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Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Digest - Week ending 5th October 2023

Ofsted



As you know, Ofsted carried out a two-day inspection on our school this week. Staff members were put under considerable pressure over these two days but pulled out all the stops to show the inspector who we are and what we do for our children at Steyping CE Primary School. The children also spoke at length with the inspector and she was very impressed with their ability to share their views and opinions so clearly. I am immensely proud of the staff and children at our school and look forward to sharing the inspection report with you as soon as it is published.

Harvest Festival

Thank you all so much for your generous donations. The Shoreham Foodbank collected our offerings and were blown away by your generosity. They said our donations were by far the largest they had received from any school. Superb effort everyone!



10 October is World
Mental Health Day



Mental Health Awareness Day – Tuesday 10th October

Staff and Children will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Day on Tuesday 10th October by wearing non-uniform, but it must include something yellow! We will be collecting [donations for the Young Minds Trust on our Just Giving Page](#).

Forest School

The children have been exploring conkers this week in the forest area. If you are out walking and enjoying the good weather this weekend, Mrs Holland would be ever so grateful if you could collect some more, including ones still in their spikey cases, and give them to her Monday morning.



Sands Ribbon Run

One of our parents, Kezzi South, is taking part in the Ribbon Run in aid of the Sands charity to raise awareness about baby loss. If you would like to sponsor Kezzi, please click the link <https://fundraising.sands.org.uk/fundraisers/kezzisouth>. Good Luck Kezzi!



FSPS Update

Uniform Sale

Please hand in any uniform donations to the office. We will be holding a uniform sale on Friday 13th October.

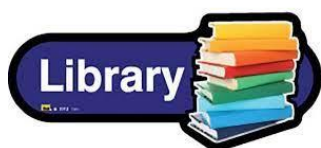
Fireworks Night

The FSPS will be hosting the annual Fireworks Night on Saturday 4th November with Phase One Fireworks who promise to put on a fantastic show for all! Ticket information will be shared in the next few weeks.

****Sadly, the band we had previously arranged to perform on the night has had to cancel, therefore if you know of another local band that would like to play, please get in touch with our Chairperson Lindsey; 07818400178. ****

Can you help the FSPS with sponsorship?

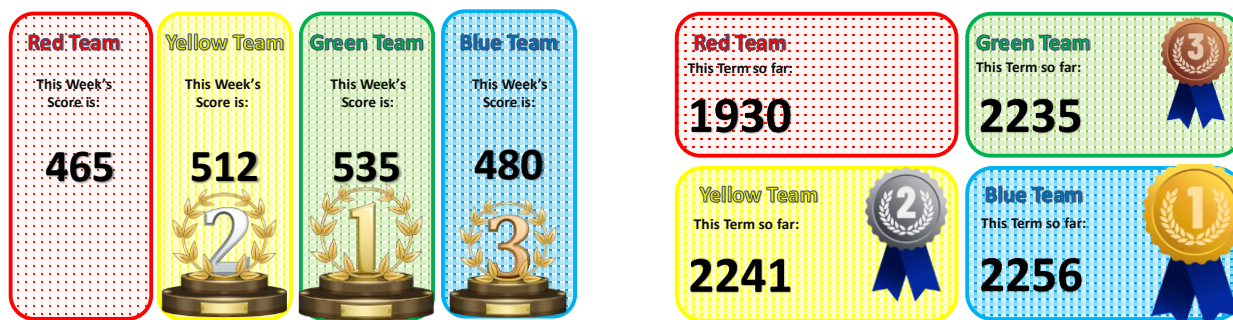
We are asking corporate sponsors/local businesses to help cover the cost of the choreographed fireworks display, which is the largest cost of the fireworks evening, totalling £4,000. Having such an expense covered by a generous sponsor(s) would allow monies raised at the event to go directly to the school and benefit the children. If you know of a company who would be able to help by offering a donation of anything from £100 all the way up to £4k, then please get in touch via fsps@steyningprimary.org.uk.



Steyning Library Holiday Activities

Steyning Library will be running a fun and free dinosaurs themed event called **A Roaring Good Time!** this October half term. This event is being held on Wednesday 25th October from 10.30am-11.30am and is suitable for children aged 4+ years and up, with stories, crafts and a dinosaur hunt around the library!

HOUSE TEAM YEARLY ROUND UP



This week's winning Team is: **The Green Team.**

Dates to be aware of:

- Saturday 7th October – Open Day Stay and Play for prospective pupils in Sept 2024 (10 – 11am)
- Tuesday 10th October – Mental Health Awareness Day (non-uniform day – wear yellow)
- Wednesday 11th October – Open Evening (6 – 7pm)
- Thursday 12th October – Open Morning (10 – 11am)
- Monday 16th October – Dinosaur Workshop (Year 1)
- Tuesday 17th October – Parents Evening
- Thursday 19th October – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 2nd January – INSET DAY
- Monday 22nd July – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 23rd July – INSET DAY



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who responded to the Ofsted Parent Survey which really helped give a flavour of what our wonderful school is all about.

Simon Phipps

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