



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

## *Weekly Updates Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September*



### **Harvest Festival**

On **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** we had our school Harvest Assembly. As part of this we collected donations for the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse. This is a local charity that support people by supplying essentials, such as food, in times of need. We were very happy to be able to call the Storehouse this week to let them know that we had 17 very full bags of donations for them to come and collection. Thank you to everyone for your kind contributions.

### **Bag2School Collection**

Thank you to everyone for donating your clothes, shoes and accessories to this worthy cause. By 9am on Monday we had 66 bags of donations which is a fantastic effort and we look forward to sharing with you how much money was raised as a result of this.

We hope to have another collection in the spring term so start collecting now!



### **Park Away Day**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our first Park Away Day of the year. We hope that this has given you an opportunity to explore the option of either walking from home or parking further away and walking the rest of the way to help reduce traffic congestion around the school site. Keeps front of the school clear and safe for children.

Every month we will be asking one of our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) to write a report about their time monitoring

*Today I went out and helped on Park Away Day. I politely told parents not to park outside of the school. I also helped to take pictures of cars who were parked in places they weren't supposed to be. This was my first ever task as a JRSO and it was very fun.*

**By Amelia Y6**



Miss Telfer wanted to share a sneak preview of September’s ‘Wow’ Travel Badge. In order for children to be awarded one of these they must walk/scoot/cycle/park and stride or take public transport to school at least twice a week.



### Staff Changes

Next week we will be saying a very sad goodbye to our Finance Officer, Mrs Harris, who is returning to a career in financial services. She will be hugely missed by all of the staff and we wish her the very best of luck in her new role. Mrs Harris is being replaced by Mrs Boulton who will be joining us at the end of next week and we’re sure you will all join us in offering her a warm welcome.

### GameOn

This October Half Term Game On has 3 different sports courses for children to enjoy. At local venues they are running either a Football, Multi Sports or Street Dance course open to children from Year 1 through to Year 6. Please find attached a flyer with details of where the courses are taking place.

### Communications Home

- Whole school: Free School Meal Funding
- Whole school: REMINDER Friends of SMCS AGM – Tonight
- Whole school: REMINDER Park Away Day
- Reception: Second-hand Uniform Shop
- Year 6: River Dart – Video Presentation
- Dance Club: Dance Club – Tomorrow
- Football Club: UPDATE Football Team 2023-24

### 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:** 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.

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3094	3068	3152	3229

Year 5 won the Tidy Award for this week and Bridget was the recipient of the Values Award.

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

Date	Time	Event
Fri 6 Oct	3.15pm	Treat Friday
Tue 10 Oct	7.30pm	Friends Committee Meeting (Focus: Christmas Fayre)
Wed 18 Oct	3.30-6pm	Parents Evening (Face to face in school) Friends Second-hand Uniform sale
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
Thu 19 Oct		Sweetie Mufti Day
Fri 20 Oct	All Day	Staff Inset Day
Mon 30 Oct		Autumn 2 term commences
Tue 14 Nov		Flu Immunisations (School Nursing Team)
Tue 21 Nov		Year 5 trip to Hazard Alley
Fri 24 Nov	3.15pm	Treat Friday
Fri 15 Dec		Panto Trip to Aylesbury Waterside

### The Friends of SMCS

Thank you to everyone who dropped a bag of clothes on Monday - we collected a whopping 66 bags! We are waiting to hear how much this has raised and will update you when we find out.



On Tuesday we held our AGM and elected our new committee. The minutes of the meeting have been uploaded to the school website. Most of our year groups are currently only represented by one committee member, but would love to have two committee members from each year group so that we can be more reflective of the whole school community. If you would like to join our friendly group of parents who want to provide wonderful opportunities for our children please let us know.

We also held our first committee meeting of the academic year and already have lots of exciting events in the works:

#### Treat Friday

Friday 6th October will be our next Treat Friday where we will bring you a sweet treat to finish the week - look out for details of what treat we will be bringing you. There will be regular Treat Fridays (normally the final week of the month) throughout the year. Treats will be priced at 50p each. If your child is due to attend ASC next Friday and would like to be taken for a treat then please send them into school on Friday with 50p.

### Longest Sweet Competition Mufti Day

On **Thursday 19th October** we will hold our ever popular 'longest sweet trail' mufti day. Children can come to school in full mufti in exchange for sweets or chocolate treats. These will then be laid out along the school corridors to see which house can create the longest line of sweets and treats. House points will be awarded to each house depending on their line length. These treats will then be stored for use at the Christmas Fayre - please make sure they will still be in date at the beginning of next year and there are no products containing nuts. Please do not tape sweets together as we have to unstick them before being able to use them!

### Advent Calendar Raffle

Over the next couple of months we will be purchasing lots of fantastic advent calendars for the children to win. The draw will take place **Friday 24th November**. If you think the company you work for would be willing to sponsor a calendar please send us an email ([friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk)). We would love to be able to have even more calendars up for grabs than last year.

### And two final dates for the diary

Christmas Fayre after school Friday 1st December and Christmas Disco on Friday 8th December.

### The Friends of SMCS

Chair: Vanessa Swain

Treasurer: Amy Bailey

Vice Chair: Charlotte Isaac

Vice Treasurer: Chris Telfer

Secretary: Alex Griffiths

<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

**Opening hours:** 8am to 3.40pm Monday to Friday

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