



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 15th December



Nativity

Well done to Reception and Key Stage 1 for their amazing performances of their nativity, 'A King is Born'. The children all worked hard with their singing and signing and there were some incredible pieces of acting too, with many children learning lots of lines off by heart. Thank you to everyone who attended the performances and supported with learning lines. Merry Christmas!



School Panto

The whole school had a wonderful time at the Waterside Theatre production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs today. Thank you to The Friends of SMCS for funding the coaches again this year and to all of our parent helpers who joined us. As always there was lots of wonderful fun and jokes enjoyed by

all. This is always a hugely popular date in the school diary and a special time where the whole school can enjoy a day out together.

Signing Choir at ASDA and Fremantle Court

This week, the Signing Choir have performed a range of Christmas songs to entertain the residents of the Fremantle Care Home and also the shoppers (and parents) at ASDA. These were our final concerts this year and the children have made us extremely proud in the way they represented the school. Thank you to all the adults who have accompanied the children at the various events this Christmas season and also to all the parents who have supported the children.



End of term

A reminder for all parents that school will be closing on **Tuesday 19th December at 1.30pm** and we will be open for the start of the spring term on **Thursday 4th January**. Please note that emails will not be responded to during the holiday period and will only be opened on our first day back at school.

Christmas Tree

As of Tuesday lunchtime, our Christmas Tree will be looking for a new home! If you would like to be considered for this, then please get in touch with the School Office. You will need to provide your own transport and be able to collect this by 1.30pm on Tuesday 19th December.

School Holidays Mental Wellbeing

Please click on the link below for some mental health resources produced by Place2Be. The following link focuses on supporting a child's mental well-being during the school holidays which you may find useful in the coming weeks.

https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2022/december/supporting-your-child-s-wellbeing-during-the-school-holidays/?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=73cffd6296-Non-Partner_Schools_Newsletter_December_2023&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c6b02a1e38-73cffd6296-221387520

Piano Recital

On Thursday after school, a group of parents and children were treated to a piano recital from a number of pupils who have piano lessons in school with our piano teacher, Rebecca.

We are so proud of all those who performed as it is not easy playing in front of an audience. It is amazing to see how the hard work and continued practice really pays off. The progress the children have made is obvious and it was a pleasure to listen to all of the pieces. If anyone is interested in learning the piano at school, please contact the School Office.



Helping Hands

The Helping Hand team at Buckinghamshire Council is available to help direct people to the support that is right for them. If anyone is worried about access to food, fuel or other essentials, please contact Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hand team on 01296 531151 or complete the [online contact us form](#) and someone will be in contact.

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to the Friends for providing crackers and wrapping the tables for our special school Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. This was a wonderful start to the festive period and was enjoyed by all years who joined together to pull crackers and have fun!



Christmas Decorations

We still have some class Christmas decorations which were not purchased at the Christmas Market. If you didn't have the opportunity to buy your child's decoration and would still like to, then please bring £2 to the School Office and we will find it for you. If you are able to let us know ahead of time via email to office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk that you are wanting this, then we will have it ready and waiting for you.

Road Safety posters

We are still welcoming entries for our Road Safety Poster campaign! If your child would still like the opportunity to submit a 'Road Safety' poster for our competition, please can they be handed in by Monday morning at the latest. As a reminder this is a poster which highlights the importance of not speeding. Housepoints will be awarded to each child returning their poster. Miss Telfer and the JRSO's will then choose an overall winner from KS1 and KS2 and their posters will take pride of place in a display outside the school gates.



Housepoint Totals this Week

Well done to Waddesdon for earning the most housepoints this week. They have earned a **free mufti day** on Monday when they can come in wearing their own clothes for the day!

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
12122	12111	12100	12150

Communications Home

Whole school – Christmas Colouring Competition
Whole school – School Office
Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Nativity Arrangements
MAC/ASC Users – Spring Term 1

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2023/24

ASC Users: ASC 2023/24

Year 6 Individuals: River Dart 2024 – Payment 2

Year 6 Individuals: River Dart 2024 – Payment 3

Year 6 Individuals: River Dart 2024 – Payment 4

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 18 Dec		Mufti Day for children from Waddesdon (yellow house)
Tue 19 Dec	1.30pm	Close for Christmas Break
Thu 4 Jan		Spring 1 Term Begins

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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