



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 23rd April 2021

Summer Term

Welcome back to the Summer Term! Please ensure that all school uniform is named. As we reach the better weather more children are taking off their coats, cardigans and jumpers and if they are not named there is the real possibility that they may find their way into the lost property box where it is very difficult to match it with the real owner.

As we look forward to some warmer weather, it is particularly important that children bring a named water bottle to school. We advise parents to apply sun cream to their children before they come to school. It is possible to buy cream that only needs to be applied once and this avoids children having to bring their own bottles to school. Children should be taught to apply their own cream -thank you.

COVID Update

COVID Vaccinations are now available for anyone aged 45 and over, more information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

Using the Public Health England road map towards easing restrictions, we will be allowing children access to the cloakroom areas and locker spaces from Monday. These areas will be cleaned on a daily basis to ensure we maintain additional hygiene standards. We are now able to use both the field area and playground during break and lunchtime and with this additional space we have created playtime bubbles for KS1 and KS2.

We are relieved to see that infection rates and hospital admission numbers are moving in the right direction and would urge everyone to continue to follow the guidelines in place so that we can see additional easing of restrictions in the coming weeks and months.

Young Minds Crisis Messenger

The Young Minds Crisis Messenger text service provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support, you can text YM to 85258. We know that finding the right support is important, especially if you need someone to talk to right now. We aim to connect every texter to a trained volunteer promptly to provide crisis help. They will listen to you and help you think more clearly, enabling you to know that you can take the next step to feeling better. It is free and confidential to text our service from the following major networks, these include - BT Mobile, Tesco Mobile, Virgin Mobile, iD Mobile, Sky, Telecom Plus, Lebara and GiffGaff. Some Android phones issue a warning that you will be charged for texting us, provided you are on one of these networks this warning is incorrect and you will not be charged. If you text us from a network that is not on this list there is a possibility that you may be charged for the messages and that they may appear on your bill, this is because some networks do not provide the capability to message short codes.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/youngminds-crisis-messenger/#youngminds-crisis-messenger>

Travel Plan

Well done to everyone who has earned a WOW badge for walking to school, we are very proud of your efforts. For those who would like to walk to school, we have included our walking map with this update, if you would like a paper copy we have some in the school office.

Royal Mail Competition

We have an exciting stamp competition for every child in school to enter! Royal Mail are running a competition based on the theme 'Honouring the Heroes of the Coronavirus Pandemic...on a stamp'. Every child has been given a template of a stamp with more information. The design needs to be returned to school by Friday 21st May so we can send them off in time. Every child that returns their design in time will receive five housepoints each! The winning design has a chance to win lots of vouchers! More information is available on the website <https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/>

There are a few rules...

- The design must stay inside the template on the sheet.
- The design must be in colour. Any resources can be used but it must not be 3D.
- The design must be completed by children only.

HS2 Road Closures

We have included some information with this Update regarding the upcoming closure of Marsh Lane as part of the ongoing HS2 works. Please take this change into account when planning your journeys to and from school from the 5th May.

Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a Midday Supervisor – details of the role are available on our website and we would welcome applications from our school community.

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

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>

Housepoints

Congratulations to Waddesdon who are leading the housepoints at the start of the Summer Term.

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Dates for the Diary

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| Tuesday 27 th April | Year R & KS1 RSE Information Session |
| Monday 3 rd May | Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 4 th May | Year KS2 RSE Information Session |
| Friday 14 th May | Deaf Awareness Day |
| Friday 28 th May | School Closes for Half Term |
| Monday 7 th June | School re-opens after Half Term |
| Tuesday 20 th July | School Closes at 13.30 for Summer |

You can also find this information on our website. <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/upcoming-events>

Letters Sent Home

- R & KS1 RSE Curriculum Information Session (Years R, 1 & 2)
- KS2 RSE Curriculum Information Sessions (Years 3-6)
- Bikeability Level 1 (Years 3 & 4)

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

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