



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Updates Friday 3rd November



Be Bright Be Seen Day

On Wednesday 1st November we held a 'Be Bright Be Seen Day' in school. The idea behind this is to encourage children to wear bright, hi-vis, glow in the dark or flashing accessories to be visible to motorists when they are travelling to and from school on foot, bike or scooter, particularly during the darker winter months. Thank you for supporting us with this day and helping to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Please [click here](#) for more pictures of the day.

Outdoor Classroom Day

Unfortunately our plans to hold an 'Outdoor Classroom Day' on Thursday 2nd November had to be postponed due to the weather forecast and warnings for Storm Ciarán. As a result we will be squeezing the planned activities into the timetable on a day over the next two weeks which will be different for each class. Please keep an eye out for last minute communications regarding the need for your child to bring wellies to school over the next fortnight. In addition to wellies and warm, waterproof clothing for all years, please note the following additional resources required for the following classes:

Year 3	Glass jar with lid e.g. pasta sauce or jam jar (<i>a Seesaw message has already been sent about this</i>)
Year 6	Plastic container with lid (takeaway style tub)

Children in Need

On **Friday 17th November**, we will be holding a 'Spots and Stripes Mufti Day' to raise money for Children in Need. Cash donations will be taken on the gate at morning drop off and we will be setting up a JustGiving fundraising page for anyone wishing to donate online.

In the afternoon our Year 6 class will be running their annual 'Pudsey Fair' with fun games in the Hall for the rest of the school to participate in.





Smoking and Vaping

Please can we remind parents that smoking and vaping is not permitted on school grounds. This includes on the playground at drop off and collection, as well as on the school field during sporting events and clubs. Thank you.

Parental Code of Conduct and Behaviour

Please note that a copy of our policy 'Parental Code of Conduct and Behaviour' can be found on our website in the following location:

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/policies>.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have received our selection of Poppy merchandise from The Royal British Legion and will be taking any remaining supplies around the classes next week. We have only been supplied with a small selection of goodies so it will be first come, first served and once they are gone - they are gone!

Here are the suggested donations:

- Poppy - 50p
- Poppy reflector - 50p
- Silicon wristband - £1.00
- Snap band- £1.50
- Rubber - 50p
- Ruler - £1
- Sharpener - 50p
- Pencil - 50p



Year 6 Playground Leaders

We are so proud to be able to tell you about a group of Year 6 children who have given up their lunchtimes to lead younger years in a selection of games and sports. All children who volunteered for this responsibility have done a fantastic job so far and their parents should be very proud of the fantastic contribution they are making at lunchtimes. Well done!



Parking

Please can we again plead with our parents to park sensibly around the immediate school vicinity during morning drop off and afternoon collection. On Thursday we received a complaint from our neighbours on Marsh Lane that vehicles were brought to a 10 minute standstill due to particularly inconsiderate parking. Please ensure that there is space for our neighbours to access their drives and allow space for emergency vehicles and tractors to travel down this road. Thank you.

Key Stage 2 – Aylesbury Vale Cross Country

This week invitations went out to all children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) for an upcoming Cross Country Competition for Aylesbury Vale on **Saturday 2nd December**. If your child would like to participate then please consent the consent form on School Gateway by **Friday 24th November**. Further information regarding timings can be found in the letter sent on Wednesday.



Spare dresses and skirts

While we currently have a plentiful supply of shorts and trousers, our Reception class is currently short of spare grey skirts and tunics as well as white socks and tights. If you have any of these to donate to the school then they would be gratefully received.



Please can we ask parents that if your child comes home in spare clothes that these are please washed and returned to your child's class or the School Office.

Reception Open Events

It has been lovely to have prospective parents visiting the school over the last couple of weeks and hearing how positive the children have been in sharing their experiences with the tour groups as they visited.

WhatsApp Groups

If your child has access to WhatsApp can we please ask parents to monitor their use of this, paying particular attention to group chats. As a reminder you can make changes to privacy settings to stop your child from being added to group chats or calls outside of their contacts. We have a section of helpful [online guides](#) on our website which includes parental advice for apps such as WhatsApp, SnapChat, Roblox and TikTok as well as a Group Chats guide.



Change of contact details

If you have a change to your address or contact numbers please can we ask that these are sent via email to the School Office at office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk. This will ensure that numbers and addresses can easily be copied into our system without any errors.

Library Volunteer

We are still looking for anyone who would be able 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. Full training will be provided.

Netball Volunteer

Miss Telfer is still looking for a parent helper to assist with our Year 5 and 6 Netball Club 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. Unfortunately if we don't have any volunteers to help then the number of children in the Club will need to be reduced as Miss Telfer will be unable to continue with 16 children on her own. Please email the School Office or speak with Miss Telfer for more information.

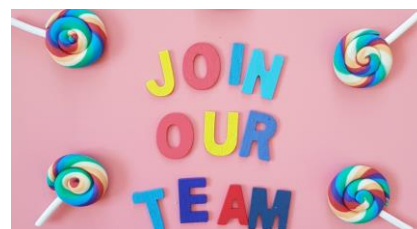


Netball and Football

As a reminder to parents, now that the afternoons are darker, Netball Club and Football Club will now be finishing at 4.15pm.

We're recruiting!

We are looking to hire a new Teaching Assistant to help support our classes. This vacancy is now live on the Buckinghamshire Council and further details can be found on our school website: <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>



Communications Home

Whole school: Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
Whole school: REMINDER Be Bright Be Seen Day
Whole school: Phonics Information Session
Reception: Christmas Hamper
Years 3 to 6: KS2 Aylesbury Vale Cross Country Competition
Year 4: Ancient Greece – Tasting Activity
Year 6: Make Do and Mend
Year 6: Secondary School Application – Deadline

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
Whole School: Panto 2023 Trip

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

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Year 6 won the Tidy Award for this week and Lily 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
Mon 13 Nov		ADPR Meetings for individuals in ** (formerly known as IPM)
Tue 14 Nov		Flu Immunisations (School Nursing Team)
Fri 17 Nov		Spots and Stripes Mufti for Children in Need
Tue 21 Nov		Year 5 trip to Hazard Alley
Thu 23 Nov	3.30-4pm	EYFS and KS1 Phonics Information Session (KS2 Parents also welcome to attend)
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

Sat 2 Dec	9.00am-12pm	KS2 Aylesbury Vale Cross Country Competition at Turnfurlong Junior School
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.