



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 14th May 2021

COVID Update - Roadmap out of Covid Restrictions

From Monday, we will see a small lifting of restrictions in school. Face masks for staff will no longer be mandatory in the classrooms and around the building, although guidance suggests that staff should wear face coverings when dealing with parents at the start and end of the day. The one-way system will be removed. We will continue to use fire doors as the way in and out of classrooms and continue with the staggered start and end of the day. We will also continue to prioritise personal hygiene and regular hand washing.

While the changes to guidance seem to have only a small impact on school settings, the evidence for Buckinghamshire remains positive as the infection rates has remained low over the last couple of weeks, dropping into the low teens. This is considered by Public Health England to be a very good picture for Buckinghamshire.

School Day Reminder

As we have now returned to a normal morning schedule for drop off and registration we would like to remind you of our timings:

Gates Open – 8.45am. Children should not be left unsupervised on school grounds until the gates are opened.

Gates Close – 8.55am, after this point children must be escorted by an adult to the school office where they should be signed in as late.

Registers Close - 9.15am.

Deaf Awareness Day

Today the children have been learning many interesting things during Deaf Awareness Day including lip reading, sign language and all about famous deaf people. They have also looked at what makes a deaf person different, how deafness affects an individual and their families and why British Sign Language should be taught in school. Thank you to Mrs Tattersall, Mrs Walker, Mrs Twidale and Miss Hodge for working with the children today to make the lessons so fun and engaging.

SRE Week

Next week we will be focussing on the SRE Curriculum and your child may have some questions following their lessons. The presentations and plans are all available on our website (<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters-home>) if you would like to familiarise yourself with the vocabulary that will be introduced during these lessons.

E-Safety – Parental Controls

The Key have set up a great Parent Hub for e-safety, including a guide on setting parental controls on devices and some useful fact sheets about commonly used online platforms. The website is available at <https://parenthub.thekeysupport.com/>.

Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for 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
10,442	10,599	10,354	10,456

Dates for the Diary

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 Week Letter and Year 6 Withdrawal Form
- Year 4 Drink Making Permission
- Year 6 Activity Week Itinerary

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

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