri 13 th July	9:30am – 2:30pm	Cricket camp Year 3 - 7	£27 per session OR £120 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

Cricket Academy



Activities 2011- 2012

email cricket@feltonfleet.co.uk



Cricket Academy

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 th Dec to Fri 16 th Dec	10:00am – 1:00pm	Skills Course Year 3 - 5	£18 per session OR £80 for 5 days
Mon 12 th Dec to Fri 16 th Dec	2:00 – 5:00pm	Skills Course Year 6,7 & 8	£18 per session OR £80 for 5 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

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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Easter Holiday Courses

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

Cricket Academy Application Form

Please enclose details of any medical issues on separate sheet.

Child's Name

School Year

School

Parent's Name

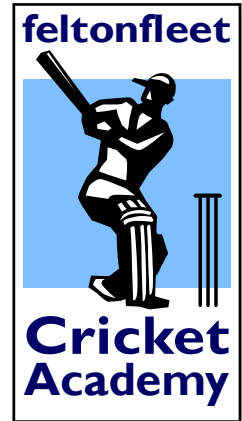
Address

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Email

Phone (Emergency)



<i>Please tick the days you require</i>	Monday 12th Dec	Tuesday 13th Dec	Wednesday 14th Dec	Thursday 15th Dec	Friday 16th Dec	
Years 3, 4 & 5 10am to 1pm						£18 per session, or all 5 days for £80
Years 6, 7 & 8 2pm to 5pm						

Any medical issues we should be aware of:

Cheque enclosed for £
(Payable to **'The Cricket Academy'**)

Signature

To reserve your place on a course please complete the form and return to:
Chris Smith, Feltonfleet School, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1DR
For further information contact Chris on **07500 334826**
or email **cricket@feltonfleet.co.uk**



Feltonfleet School

Cobham Surrey



New Year Rugby Camp



Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January 2012

We will be offering two great courses for Rugby players this holiday:

Tag Course for Years 2 and 3

Contact Course for Year 4 to Year 8



Both courses will emphasize core skill development – passing, catching, evasive running, support play, positional skills and team development. There will also be a tackling or a tagging element for the appropriate age groups.



Players will be challenged to improve through a supportive and fun environment.



Both courses are open to all enthusiastic players, from all clubs and schools.

The Rugby Camp will be under the direction of former Canadian International player/coach and Esher Rugby Club's Director of Rugby Mike Schmid, with the help of Tom Cheeseman (Bath, Harlequins and Esher player) and David Pearce (Feltonfleet teacher/coach).

**All coaches are CRB cleared.*

Each day will start with registration at the Sports Hall from 10.00am and finishing by 3.00pm. Each player will require rugby kit (shirt, shorts, socks, mouth guard, rugby boots and trainers) as well as a packed lunch, water bottle, and rain jacket (just in case). An optional change of clothes for the end of the day may be desired if the weather is against us!

Cost of the course: £30 per day per child or £55 for both days
For more information contact Mike Schmid at m.schmid@btinternet.com
or call 07590 258851

New Year Rugby Camp at Feltonfleet School Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January 2012

Booking Form

Child's Name	
Date of Birth	
School Year Group	
Parent's Name	
Postal Address	
Home Telephone	
Emergency Telephone	
Email Address	
Date(s) Attending <i>Please tick the appropriate box(es)</i>	Tuesday 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 4th <input type="checkbox"/>

Are there any medical conditions or medication that needs to be monitored? YES NO

If YES, please provide details:

I enclose cheque/cash for £..... made payable to **COACHING SOLUTIONS**
(Cost of the course: £30 per day per child or £55 for both days)

Signed: Date:

To reserve your place, please return form by **Friday 23rd December** to:
Rugby Camp, c/o Colin Boxer, Feltonfleet School, Byfleet Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1DR
Or email form to: m.schmid@btinternet.com

*For more information contact Mike Schmid on m.schmid@btinternet.com
Or 07590258851*



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Byfleet Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1 DR

New Year Boys' & Girls' Hockey

**Tuesday 3rd
January 2012**

An exciting day of boys' and girls' hockey training this half term with Richard Alexander (GB Olympic Squad) & Miss Bray.

