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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Weekly Digest - Week ending 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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

Don't forget that the Nativity performances are being held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am for EYFS and Year 1. Please turn up on the day you requested tickets.  
Year 2's performance is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 13.20.

### **Hamper Donations**

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Hampers – it is not too late to bring something in though and more donations are welcome!

### **Census Day**

Our next Census Day is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. For every child that eats a school lunch on census day, the school receives government funding, every child counts!  
All children in Reception, Year 1 or 2 are entitled to a free meal so please book one for this date. Bookings need to be made by 4<sup>th</sup> January and are available in ParentPay now (for best results use a desktop where possible not mobile). The menu is attached as an additional document.

### **Christmas "Clothes" Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most. This year we will be celebrating Christmas Clothes Day where pupils can come in "Christmassy" costumes instead of just jumpers!  
Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive knit at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. We have a JustGiving page set up – just search for Steyning Primary on Just Giving and please make a donation!



**Staff  
parking  
only**

### **Car Park**

A reminder to not use or attempt to use the car park unless you have authorisation. It has been noted on a few occasions that parents have approached the car park and realised they will not be allowed in and have then dropped off their children on the slip road. This is a safety hazard as it is not possible to turn around safely.

### Walking to school

Please can everyone use the side path for drop off and pick up and not enter via the car park entrance. There have been a few occasions of near misses where children have run across the road on the approach to the car park. We want everyone to arrive and leave school as safely as possible.



### Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. Please contact the office if you are interested and we can send you the relevant paperwork. Monday to Friday, 12-1PM, £11.79 hourly rate.

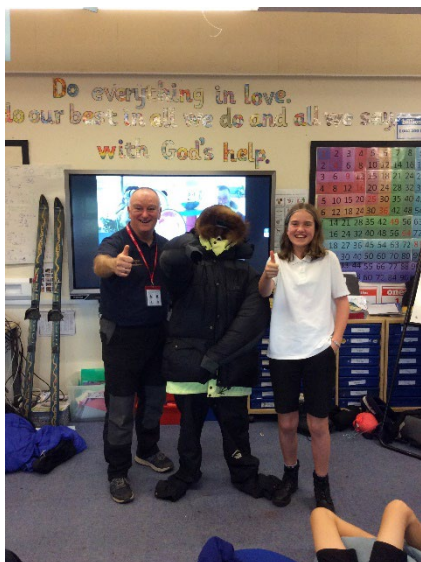


### Christingle Service

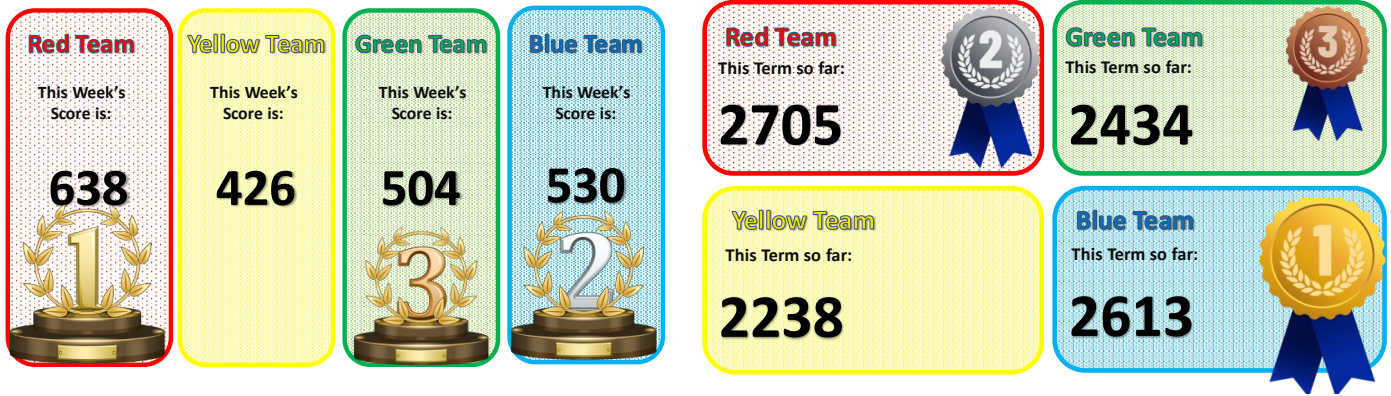
Can everyone please send their child in with an orange ready for Tuesday when they will be decorating them in preparation for the Christingle Service on Wednesday.

### Year 6 visit – Al Sylvester

Year 6 were visited by the extraordinary Al Sylvester MBE, who retold his story about his expedition to the South Pole. The children were fascinated to learn about the treacherous journey he took with his crew: where they slept, what they ate, and the limited number of facilities they had whilst on their trek! One student even had the opportunity to dress up in Al's clothing that he wore to keep himself warm.



## HOUSE TEAM YEARLY ROUND UP



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

### Dates to be aware of:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas “Clothes” Day
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & Y1 Nativity
- 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



Wrap up warm and enjoy the sunshine!

**Simon Phipps**

Acting Headteacher