



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Updates Friday 22nd September

Pupil Leadership School Elections

This week the Year 6 pupils and staff have been voting for our pupil leadership team. Children who wished for their names to be considered for the senior roles of Head Boy/Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy/Deputy Head Girl and House Captains were asked to write a letter to Mrs Stewart detailing why they thought they would be most suited to the role. We have been so impressed with the letters that have come in and these were shared with their class and staff members before votes were cast.

We are delighted to be able to share with you the following pupils who have been selected for these roles of responsibility:

Head Boy Harrison	Head Girl Neve
Deputy Head Boys Owen and Connor	Deputy Head Girls Rose and Lily H



The following House Captains have been selected from Year 6:

	House Captain	Vice House Captain
Chequers	Eva	Aanya and Maddox
Claydon	Josh	Lilly S and Beau
Hughenden	Alexa	Arra and Libby
Waddesdon	Leah	Florence and Malayeka

The following Junior Road Safety Officers were elected from the Year 6 pupils:



Alex	Emelia	Ethan
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JRSOs help promote road safety issues within the school and local community and will be working with Miss Telfer to help improve road safety and create better parking awareness around the school site.

Democracy is an important value at our school and pupils are given the opportunity to have a voice through the School Council. The election of School Council members is based on pupil votes after each child putting themselves forward has spoken to their classmates about why they would like to be a representative. We are happy to announce that the following representatives for this year are:

Year 1	Arlo and Lillie-Grace
Year 2	Zack and Esme
Year 3	Mico and Sebastian
Year 4	Mia and Caleb
Year 5	Edie and Micah

Our Year 6 representatives are made up of our Pupil Leadership Team.

Harvest Festival

On **Wednesday 27th September** we will be having our school Harvest Assembly. As part of this we will be collecting donations for the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse. This is a local charity that support people by supplying essentials, such as food, in times of need.

The main items that they need at the moment are:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat/chicken e.g. corned beef
- Long life milk (UHT)
- Custard/Rice Pudding
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fish e.g. tuna, mackerel
- Beans/spaghetti

If you feel you are able to donate then please send donations in with your child **from Monday 25th September** onwards where all items will be collected before being displayed on the stage as part of our Harvest Assembly.



ASC Reminder

If your child is due to go to ASC but there is a last-minute change of plans and they are collected at 3.20pm from the school playground, please ensure that the School Office are informed so that we can cross their name from the ASC register and ASC Playworkers are aware of these changes. Thank you.

Unwell Children

If your child has a temperature then please can we stress that they must be kept at home. We have had a number of children being given paracetamol or ibuprofen before school to 'get them through' the day, but in accordance with our school policy, children with temperatures, sickness or diarrhoea must remain at home.

School Coats

Now that the weather is cooler and wetter than in recent weeks, please can we remind parents to send their children to school wearing a warm and waterproof coat.

Long Hair

Please can children with long hair have it tied back in a ponytail or plaits. This is to prevent injuries at playtime or during PE and also to reduce the likelihood of head lice transmission between children.

Park Away Day

Next Friday will be our first 'Park Away Day' of the school year. As a reminder, cars **must not** park in the layby on Friday morning and parents are encouraged to Park and Stride, walk, scoot or cycle to school where possible.

School Crossing Safety

This week we had a near miss reported by a member of the public which took place at the roundabout near The Bull. A child was crossing alone in front of a car that had stopped in the first lane, but a car driving at speed in the other lane had to emergency brake when the child stepped out into the road. Please remind your children of the importance of road safety so that we do not have a repeat incident which could have resulted in an injury or worse.



Staff Changes

On **Friday 6th October** we will be saying a very sad farewell to Mrs Oldfield who is leaving us to become a nursery teacher in Wendover. We know you will join us in wishing her the best of luck in this exciting new role. On **Monday 25th September** we will be welcoming a new Teaching Assistant, Mr Gundry, who will be supporting Key Stages 1 and 2 until Monday 9th Monday where he will be joining Year 6.

Classroom Doors

As a reminder, please do not enter the school to speak to teachers at the classroom doors in the mornings. If you need to speak to a teacher about something then please contact the School Office in person, by email or telephone and we will get a message to them. We cannot have unauthorised adults walking around the school without being signed in so please help us by going through the correct channels. Thank you.

Reception 2024 Open Events

In the Autumn Term 2023, Stoke Mandeville Combined School will be holding a series of Open Events for parents of children due to start Reception in September 2024:

Thursday 19th October - 9.10-10am

Tuesday 31st October - 9.10-10am

Monday 6th November - 1.45-2.30pm



The format of the event will be a talk by the Headteacher, Mrs Stewart, followed by a tour of the school. Please book your place below so that we have an idea of what numbers to expect ahead of the day. Preschool children are also welcome to attend and do not need a place booking.



Communications Home

Whole School: Covid-19 – Updated Guidelines

Whole School: Harvest Festival

Whole School: Bag 2 School Collection

Individuals: Cricket Opportunities for Pupil Premium Families

Years 1-6: Meet the Teacher Event – TODAY

Year 2: Popper the Reading Dog

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2023/24

ASC Users: ASC 2023/24 – Autumn 1

Year 2: Popper the Reading Dog

Year 4: Year 4 Swimming – Autumn Term 2023

Year 5 & 6: Football Try-Outs

Year 5 & 6: Netball Club 2023-24

Year 5 & 6: Dance Club 2023-24

Housepoint Totals this Week

Well done to **Waddesdon** for earning the most housepoints this week.

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
2460	2457	2485	2531

Year 3 won the Tidy Award for this week and Alexa from Year 6 was the recipient of the Values Award.

Dates for the Diary (New dates or times are written in RED)

Date	Time	Event
Mon 25 Sep		Cycle to School Week
Mon 25 Sep	9am	Bag2School Clothing Collection
Tue 26 Sep	7.15pm	Friends of SMCS AGM
Wed 27 Sep		Harvest Festival (<i>donations for Aylesbury Vineyard</i>)
Fri 29 Sep		Park Away Day
Wed 18 Oct	3.30-6pm	Parents Evening (Face to face in school)
Thu 19 Oct	3.30-5.30pm 6-8pm	Parents Evening (Face to face in school) Parents Evening (Online)
Thu 19 Oct	3.20pm	Finish for half term
Fri 20 Oct	All Day	Staff Inset Day
Mon 30 Oct		Autumn 2 term commences
Fri 15 Dec		Panto Trip to Aylesbury Waterside

The Friends of SMCS

Don't forget on **Monday 25th September** we have our Bag2School collection scheduled for 9am on the Village Green. Please ensure all donations are dropped off before this time in a sealed plastic bag.



On **Tuesday 26th September** it is our AGM. This is an opportunity to hear all about the fundraising that has taken place this year and to find out more about The Friends. Please join us at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be cake!

The Friends of SMCS

Chairperson Vanessa Swain

Secretary Alex Griffiths

Treasurers Amy Bailey and Chris Telfer

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/friendsofsmcs>

Class Updates

We know how much you enjoy finding out what the children have been learning in our Weekly Updates. You can find this information by selecting the link below to your child's class.

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

School Office

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