Open to all pupils in Years 2 to 8.

Non-Feltonfleet siblings and friends also very welcome to attend.

The day will start with registration from 10am and finish at 3pm.

All players should bring a packed lunch, plus shin pads, gum shield and hockey stick.



**Course cost
£27**

To book a place on the course please complete and return the booking form attached.

*For more information contact Miss Bray
on sarah.bray@feltonfleet.co.uk*

New Year Boys & Girls Hockey Camp

Tuesday 3rd January 2012

Booking Form

Child's Name	
Date of Birth	
School Year Group	
Parent's Name	
Postal Address	
Home Telephone	
Emergency Telephone	
Email Address	

Are there any medical conditions or medication that needs to be monitored? YES NO

If YES, please provide details:

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to FELTONFLEET SCHOOL
(Cost of the course: £27 per child)

Signed: Date:

To reserve your place/s please return the completed form to:

Sarah Bray Feltonfleet School, Byfleet Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1DR

For more information please contact Miss Bray on sarah.bray@feltonfleet.co.uk



Feltonfleet School

Swimming



IAPS/Galas are coming

Time to train

Pre-Season Sessions

Tuesday 3rd January; Wednesday 4th January

10.00am – 12.00 noon

These sessions are all about getting fitter and faster for the IAPS and school galas coming up next term

(Must be advanced level – Swim Squad ability Years 3 – 8)

Cost £15/session

(spaces are limited, so book fast)

Contact Deborah Vine

Mobile: 07801695969

Email: swimming@feltonfleet.co.uk



Feltonfleet School

Karen Wishaw

Tennis Coaching

SPRING TERM 2012 - 10 week course

Mon 9/1/12 – Tues 20/3/12

(excl. half term 13th -17th Feb)

Karen Whishaw tennis coaching sessions will be continuing at Feltonfleet School this Spring Term. The sessions will run for ten weeks from January to March and will be available for all year groups. The classes will be for half an hour each week (to be timetabled on Mon/Tues), and will cost £100 per term (payable in advance). The coaching will aim to develop the children's technical and tactical awareness of tennis, as well as incorporating fun, games, teambuilding and partnership skills. Numbers will be limited to 6 per group, on a first come first served basis.

To enroll your child for the Spring Term please complete the Booking Form and return it, together with your cheque, for £100 to: Karen Whishaw, Cedars, 18 Broadwater Close, Burwood Park, Walton on Thames, KT12 5DD.

(Please make your cheque payable to Karen Hunter-Whishaw).

COURSE INFORMATION – PLEASE RETAIN FOR REFERENCE

- Ensure your child has appropriate footwear at school (no black soles).
- If your child does not have a racquet and you would like him/her to borrow one, please indicate on the booking form .
- Coaching sessions will take place on the hard yard and if it is raining in the sports hall on a full size indoor court every week during the Spring Term.
- I will endeavour to place your child in their first choice of group.
- **Missed Lessons:** Unfortunately I am unable to provide make up lessons following absence for illness, holiday or other reasons.

Contact details for Karen Hunter-Whishaw: Cedars, 18 Broadwater Close, Burwood Park, Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 5DD. Tel: 01932 246677, Mobile: 07860 601408
Email: Karen@kikhunter.co.uk

Karen Wishaw Tennis Coaching
SPRING TERM 2012 - 10 week course
Mon 9/1/12 – Tues 20/3/12

Booking Form

Child's Name	
Male/Female	
Age	
School Year Group	
Contact Number : Home	
Contact Number : Mobile	
Email address:	
Essential Medical Information	
Tennis Experience e.g. Previous coaching	

Session	Time	Day	Please indicate 1 st or 2 nd choice
Lunchtime Yr 3-4	12.20 – 12.50	Monday	
Lunchtime Yr 3-4	12.20 – 12.50	Tuesday	
Lunchtime Yr 5-6	12.50 – 13.20	Monday	
Lunchtime Yr 5-6	12.50 – 13.20	Tuesday	
Lunchtime Yr 7-8	13.20 – 13.50	Monday	
Lunchtime Yr 7-8	13.20 – 13.50	Tuesday	

RACQUET REQUIRED: Yes/No

Signed: Date: