



I hope this bulletin finds you all well. It's been a very exciting couple of weeks at school, a highlight of which was working with members of Steyning Orchard Scheme to plant 10 new apple trees outside Caterpillars which our new Eco Council reps will be responsible for attending to whilst also re-wilding the surrounding area. Next week will see the start of Christmas services with the EYFS and KS1 Christingle service at St. Andrew's church and I hope to see many of you there.

Simon Phipps – Headteacher

1. COMMUNICATION

- Website: steyningprimary.org.uk
- Email: office@steyningprimary.org.uk – please do not email staff directly (unless agreed previously)
- Email: 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 and KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christingle Service @ St. Andrews: Tuesday 3rd December*
- EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Productions: Wednesday 11th December @ 2.15pm & Friday 13th December @ 9.30am
- Year 2 Christmas Productions: Friday 13th @ 2.15pm and Monday 16th @ 9.15am
- KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Service @ St. Andrews: Tuesday 17th December @ 9.30am*
- FSPS Christmas Gift Shop: Tuesday 17th December
- Last day of term: Friday 20th December
- First day of term: Monday 6th January

*Parents and Carers are all welcome to attend these church services as there will be plenty of room in the church and we look forward to seeing you there.

3. REQUESTS, REMINDERS AND GENERAL NOTES

- **Absences:** Please download the StudyBugs app where you can report your child's absence. Alternatively, you can email reception@steyningprimary.org.uk
- **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. This needs to be done **every day** where the main parents/carers are not collecting.
- **Uniform:** Can you please ensure that all uniforms are clearly labelled so any lost property can be returned. This includes coats, water bottles and any Tupperware as we have recently disposed of a whole box of unclaimed items.

4. 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](https://www.nationalcollege.org.uk/)

5. Collective Worship

On Monday 25th, 4 pupils from Giraffes class led the Collective Worship on Eco matters. They presented information on three "incredible" people in the world; David Attenborough, Jane Goodall and Greta Thunberg who have had an impact on the climate/environment. They read some extracts from books about them and presented some interesting environmental facts.



6. Census Day

The next census day is January 16th and again we are asking everyone who is entitled to a Free School Meal (EYFS to Year 2) to please order a meal on this day, so the school gets allocated the maximum funding available. Attached is a poster from Chartwells showing the meal options for this day. Deadline for ordering a meal is Thursday 2nd January.

7. Christmas Hampers for EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2

We are excited to share the news that this year be raffling Christmas Hampers at each Nativity performance! To help support with this, we would be so grateful to receive any donations of 'Christmassy' food or drink items for us to make them with, such as bottles, biscuits, chocolates, chutneys etc.

Please send any donations in with the children or drop them into the school office (labelled EYFS/ Year 1/Year 2 Christmas raffle) if easier. Raffle tickets for these hampers will be before each performance, and the draw will be made after each show. All funds raised will go to supporting our EYFS / Year 1/Year 2 resources for the children, so we hope you can support us in this and spread some Christmas cheer at the same time!

8. Time Capsule

The time capsule that was buried by Miss Allen's Year 1 class in December 2018 for the 2024 Year 6 leavers has been located. Inside were pieces of writing that the children had written along with some other items as can be seen in the picture below.



9. Charity Hair Cut

On Saturday 16th November, Coco Scutt in Year 3 had her hair cut and raised an amazing £511 for the Little Princess Trust and donated 11 inches of hair. Well done Coco!



10. Orchard

On Tuesday a selection of children from KS2 worked with people from the Steyning Orchard Scheme to learn about and plant 10 new apple trees which have been gifted to us. We look forward to these blossoming over time and being at the heart of our re-wilding area which the children will be able to use as a relaxing space during break and lunch.



11. Celebration Collective Worship

A reminder that every Friday we do a Celebration Collective Worship for all year groups and if you could please bring any certificates, badges, trophies, medals etc (clearly labelled with child's name and class and any relevant detail/information) into the office by 1pm on a Friday, these can be shared. Alternatively, information can be emailed to the school office by the same deadline if this is more workable for your family.

12. FSPS Update

Childrens Christmas Gift Shop

This Christmas the FSPS are introducing a Children's gift shop to enable children to purchase gifts for their family and friends! Please see the poster attached for details.

Christmas Panto

Tickets are now on sale via the link or QR code in the poster below for the Panto that the FSPS have arranged to visit us at school on 17th December!

Please note that tickets are available for pupils only, parents are not required to attend and unfortunately, we do not have space to accommodate other family members.

A bar and hot drinks will be available in the music studio for parents and carers who wish to wait for their children in school while the performances take place. Please see attached poster.

13. House Team Round Up

Congratulations to **Green Team** who are this week's winners and to **Red Team** who were last week's winners!

