



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Updates Friday 13th October

Parent Forum Volunteers

As the new year has started we are asking for volunteers to join our Parent Forum to represent their children's classes. If you have children in more than one class then you are welcome to give feedback on behalf of more than one class if there is no other representation available. It is so

important that we build up a complete picture from parents across all year groups so if you would like to volunteer a small amount of time to attend once termly meetings then please complete the following form to let us know which date (2pm on Tuesday 31st October or Wednesday 1st November) would be your preference for attending our first meeting of the term

<https://forms.gle/oyJ8gHLP2YzVcS8f7>



Reports

Following feedback from a parent survey conducted after our February 2023 Parents Evenings, short reports will now be sent home prior to the Parents Evening appointments taking place instead of afterwards. These will be sent home with children on **Tuesday 17th October**.

Parents Evening

Appointments for Parents Evenings went live on SchoolCloud on **Wednesday 11th October**. Please note that bookings will close at 12pm on **Tuesday 17th October**. If you require any assistance with booking your appointment or adding another parent to a video call then please head to our website which has some handy [SchoolCloud guides](#). Alternatively please email the School Office if you are having difficulties and we will do what we can to help.

Please note that children are not invited to the actual consultation with the teacher, however they may sit quietly on the stage reading a book for the duration of your appointment.

Books will be available in classrooms for parents to look through until 6pm on Wednesday and 5.30pm on Thursday after school. They will also be available for parents to look through on Thursday morning from 8 until 8.30am.

Don't forget
parents
evening!

When accessing the school for face to face appointments please enter via the Key Stage 1 door. You will be asked to sign in and sign out on the class register by a member of staff who will be at the door. Please can we remind parents and carers that phones must not be used in the school and photographs must not be taken of any internal displays. Thank you.

Dance Next Week

Due to the Hall being in use for Parents Evening meetings there will be no Dance Club on Wednesday 18th October. Dance Club will resume after half term on **Wednesday 1st November**.

Free School Meal Food Vouchers

For parents with children eligible for benefits-related free school meals, supermarket vouchers will be sent out to primary listed contacts on **Thursday 19th October**. If you are not currently in receipt of free school meals during school holidays and think you may be entitled to this assistance then please complete a Pupil Premium application form which can be found on our [website](#). Alternatively, please feel free to ask for a paper copy from the School Office.



School Photo Orders

Don't forget to order your school photos by **Monday 16th October** for FREE DELIVERY to Stoke Mandeville Combined School. If you order after this date, a delivery charge will apply.

To View and Purchase your Images

1. Login/Create your account - <https://www.imagojuniors.com/login/AccountLogin.aspx>
2. Add your images to your account on the View/Add your Shoots Tab using the gallery details on your contact sheet
3. Press View gallery(s) to view your images
4. Press Create Order to order

Gallery Logins

Your gallery details will be on your contact sheet(s), which your child should have brought home from school

For Lost/Not Received Gallery Details

Call Imago on 01252 728457 or email enquiries@imagojuniors.com quoting the below **Safeword 'SMCBHG*W23'** with your school's name & your **child's full name & form**. Alternatively, please email the School Office to request a copy of your login details.

Queries

If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact Imago directly by emailing enquiries@imagojuniors.com



Be Bright Be Seen Day

On **Wednesday 1st November** we will be holding a 'Be Bright Be Seen Day' to raise awareness of the need for pedestrians and cyclists to be visible to motorists, particularly now that the mornings and evenings are darker with the clocks due to change at 2am on Sunday 29th October. On this date (and for the remainder of the autumn term!) we would like to encourage children to wear hi-vis accessories to and from school so that we can help keep our school community as safe as possible.

MAC and ASC

Electronic booking forms have been sent to all existing MAC and ASC members. If you require wraparound care for your child and are not yet a member of MAC or ASC then please email office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk with details of your requirements and you will be placed on a waiting list until a place becomes available.

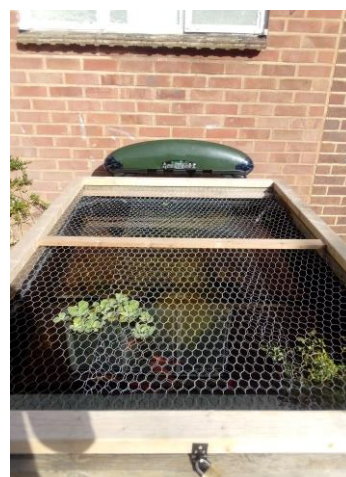
Chartwells Bookings

As a reminder please ensure you place your child's order by 11pm on **Tuesday 17th October** for hot school meals week commencing Monday 30th October.

Please note that for the Pantomime trip on **Friday 15th December** all children must either have a packed lunch from home or order one from Chartwells. There will be no hot school meals available on this day. If you have already placed a hot meal order for this date then please log in to ParentPay and choose to either cancel the meal or swap to the packed lunch alternative.

Pond Filtration System

We are very grateful to Mr Lund of Maidenhead Aquatics for the generous donation of a Pro Clear filtration system for our new school pond! The children have thoroughly enjoyed visiting this new area and look forward to learning about fish and frog life cycles in the coming months.



Aylesbury Music Centre

We have been made aware about an upcoming open day at Aylesbury Music Centre taking place on **Saturday 4th November**. Please find attached a flyer for the event which we have been asked to share with our parents. The event is open to all young musicians and their families. Please also find attached a timetable for regular music centre activities for your information.

Hot Chocolate's Joke of the Week

How do you find out if a Vampire has a cold?

You check the Coffin!!

Beau Y6



Will you remember me tomorrow?

Yes

Will you remember me next week?

Yes

Will you remember me in a year?

Yes

Knock knock

Who's there?

You said you would remember me!!

Noah Y2

Communications Home

Whole school: Parent Forum Invite

Whole school: Parents Evening – Bookings Live 8pm Tonight

Whole school: Imago Photos – Order reminder

Whole school: No School Crossing Patrol

Year 6: River Dart Deposit 2024

Year 6: Computing Letter

ASC Users: ASC Booking Form Autumn 2

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2023/24 – Autumn 1

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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

Year 6: River Dart Deposit 2024

Whole School: Pantomime

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
4547	4530	4580	4634

Year 3 won the Tidy Award for this week and Lily-Sue in Year 5 was the recipient of the Values Award.

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

Date	Time	Event
Wed 18 Oct	3.30-6pm	Parents Evening (Face to face in school) Book Look in Classrooms Friends Second-hand Uniform sale during Parents Evening
Wed 18 Oct		No Dance Club due to Parents Evening in School Hall
Thu 19 Oct	8-8.30am 3.30-5.30pm 6-8pm	Book Look in Classrooms Parents Evening (Face to face in school) Book Look in Classrooms Parents Evening (Online)
Thu 19 Oct		Sweetie Mufti Day
Thu 19 Oct	3.20pm	Finish for half term
Fri 20 Oct	All Day	Staff Inset Day
Mon 30 Oct		Autumn 2 term commences
Wed 1 Nov		Be Bright Be Seen Day (children to wear bright and reflective accessories with school uniform)

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 & 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



A little earlier than normal, we bring you 'Longest Sweet Mufti Day'. Children will be invited to come into school in full mufti on **Thursday 19th October**.



In exchange we ask that the children bring in long sweets and chocolates (no nuts). These will then be laid out around the school in house group lines and the houses will be awarded house points for the length of their lines (100 points for the house with the longest line).

These treats will then be used for one of the stalls at the Christmas Market (1st December) so we ask that they are all in date until the end of the year. You are welcome to provide as many sweets/chocolates as you would like - we know that secretly the parents are just as competitive as the children - but we ask that they are all kept as individual items and not taped together (it takes us a very long time to unstick them all).

Follow this link to see the incredible lines from last year: <https://www.facebook.com/stokemandlevillecombinedschool/videos/3447565182230638>

The Friends of SMCS

Chair: Vanessa Swain

Vice Chair: Charlotte Isaac

Secretary: Alex Griffiths

Treasurer: Amy Bailey

Vice Treasurer: Chris Telfer

<https://www.stokemandleville.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

Email: office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk

Telephone: 01296 612371



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.