



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

*Weekly Update 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021*

## **Message from Mrs Stewart**

*Dear Parents/Carers*

*This has seemed a very challenging week in the life of the school. We have had our first positive cases of Covid 19 which has led to some children and staff needing to self-isolate. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding. As you all appreciate the decision to ask anyone to self-isolate is made by Public Health England after their risk assessment of the situation. I have appreciated the huge support to make sure we all follow this guidance.*

*I wish all those who have become unwell a speedy recovery and hope symptoms remain mild. If for any reason you believe your child may have been a close contact or has developed any symptoms of Covid 19 the current advice is to either take a Lateral Flow Test or book a PCR test. Your child should not attend school if you believe they have symptoms until you have received a negative test result.*

*As with any absence please let us know as soon as possible. Any Covid related absence should use the [covid@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:covid@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk) email address.*

*If you are advised your child needs to self-isolate at home then please keep an eye on your primary email and check in on Seesaw or Google Classroom using the normal school times. This will be for children to access learning from your child's class teacher.*

*If you need a reminder of your Seesaw or Google Classroom login then email or call the School Office as soon as possible.*

*Again, thank you for your understanding at this time.*

*Mrs E Stewart*

## **Next Week**

In these very strange times we have booked for a Dance Company to visit the school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July to deliver an Olympic workshop. On this day children will need to come to school wearing PE kit or if working at home log into your learning platform to join in with the workshop. Each class has identified a country they are following and some of their work during this coming week will be linked to this.

## Transition Meetings

Next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July we are holding an online transition meeting with our new Reception parents. Despite the necessary changes to our usual transition arrangements we hope that our new parents will find their session useful and we look forward to meeting all of our new children as soon as we can safely do so.

We have only this week confirmed our staffing arrangements to September and we can confirm the classes as follows:

Year group	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistants
Year 6	Miss Daly	Mrs Bushay Mrs Barlow
Year 5	Miss Curl	Mrs Noordin Miss Broadbent
Year 4	Miss Gouldstone	Mrs Pukalska Mrs Oldfield
Year 3	Mrs Cole /Mrs Curtis	Ms Telfer Mrs Bravington
Year 2	Miss Poole	Mrs Swain
Year 1	Miss Jacob	Miss Lesley Ms Cooke
Reception	Miss Smith	Miss Fake Mrs Adler-MacGregor

Our Year 6 children will also benefit from additional teaching from Mrs Tong. Staff Planning Preparation and Assessment time will be covered by Mrs Ryan and Ms Hayden.

## Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is back! We would love for everyone to get involved in this great reading scheme which will be running throughout the Summer break <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

## Pupil Premium

We are aware that some people within our community may have been affected financially during the Coronavirus pandemic. If your circumstances have changed and you feel that you may be entitled to additional support for your child by way of Pupil Premium then please contact the School Office. For further guidance about eligibility please refer to the Buckinghamshire Council web page <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/schools/free-school-meals/>

## End of Year plans

This year we are having to be creative in how we end the school year. We are still planning a Sports Day session for the children, but following advice from Buckinghamshire Council this will not have parents in attendance. These Sports Days are in the morning and we thought the children would like to finish their activities by having a picnic lunch on the school field (weather permitting).

This means for children in Key Stage 1 they will need a packed lunch either ordered or provided for them on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, and for children in Key Stage 2 they will need a packed lunch on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Please bear this in mind when making orders for school lunches which need to be made by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

End of Year reports will be sent on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July along with any standardised test results. You are welcome to request an appointment to discuss the report with the class teacher which would be held as a virtual meeting.

We are working on an End of Year Awards presentation which again will not have parents in attendance but will take place during the last 2 days of term. Children who will be receiving an award will have an email sent home so you are aware to look out for their certificate.

### Emergency Contact Details

We have become aware over the last couple of weeks that some parental emergency contact details are out of date. Please can you ensure that you have given us a copy of your daytime telephone numbers as well as any additional numbers for family members who may be able to assist with the collection of your child during the school day. We will of course be updating our information again in September but would appreciate any updates you are aware are needed at this point. You can send these details to us at the office email address [office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk) marking your email 'UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS – Child Name – Year'.

### Last Day of Term

Please note that Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July is our final day of term.

### Friends of SMCS

Don't forget you can still support the school by taking part in the Buckinghamshire Lottery – please take a look at the link below for further details.

To start supporting, visit:

[www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk](http://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk)

and search for: Stoke Mandeville

The advertisement features the Buckinghamshire Lottery logo at the top left and the Stoke Mandeville Combined School logo at the top right. The central image shows a scenic view of a wooden cabin in a forest with mountains in the background. Text on the ad includes: 'PLAY TODAY & WIN A STAY', 'Support Our Lottery This Summer', 'WIN A Luxury Forest Staycation!', and a list of benefits: '£25,000 jackpot!', 'Sign up from £1 per week', 'Help our cause help the community', and 'Don't miss the special draw!'. At the bottom, it provides the website 'www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk' and search term 'Stoke Mandeville', along with a QR code. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states: 'Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021. See website for terms and conditions.'

### Letters and Texts

Year 4 - Covid positive case in Year 4

Year 5 – Covid positive case in Year 5

MAC and ASC children - Covid positive case in MAC and ASC

Year 4 – The Belonging Project for Year 5

Year 5 and Year 6 – Oxwell Survey (see <https://www.psych.ox.ac.uk/research/schoolmentalhealth> for more info)

Doughnut Sale moved to next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July

MAC and ASC Users – Booking forms for Sep-Oct 21

### Housepoint Totals this Week

Well done to Claydon for earning the most housepoints this week!

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
13378	13932	13246	13527

### Class Updates

We know how much you enjoy finding out what the children have been learning in our Weekly Updates. This has been another fun packed week. You can find this information by selecting the link below to your child's class.

Year R – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-r/what-are-we-learning>

Year 1 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-1/what-are-we-learning>

Year 2 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-2/what-are-we-learning>

Year 3 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-3/what-are-we-learning>

Year 4 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-4/what-are-we-learning>

Year 5 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-5/what-are-we-learning>

Year 6 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-6/what-are-we-learning>

You can also find up to date information on important dates on our website.

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/upcoming-events>