



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 7th May 2021

Free Activities for Children

As we approach some better weather and an increase in opportunities to mix with family and friends, now is a great time to put down those phones and tablets and get active outdoors – here's some suggestions of local, free opportunities to stretch your legs and enjoy the fresh air!

Parks and Playgrounds



Why not challenge your friends to a 'park competition' – playing in as many different local playgrounds as possible in one day. Take a picture at each park and share them with your friends.

Ivinghoe Beacon

Stunning views from Ivinghoe Beacon



more information at
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge-estate/features/walk-the-chalk>

Wendover Woods



Have you been to the Gruffalo Trail recently? Wendover Woods has been refurbished and we hear the hot chocolate is pretty good too!

You can find lots of other inspiration and ideas at
<https://freetimewiththekids.com/>
<https://www.alltrails.com/england/buckinghamshire/aylesbury> and
<https://www.visitbuckinghamshire.org/attraction/category/family-fun>

Coombe Hill

A gentle circular walk from the National Trust
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chilterns-countryside/trails/the-best-of-coombe-hill-walk>



Watermead Lake



Watermead is a great place to feed the ducks (and geese, swans and gulls!) – there is also a large playing field and a kid's fitness trail.

Communication

We envisage that the vast majority of day-to-day communication with the school will be with the staff member that is working most closely with your child. If you request contact from the school to discuss a concern, please expect your child's teacher to make the initial response as they manage the vast majority of issues and will work with you to ensure effective regular communication.

If you feel that the matter is more of a concern or you do not feel an issue has been resolved, you should contact the Key Stage Leader (Miss Jacob for Key Stage 1 or Miss Daly for Key Stage 2).

Our SENDCo, Ms Hayden, is happy to discuss individual children's needs and offer support through regular termly meetings for children who have additional needs.

Mrs Tong, the Deputy Head, oversees both key stages and if a matter remains unresolved then you should direct your communication to her. In some cases, your concern will be escalated to the Headteacher, but we would hope to have resolved your concerns prior to this being necessary.

Staff will always endeavour to make contact as soon as possible, but we are sure you appreciate staff have commitments and meetings which may mean this can take up to 48 hours.

ASDA Foundation Tech Donation

We are very grateful to Mrs Henderson who submitted an application to the ASDA foundation on our behalf and we have been donated a number of tech packs to the school. These packs will provide additional, invaluable support to our children. Thank you to ASDA for recognising that schools are facing new and unprecedented challenges and helping the local community.

Lego Donations

We are looking for donations of Lego children to use in the outdoor area, if you have any Lego that your children no longer play with, please consider donating it to the school!

Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a School Administrator and a Morning Club Playworker – 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 Claydon who are leading the Housepoints this term

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
9,906	10,202	9,749	9,867

Dates for the Diary

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

- RSE Letter and Key Stage Specific Presentations
- Year 5 AHS Maths Group letter (specific students only)
- Year R Postbox Walk letter

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

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



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