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Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Digest - Week ending 15th December 2023

Census Day

Our next Census Day is Thursday 18th 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 4th 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.

West Sussex Community Hub

A message from WSCC: For children who are not FSM eligible but whose families need urgent support with food here in West Sussex, we have the Community Hub operating: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/community-hub/>

Christmas Services

St Andrew and St Cuthman's church warmly welcome you to the following Christmas services:

Sunday 17th December 6pm: Nine lessons and Carols

Sunday 24th December 3pm and 4:30pm: Crib Service

Sunday 24th December 11pm: Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December 9:30am: Sung Eucharist for Christmas morning

The crib services on Christmas eve at 3pm and 4:30pm are very relaxed, and this year your children will be encouraged to take an active part so please come dressed as angels or shepherds; there will be some costumes available at the church.



SPS Newspaper – Issue 1



We're excited to announce that the first issue of our school newspaper 'SPS News' has been published. The team of journalists have worked incredibly hard and I'm sure you'll agree that they have produced an absolutely magnificent newspaper.

To read the newspaper please follow the link below that will take you to the SPS News webpage on the school website:

<https://www.steyningprimary.org.uk/page/?title=SPS+News%21&pid=267>

Please feel free to share this with the wider community and family members – the more readers the merrier! If your child would like to join the news team, then please encourage them to come and see either Mrs O'Brian (Rabbits class) or Mrs Dillingham (Woodpeckers class).

Nativities – monies raised

Massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the EYFS/Y1 and Y2 Christmas Hampers including all the local businesses that helped us. There are far too many to list, but please know we are thankful for your continued help and support.



The EYFS and Year 1 raffle raised £361.99. Year 2's raffle raised £183 and donations towards the music budget raised £120.43!

Pick Ups

Please can you ensure that any requests for changes to pick ups are given to the office, either by phone or email, by no later than 2.30pm each day. We cannot guarantee that any requests made after this time will be passed on to the relevant teachers.

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, 11.30/12-1PM, £11.79 hourly rate.



FSPS Update

What a year it has been for the FSPS team, with successful Easter, Summer and Winter events we're enormously proud of what we've been able to achieve and look forward to updating you all in the new year as to how the funds you've helped to raised will be spent going into 2024.

Once again Santa made a visit to the school to round off the end of term today and we very much hope that your children enjoyed the fun and their class gifts.

Don't forget you can still register for our monthly lottery for a one-off payment of £10 - simply register your details at the school office.

All that leaves us to say is a big thank you to everyone that has supported us over the last year. We're looking forward to rolling out our events schedule in 2024 and to continue fundraising for our school.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from the team.



HOUSE TEAM YEARLY ROUND UP



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

Dates to be aware of:

- Tuesday 2nd January – INSET DAY
- Wednesday 3rd January – First day of school
- Monday 22nd July – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 23rd July – INSET DAY



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this year. I hope you all have a wonderful festive period and get to spend lots of time with family and friends.

Simon Phipps

Acting Headteacher