



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

## *Weekly Update Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

### **One year on.....**

It seems pertinent to acknowledge that one year ago today we closed the school to all but a few children and our pattern of learning and ways of working have changed so much in that time. Our thanks must go to everyone in our school community and local area who has had any part in keeping us safe and cared for throughout the last year.

As Headteacher, I remain incredibly proud of the whole staff team for the incredible efforts everyone has shown throughout this time. There have been at least seven changes in the way we have been asked to deliver education and at every turn the children and families at Stoke Mandeville have been at the centre of all our efforts. Thank you so much for all your support and kind thoughts.

### **Comic Relief**

Thank you to everyone who wore red and donated towards our fundraising for Comic Relief, we have raised a brilliant £170!!

### **Census Day**

The census is a survey about all the households in England and Wales. The next census takes place on Sunday 21 March 2021 and every household MUST complete it and provide accurate information. It helps decide how services are funded in your area. Find more information and guidance at <https://census.gov.uk/>

### **E Safety - Omegle – Understanding the Risks**

We have attached an online safety guide for a website/app called Omegle. Omegle is a website that anyone can access and links you with a stranger on the internet to talk to. Their tagline is "talk to strangers!". We would never encourage young people to talk with strangers on the internet, let alone access an app that encourages them to do so. Omegle pitches their intentions as trying to help people make friends, but unmonitored chat rooms with strangers online are a safeguarding risk and pose many dangers to young people.

If you find your child is using Omegle, we would strongly suggest having a conversation about the dangers and encourage them not to use it. The advice should always be to engage with other young people they actually know in real life, where possible, but certainly to avoid apps that will put them into a 1-1 chat with a stranger.

## Class Updates

We know how much you enjoy finding out what the children have been learning in our Weekly Updates. As of this week we will be adding this information to the class pages of the new website. You can find this information by selecting the link below to your child's class.

Year R – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-r/what-are-we-learning>

Year 1 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-1/what-are-we-learning>

Year 2 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-2/what-are-we-learning>

Year 3 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-3/what-are-we-learning>

Year 4 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-4/what-are-we-learning>

Year 5 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-5/what-are-we-learning>

Year 6 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-6/what-are-we-learning>

## Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a Finance Officer and a Teaching Assistant – details of the roles are available on our website and we would welcome applications from our school community.

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>

## Housepoints

Congratulations to Claydon who are leading the Housepoint competition so far this term!

| Chequers | Claydon | Hughenden | Waddesdon |
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 3569     | 3752    | 3543      | 3564      |

## Other Awards

Congratulations to BH-R in Year 2 for receiving the Values Award this week and to Reception Class for winning the Tidy Award.

## Dates for the Diary

|                                |                                   |
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| w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> March     | Bikeability Level 2 (Years 5 & 6) |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April | School finishes for Easter break  |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April  | Return after Easter break         |

You can also find this information on our website.

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/upcoming-events>

## Letters Sent Home

No letters have been sent home this week.

You can also find this information on our website with copies of letters.

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters-home>

