



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Updates Friday 20th October

Longest Sweet Winners

We know you have all been kept in a state of anticipation since yesterday and can now finally confirm that the winners of the Longest Sweet Trail Competition were...**Waddesdon**!! In second place were **Chequers**, followed by **Claydon** in third place and **Hughenden** in fourth place. A massive thank you to our parents and children for their sweet donations yesterday. It was an amazing amount of sweets and they will be used for the upcoming Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December.



Parents Evening

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the Book Looks and Parent Meetings this week. We're delighted that we have been able to return to face to face appointments this term and know that these have also been welcomed by our parents.

Library Volunteer

We are looking for a new volunteer to work in our School Library! If you can spare a morning or afternoon on a weekly basis and would like to become one of our parent helpers then we would love to hear from you! Please email the School Office or speak with Mrs Tong for more information.

Netball Volunteer

Our Year 5 and 6 Netball Club would love to have a parent helper to assist Miss Telfer during Tuesday training sessions from 3.30-4.30pm. You don't need to know how to play the game, just be enthusiastic and willing to be an extra adult on the court to help run the club. Please email the School Office or speak with Miss Telfer for more information.



Sports Clubs

Please note the last dates of term that our staff-led clubs will be run before the Christmas break:

Tuesday 5th December – Last Netball Club

Wednesday 6th December – Last Dance Club

Thursday 7th December – Last Football Club

Please note the last dates of term that our external sports clubs will be run:

GameOn – Football – Monday 4th December

Premier – Gymnastics – Tuesday 12th December

Sports Factors – Fun Games – Thursday 7th December

Staff Changes

After half term there will be a slight change to our staff structure whereby Mrs Hutson will be moving to Year 4 with Mrs Khan and Mrs Bushay will be moving to Year 5 with Miss MacKellar.

Donations

Our library is currently overflowing with donations from our parents! Thank you to anyone who has brought books in. We are not currently in need of any new/preloved books, but will put a message out to parents should this situation change.

Parent Forum Volunteers

Thank you to those parents who responded to us saying they would like to become a part of our Parent Forum. Our first meeting of the year will be held at **2pm** on **Tuesday 31st October** and an agenda has been sent out to all parents who filled in the Google form. If you would like to participate and represent your class (we would ideally like two parents per class) then please do get in touch and we will send you a copy of the agenda.



Contacting staff

Please can we remind parents to contact the school through the School Office email only (office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk), ensuring your message is marked for the attention of your child's teacher or other member of staff you wish to contact. Messages sent via Seesaw, Google Classroom, School Gateway or directly to personal staff email addresses will not be responded to as they will be blocked.



Dangerous Parking

In the last week we have again witnessed inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Please can we remind parents that a Parking Promise was signed when their child joined the school and the declarations in here should be followed. Please do not park on the 'School Keep Clear' Zig Zags and also keep junctions clear to allow ease of access and visibility for both drivers and pedestrians. Thank you.

School Policies

Just a reminder that we have a number of policies available to view on our website including our Behaviour Policy, Separated Parents Policy, Leave of Absence Policy and Complaints Procedure <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/policies>. If there is a policy not there that you would like to have sight of then please contact the School Office.

River Dart Deposit

For our Year 6 parents this is a reminder that we need deposits for River Dart paid by **Tuesday 31st October** in order to confirm numbers with CRS Adventures. If you would like your child to go then please head to School Gateway as soon as possible to pay the £100 deposit. If you have concerns about financial or medical difficulties but would like your child to participate then please speak to the School Office in confidence who will direct you to the correct member of staff to discuss this with.



End of day collection

Parents are reminded that gates are opened at the end of the day at 3.10pm for a 3.20pm collection. If you are later than 3.30pm then please do not go through the playground gates as children will have been brought through to the Reception Foyer. Any children remaining at Reception after 3.35pm will be taken to After School Club and parents will be charged accordingly (the current charge for this is £8 per child per session).

Secondary School Choices

Just a reminder to our Year 6 parents that the deadline to submit your application is 31st October. To apply via the Council's Citizen Portal you can go to https://emsonline.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en. If you've not applied for a secondary school place by this date then you will need to submit a [late application](#), however late applications can affect your chances of getting into your preferred school as places may already be taken. For more information please head to <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/submit-your-school-application/>.



Be Bright Be Seen Day

A reminder that 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 over half term. 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.

Chartwells Bookings

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 your order has automatically been swapped to a cheese roll packed lunch. If you would like to cancel this then please log in to your ParentPay account.

Communications Home

Year 3 & 4: Sports Factor – Fun Games

Year 5: Hazard Alley – November 2023

Year 6: River Dart Deposit 2024

Whole school: Panto Trip 2023

Whole school: School Nursing – Flu Immunisations

Whole school: IMPORTANT School Notices

MAC and ASC Users: MAC/ASC Autumn Term 2

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2023/24

ASC Users: ASC 2023/24

Year 4: Year 4 Swimming – Autumn Term 2023

Year 5: Hazard Alley – November 2023

Year 5 & 6: Netball Club 2023-24

Year 5 & 6: Dance Club 2023-24

Year 6: River Dart Deposit 2024

Whole School: Panto 2023 Trip

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

Date	Time	Event
Fri 20 Oct	All Day	Staff Inset Day
Mon 30 Oct		Autumn 2 term commences
Tue 31 Oct	2pm	Parent Forum Meeting
Wed 1 Nov		Be Bright Be Seen Day (<i>children to wear bright and reflective accessories with school uniform</i>)
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
Tue 5 Dec		Christingle Service for children at St Mary's
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

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.