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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Weekly Digest - Week ending 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### **Christmas Nativity: EYFS, Years 1 & 2**

Messages have gone out regarding the Christmas Nativities. EYFS and Year 1 have performances on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 with 2 seats available per child. Seats can be either on the same day or split across the 2 dates. If you need a link to the form, then please email the office.

Year 2's performance is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 13.20 with 3 seats allocated per child. These do not need to be requested in advance but please keep to a maximum of 3 seats due to the space in the hall.

### **Hamper Donations**

Just a reminder that we will be raffling Christmas Hampers to raise funds for resources for these year groups and any donations of 'Christmassy' food & drink would be most welcome. Please drop off any donations to the office, labelled Nativity Hampers.

### **Children in Need – Be SPOTacular**

Thank you to everyone who took part in dress down and those who contributed to Children in Need today. We will confirm the amount raised in next week's digest.



### **What does Children in Need mean to me?**

"Children in Need helps children who have disabilities; children who have problems they can't solve like being in trouble with the police or getting into trouble at home, on the streets or in schools; and children and families who have a poor quality of life. I like how Children in Need provides opportunities for children who may not have them. One of the things I really like is the amount of children who are now safer and have second chances to make a difference to their lives." -Henry, Year 5.

"Children in Need is for kids who don't have much. we wear yellow because it represents happiness, joy, and respect." -Jacob, Year 3.



### Car Park

A gentle reminder that the car park is solely for the use of staff and taxi drivers. Parents should not be parking here or using it for drop off and/or pick up. We will be doing random monitoring at the barrier and will be turning anyone away if they do not have permission to use the car park.

If you have any questions regarding the use of the car park, then please email the office.

## Uniform

**Policy:** Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform and adheres to the uniform policy that can be found on our website. If your child is wearing incorrect uniform, then a slip will be sent home with them to advise you of any issues.

**Labelling:** Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. We have a huge pile of lost property so if you are missing any uniform then please come and check the cupboard in reception.



### Smart Watches

Please note that Smart Watches (including Apple) are not allowed in school so please do not send your child in wearing one.

If your child is in year 5 and 6 and comes in wearing a smart watch, then these will need to be handed in with their mobiles as per the policy.

SPS will not be held liable for any smart watches that get lost / stolen whilst worn on the premises.

### Magnetic Balls / Beads

Please can you ensure your child does not bring any magnetic balls/beads into school. There has been an incident where a child swallowed them resulting in injury. If any child is found with these, then they will be confiscated.



### Cross Country – Years 3 to 6

After a long wait, Steyning Primary School held the local school's cross-country race. All the children ran amazingly and put in maximal effort which was great to see! Well done to everyone who raced and a massive thank you to the children who helped and cheered on the other children running.

Also, a big thank you to Miss Sturgeon, who spent her evening helping and scoring where each child finished. As a school we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 4 schools, which is brilliant. I am so proud of the children, and they should be of themselves too!

Well done Steyning - Mr Lelliott.





## FSPS Update

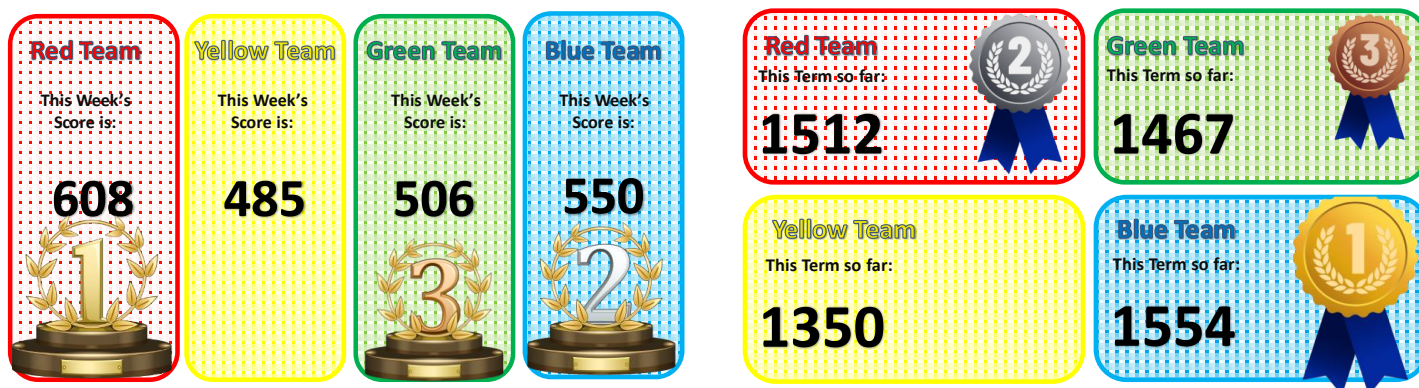
### School Christmas Party

Our next event will be the Children's Christmas Party on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November! Malcolm the Magician (of Fisher's Farm fame!)

will be entertaining the children with magic, party games and a disco. Tickets are still on sale this week from the FSPS Team at the school office, after school drop off and pick up each day.



## HOUSE TEAM YEARLY ROUND UP



This week's winning Team is: **The Red Team**

### Dates to be aware of:

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccines
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – School Christmas Party
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & Y1 Nativity
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & Y1 Nativity
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Nativity
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – INSET DAY
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET DAY



Have a great weekend!

**Simon Phipps**

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