



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

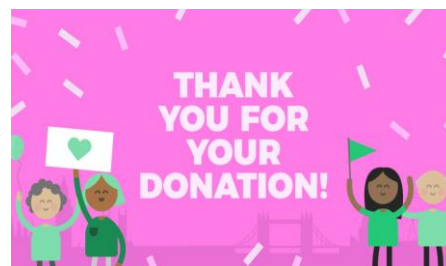
Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Updates Friday 6th October

Message from Aylesbury Vineyard

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to your students, families and staff for the amazing harvest collection this year.

It is very much appreciated and will go a long way to helping us feed the families that we are supporting.



Free School Meal Food Vouchers

If your child receives benefits-related free school meals, don't forget to redeem your free digital food voucher for the summer holidays before it runs out. You can use the food voucher at participating supermarkets. We will be in touch with our Pupil Premium families next week with details of when they can expect their digital food vouchers for the October half term.

Medical Tracker

As a reminder to parents, we use the Medical Tracker system at school to notify parents of any injuries in school which have replaced slips going home in bags. A Medical Tracker notification does not mean that the child needs to be collected from school as you would be notified of this via phone call. Please take the time to read the content of the email as detail of how the injury was caused is usually included here so that no undue alarm is caused.



School Photographs

We are delighted with the positive feedback we have received from so many families regarding our new school photographs which were sent home earlier this week. Having received feedback about our former school photo providers at the last Parent Forum meeting we have worked hard to find a new supplier who can offer more choice and good quality of photographs for our parents at a reasonable cost. Please note that only one proof has been sent home with children, so if you are from a separated household then we would encourage the login details being shared with the other parent if possible. If you have not yet received your login details then please contact the School Office and we will do what we can to assist.

Data Collection Sheets

If you have not yet done so then please can we remind parents to inform us if there are any changes to your personal details e.g. address, telephone, emergency contacts and confirm they have read the Home School Agreement. There is also the opportunity on here to confirm photo consent permissions. Please click on the following link <https://forms.gle/3YpDnYEHk34FiLc97>.



PE Kit

Please can all children be reminded to bring in their PE kits at the start of the week. They may take it home on a Friday or keep it in school if they wish over the weekend. While children do have set PE days, there are sometimes occasions when timetables can change with additional sports sessions being provided so it is very useful to have all kits in school for the duration of the week.

External Sports Providers

If your child is taking part in an after-school sports club which is managed by an external provider e.g. GameOn, Premier or Sports Factor, and they no longer wish to participate then please let us know as soon as possible. We often have waiting lists for these clubs so would like the opportunity to offer the place to another child if it becomes available.

Chartwells

Menus are now available to view on our website and you can make your bookings up until Christmas. If parents have already made their choices, please can we ask that you check your child's meal bookings on ParentPay for the next few weeks as we have had a couple of incidences of the system wiping itself and we want to ensure that you have the opportunity to reselect meal choices if this has happened to you.



Reading Volunteer

Year 3 would really appreciate a parent volunteer to hear readers on a regular basis. If you would be interested in volunteering your spare time for 1 to 1.5 hours a week then please email the School Office. Ideally Mrs Ryan and Mrs Andre

would like a volunteer on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon, or a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning. Parents are welcome to volunteer who have children in any year group.

Appointments during school hours

Although we strongly recommend that dental and eye check ups take place outside of school hours or during holidays, we understand that on occasion there may be emergency appointments where your child will need to be taken out of school. Please ensure that you inform the School Office of the date and time of this appointment and what time you will need to collect your child. Please also remember to either bring in a copy of the appointment letter, or send a screenshot of the appointment details to the office email address (office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk).

Travel Badges

Children will be coming home today with their WOW Travel Badges for using sustainable methods of travel at least twice a week in September. This can include scooting, cycling, walking or using public transport. Well done to everyone who received their badge this month!



MAC and ASC

We have had a number of parents contact the School Office asking for booking forms for after half term. The booking form for Autumn 2 will be sent out digitally early next week. The payment

referenced on the weekly updates is for the Autumn 1 MAC and ASC for families who have not yet paid for these sessions.

Parents Evening

Appointments for SchoolCloud are due to go live on **Monday 9th October at 8pm**. We are currently having data import issues which the technical team at SchoolCloud are looking into, however if they are unable to rectify this in time then we will be in touch on Monday with a new time that these appointments will be released.

Reminder of the 48 hour rule

We thank our parents who are following our communication advice and emailing the School Office if they have any issues they would like to discuss with their child's teacher. Please be aware that teachers cannot be responsive immediately due to teaching responsibilities and other after school commitments, and that we have a 48 hour rule in place for responses so that we can support our staff with a manageable work/life balance. Thank you for your support with this.

Collection arrangements

Where possible please can parents communicate this to the School Office in the morning via email (or to a staff member at drop off) so we have time to make classes aware. Thank you.

Hot Chocolate's Joke of the Week

Every week we will be bringing you the very finest jokes straight from the Meeting Room to your inboxes! Mrs Stewart will be choosing her favourite joke shared by children during Hot Chocolate Friday so please do help your child by coming up with a (child-friendly!) funny joke for Fridays!



Why is 6 afraid of 7?

Because 7 ate 9

Mico, Year 4

Why did the gummy bear want to go to school?

Because he wanted to be a Smartie!

Dexter, Year 2

Communications Home

Whole School: No School Crossing Patroller

Whole School: Traffic Lights

Whole School: Imago Junior – Individual and Sibling Photos

Whole School: GDPR Consent Form – Please complete

Dance Club: CANCELLED Dance Club

Year 5: Behaviour

Year 5: Behaviour Update

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2023/24 – Autumn 1

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

Whole School: Pantomime

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
3772	3771	3823	3857

Year 4 won the Tidy Award for this week and Jamie in Year 4 was the recipient of the Values Award.

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

Date	Time	Event
Tue 10 Oct	7.30pm	Friends Committee Meeting (Focus: Christmas Fayre)
Fri 13 Oct		11* Results Day
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		Park Away Day
Fri 24 Nov		Friends Advent Calendar Raffle
Fri 24 Nov	3.15pm	Treat Friday
Fri 1 Dec	3.30-5.30pm	Friends Christmas Fayre
Wed 6 Dec		Reception and Year 6 Measurements Check (School Nursing Team)
Fri 8 Dec		Friends Christmas Disco
Wed 13 Dec		School Christmas Lunch (Chartwells)
Fri 15 Dec		Panto Trip to Aylesbury Waterside
Tue 19 Dec	1.30pm	Close for Christmas Break

The Friends of SMCS

Thank you for supporting our Doughnut Friday this afternoon!
We look forward to sharing with you how much money we managed to raise!



The Friends of SMCS

Chair: Vanessa Swain

Vice Chair: Charlotte Isaac

Secretary: Alex Griffiths

Treasurer: Amy Bailey

Vice Treasurer: 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

Opening hours: 8am to 3.40pm Monday to Friday

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Please ensure all emails are sent to the School Office and not via School Gateway or classroom apps such as Seesaw or Google Classroom as these are not monitored and will not be responded to. Please note that we have a 48 hour response policy to all emails. For all urgent queries please telephone the School Office.