

*Welcome back to school! As we begin a new academic year, it's a fresh start filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and make new memories. A special welcome to our new parents and carers of children starting in reception, we hope your child/ren have enjoyed their first full week with us.*

*I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your kind words, support, and well wishes during this difficult time. The passing of my dad has been incredibly hard, but your love and comforting messages have brought me strength and peace.*

*After the success of the inaugural school clean up, we have another one planned for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October and would love to see as many of you here as possible. This is being organised via the wonderful FSPS and lunch will be provided.*

*Let's make the year a great one, filled with success, growth, and plenty of fun along the way!*

Simon Phipps – Headteacher

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## 1. COMMUNICATION

- Website: [steyningprimary.org.uk](http://steyningprimary.org.uk)
- Email: [office@steyningprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@steyningprimary.org.uk) – please do not email staff directly (unless agreed previously)
- Email: [reception@steyningprimary.org.uk](mailto:reception@steyningprimary.org.uk) for reporting sickness, lateness or changes to pick-ups
- Calendar: link [here](#) for term dates, events.

## 2. UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS: here are the upcoming events for the next few weeks.

- EYFS Fred Phonics Workshop: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 3.45 (Rabbits classroom)
- Individual School Photos: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Harvest Festival: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October\*
- Parents Evenings: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October
- Year 6 Height & Weight: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October
- Flu Nasal Clinic: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Inset Day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

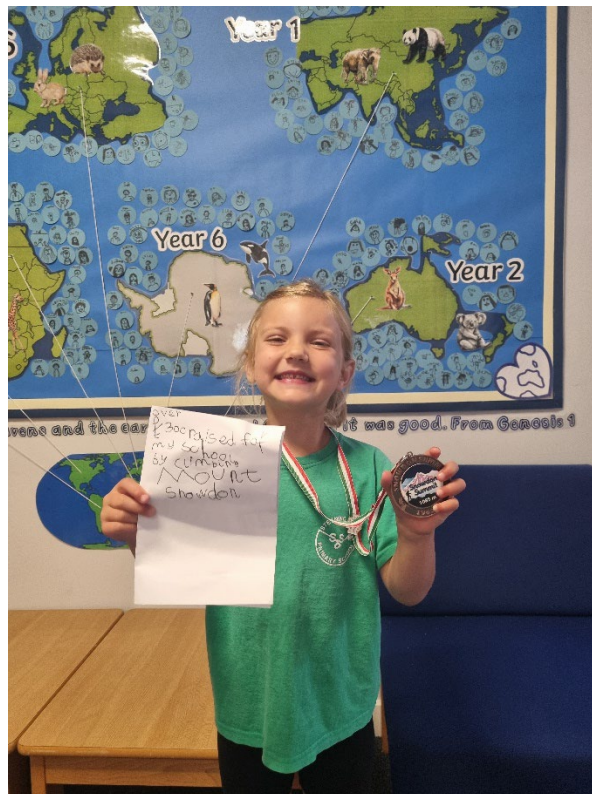
\*Please see poster attached to this bulletin for more information. We are collecting for the Horsham District Foodbank, and they have listed the items they are in need of.

### 3. REQUESTS, REMINDERS AND GENERAL NOTES

- **Absences:** Please call or email [reception@steyningprimary.org.uk](mailto:reception@steyningprimary.org.uk) before 9.30am to report your child's absence. This needs to be done on every day of your child being absent unless otherwise advised by the school office.
- **Changes to pick-ups:** Please ensure that any changes to pick-ups, including late bookings to the Hive are communicated via reception (email above) before 2.30pm. This ensures the message is passed to the class teacher in time.
- **Individual School Photos:** These are taking place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. If your child has PE on this day, can you please ensure they come to school in their uniform and bring in their PE kit. Please ensure you send your child(ren) in with their school jumper. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.
- **Parents Evening:** More information about booking a slot will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.
- **Flu Vaccination:** A reminder to please complete the documents that were sent out this week regarding the flu clinic. Deadline for completion is 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### 4. Fundraising

During the Summer holidays, Bo Hathaway who is in Year 1 did a sponsored walk to raise money for the library and sports equipment for our school. Such an amazing effort raising £350 – thank you so much Bo!



