



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 1st December

Signing Choir

Last night our Signing Choir completed their first performance of the season! They attended the WheelPower Seasonal Shopping Event at the Guttman Stadium and sang and signed for an hour - what an incredible performance! We were also grateful to them for providing us with a selection of songs at this evening's Christmas Market, as well as serenading both the school and the whole village at the official Stoke Mandeville Village Lights Switch On



We are very proud of our Signing Choir and would like to thank all of the children and parents for their commitment and support. We are looking forward to our performances at the Chiltern Open Air Museum tomorrow as well as Fremantle Care Home and ASDA over the next fortnight.

We will be adding photographs to our [School Photo Gallery](#) of the Signing Choir so keep an eye on this for updates in the run up to Christmas.



Thank you from Year 6

Mrs Tong and Year 6 wanted to say a huge thank you to Mr Webb, Florence and Eliza for printing out badge designs that the class have designed in their computing lessons on their 3D printer. They all look fantastic!

Homework

Please be aware that **next week** will be the last week that homework and spellings will be set. Reading however will still be a requirement.

Absences

If your child is off school due to illness or for any other reason, please ensure that you either call the School Office on 01296 612371 (dial 1 for absence line) or email office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk giving the reason for absence. Messages given to teachers on the door do not always reach the School Office so they do need to be notified as well please to avoid any unnecessary chasing.

Parking

Parking along Marsh Lane continues to be an issue and danger to children. Unfortunately last week during afternoon pick up a tractor and a lorry were unable to pass down Marsh Lane due to parents who had parked on the zig zag lines and inconsiderately along the road. Another parent has churned up the grass on a neighbour's drive whilst turning around. Please be mindful of our neighbours' driveways when parking, and ensure there is enough room for tractors, lorries and emergency vehicles to make their way down Marsh Lane.

Christmas Tree

Thank you to Chiltern View for giving us a fabulous price for our Christmas Tree in the Hall. If you are looking for a Christmas Tree this year then we can wholeheartedly recommend them!

Smart Watches

Please don't forget that smart watches of any type are not allowed in school. These can be a distraction to children during lesson time and we cannot have any devices in school that can take photographs of other children.



Christingle

This is a reminder that we will be collecting donations for The Children's Society which will be taken to the Christingle Services on **Tuesday 5th December**. We have only been provided with a limited number of envelopes which will be sent home with Reception and Year 1, however if you would like to bring in coins in a small envelope and give these to your child's class teacher then they will be added to the collection that we take to the Church. Alternatively you can donate online through a JustGiving link that we have set up at:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/stoke-mandeville-combined-school-1700666191527?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fstoke-mandeville-combined-school-1700666191527&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

GameOn - Football

Football with GameOn is open to Years 4 to 6 and will start again on Monday 8th January and continue until Monday 25th March which will be the last session. These sessions run from 3.20-4.25pm. Please note there is no session on Monday 12th February (Half Term) and Monday 19th February (Inset Day). This is paid for by the school and places are available on a first come first served basis. Please contact GameOn directly using the link below to reserve your child's place. Book now at <https://gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/stoke-mandeville-years-4-6-football/>.

John Colet School – Admissions Policy for entry in September 2025

Each year the Admission Authority for all schools and academies is required to review their admission arrangements and the Admission Authority must consult on proposed changes to the admission arrangements. The Admission Authority for John Colet School is its governing body.

John Colet School wishes to consult on proposed amendments to the School's Admissions Policy, which would take effect from the beginning of the academic year 2025/6. The 6 week consultation period for this policy runs from Friday 1st December 2023 to Friday 12th January 2024.

John Colet School welcomes any comments on the updated policy. Please send your comments to the Headteacher, Mr Brierly, at office@johncolet.co.uk.

This [link](#) will take you to the relevant page of the school website in order to view the proposed policy.

Mr Ian Brierly
Headteacher
John Colet School

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
10,406	10,402	10,413	10,433

Year 1 won the Tidy Award for this week and Alfie from Year 4 were the recipients of the Values Award.

Communications Home

- Whole School – REMINDER Bottle Mufti
- Whole School – Christmas Market – Important Information
- Individuals – Cross Country – Further Information
- Individuals – Signing Choir - Chiltern Open Air Museum – Further Details
- Individuals – Signing Choir – Wheelpower Seasonal Shopping Event – Thu 30 Nov
- Signing Choir – REMINDER Signing Choir

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

- MAC Users:** MAC 2023/24
- ASC Users:** ASC 2023/24
- Whole School:** Panto 2023 Trip
- Year 6 Individuals:** River Dart 2024 – Payment 1
- Year 6 Individuals:** River Dart 2024 – Payment 2
- Year 6 Individuals:** River Dart 2024 – Payment 3
- Year 6 Individuals:** River Dart 2024 – Payment 4

The Friends of SMCS

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and efforts towards the Christmas Market this year. We hope you have all had a wonderful time and we look forward to sharing with you next week how much we managed to raise. This is always big fundraising event for us and we appreciate everyone who has donated a bottle through the Bottle Mufti, sweets through the Longest Sweet Challenge, and who came to the Christmas Market and spent money on the children's games, tombolas and Santa's Grotto. We also look forward to sharing with you how the money raised will be spent across the year, including coaches for the pantomime,



Christmas Crackers for the Christmas Lunch and equipment and resources needed across all subjects.

Christmas Disco

Next *Friday 8th December* we are holding our annual Christmas Disco for the whole school. We have attached a poster for this and you can look below for timings:

Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) – 6-7pm (doors open 5.50pm)

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) – 7.15-8.30pm (doors open 7.10pm)

Entry is £5 which includes a bag of sweets, face paint or tattoo and drinks.

Please remember that if your child is absent from school on Friday 8th December then they cannot attend the disco.

Secretary for Friends of Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Email: friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk

Facebook: Friends of Stoke Mandeville Combined School

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/758922361131091/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FriendsOfSMCS>

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/friendsofsmcs>

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

Date	Time	Event
Tue 5 Dec		Christingle Service for children at St Mary's Church
Wed 6 Dec		Reception & Year 6 Measurements Check (School Nursing Team)
Thu 7 Dec	10-11.30am	Year 2 Multi-Skills at John Colet School
Fri 8 Dec		Friends Christmas Disco Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) – 6-7pm (doors open 5.50pm) Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) – 7.15-8.30pm (doors open 7.10pm)
Mon 11 Dec	PM	Signing Choir (Year 5 & 6 members only) to Fremantle Court
Tue 12 Dec	10am	Signing Choir (selected children from KS2)
Wed 13 Dec		School Christmas Lunch (Chartwells)
Wed 13 Dec	2pm	EYFS and KS1 Nativity – Performance 1
Thu 14 Dec	9.30am	EYFS and KS1 Nativity – Performance 2
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

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.