

8th December 2008

Dear Parent / Guardian

Christmas is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents and carers the compliments of the season and to thank everyone for their continued support of the college. I would also like to draw your attention to a few further developments.

We have decided to take Monday 5th January as an Inset day. This is because we are currently engaged in some important, fundamental work on agreeing the vision for the future of the college. A successful college such as ours needs to continually review the principles which underpin our work and that will be the focus of the day. Groups of staff, parents, governors and students will consider the ways in which the college will grow and develop over the next 5 or more years. A number of parents have indicated their willingness to take part and we will publish this manifesto later in the Spring Term. Students will not be required in college on that day. The Spring Term will commence on Tuesday 6th January.

May I remind parents and carers that we are very pleased to welcome you to the college but we must ask that you make an appointment in advance. Many staff are simply not available to meet visitors at a moments notice because of their teaching commitment. We have noticed that a few parents are responding to mobile phone calls from children and then either phoning or arriving at Reception and expecting to be seen or spoken to by a member of teaching staff. Please phone for an appointment should you wish to discuss any issue and that will ensure there is enough time for a meeting.

With regard to uniform, McGregors School Shop is run by Mrs Parke and opens every Wednesday (term time only) from 3-4pm in the small café. All items of school uniform may be purchased from the shop. McGregors have also reduced the VAT and a new price list is available.

Included with this letter is the first edition of our Specialist Status News. This contains a range of articles which will be of interest to everyone connected with the college. You will see that we are engaged in some exciting work with all the primary schools in Bognor. This is part of our commitment to extend our specialist expertise to all our partner schools. Please let us know if you can see a way in which we can support the local community with initiatives to improve the use and understanding of Maths and Computing.

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day. Students are asked to pay a £1.00 contribution each which should mean we can make a generous donation to a local charity. College will finish at 1:00 pm on Friday 19th December.

All the staff at Felpham Community College wish you a happy and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Cook
Headteacher