### 5. Online Safety Update

Please see attached information from the National Online Safety team. Their aim is to support parents/carers and trusted adults by helping them to keep up to date and gain the knowledge and skills needed to keep children safe online. We are aware of how quickly changes in technology happen and how our children are always ahead of us with this. We aim to share one of these a week with parents, where possible related to online challenges we are facing in school at a given time. If you would like more information, here is a link to their website: [National College](http://NationalCollege)

## 6. Library Books

We are fortunate to have an attractive, staffed school library which the children love to use. However, we have had to remove a large number of library books from the library catalogue at the start of this school year, as they had not been returned at the end of last term.

Funding for new books is challenging in the current financial climate. We have removed all existing library books, from previous academic years, from the children's library tickets. However, going forwards, please can we politely ask all parents to ensure library books are returned to the school library once your child has finished reading them.

If the situation doesn't improve this academic year, we will be asking for lost books to be replaced or a voluntary contribution of £2 so we can ensure that our library is adequately resourced.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

## 7. Forest School

We are back in Forest School and Mrs McNie would like to firstly remind you that children should be wearing long trousers rather than shorts to protect their legs from scratches.

As we head into Autumn, please can you and your child(ren) collect some nature items like conkers, pinecones, acorns, oak apples, seed heads and beech mast that we can use in the Forest School and for our nature table.

## 8. Welcome to our new EFYS children

We are so proud of how well the children in both Rabbits and Hedgehogs classes have settled into school these past couple of weeks. They are learning the new school routines brilliantly and have had so much fun getting to know their new teachers and friends within the year group.

They had an exciting start to the week this week as they had their very first music lesson with Mr Mott. The children came back very excited to hear that they will be learning new songs and playing musical instruments every week.

## 9. Sporting Update

Well done to the fantastic Year 6 cricket team who have kicked off the SPS sporting year with a bang, taking part in the postponed tournament from the end of last year. They all worked really well as a team making sure they stopped as many balls as possible from hitting the boundary. They were many amazing hits and a couple of outs, but all the children showed the Steyning spirit! We cannot wait for the cricket to begin next summer.



## 10. FSPS Update

The FSPS have started the new term with a fantastic investment for the early year's classes! We have bought new mud kitchens for the garden which the children are already thoroughly enjoying.



We would like to make parents aware of the incredibly generous ongoing donation that **Golden Barn Garage** have committed to. They donate £1 towards the school for every MOT sold at the garage. We are so grateful for this commitment to the school and would love all friends of the school to support the garage, as they in turn support us!



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And lastly, The FSPS are continually looking for more hands-on support to enable us to arrange our fundraising activities. If you can spare us any time at all on an ad-hoc or ongoing basis, we would love to hear from you! Our email address is: [fsp@steyningprimary.org.uk](mailto:fsp@steyningprimary.org.uk)

## **11. School Council Reps**

Congratulations to the newly appointed School Council reps who were chosen by their peers:

**Pandas** – Hattie Andrews

**Elephants** – Bo Hathaway

**Koalas** – Martha Pepperell

**Kangaroos** – Maya Moran

**Llamas** – Harper MacDonald-Pearce

**Jaguars** – Holly Walsh

**Bears** – Jasper Hibbert

**Eagles** – Scarlett Thompson

**Lions** – Katherine Allen

**Giraffes** – Rio Marshall

**Penguins** – Amber Scutt

**Orcas** – Millie Cater

## 12. House Team Round Up

Congratulations to **Yellow Team** who this week's winners!



## 13. House Captains

This year's house captains and deputy house captains are:

**Red team:** Alfred and Mollie

**Yellow team:** Fifi and Luca

**Green team:** Amberlilly and Ollie

**Blue team:** Albie and Otilie

