



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

*Weekly Update Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February*



## **World Thinking Day 2024**

World Thinking Day, formerly Thinking Day, is celebrated annually on 22nd February by all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It is also celebrated by Scout and Guide organisations around the world.

As World Thinking Day fell on a school day this year, we invited all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to come into school wearing their uniform.

## **Payment Deadlines**

Just a reminder that the following trips are now due or nearly due for payment:

***Y2 & Y3 Science Oxford Centre Trip - Payment due this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February***

***Y6 River Dart 2024 Payment 3 - Payment 3 due by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February***

Payments should be made via School Gateway or if preferred by cash to the School Office. If you are having any difficulties with making these payments then please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

## **Head Lice**

We have unfortunately had cases of head lice notified in both Year 2 and Year 3. Please can we ask all parents to check their children's heads today and treat where necessary over the weekend. An

email was sent to all parents regarding this earlier today with advice on how best to treat your child both immediately and going forward to prevent a reoccurrence.

### **Park Away Day**

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our Park Away Day this morning. Thankfully the weather was good to us and it was a nice morning for a walk, scoot or ride to school!

We would like to encourage our school community to do this more often than one Friday a month and would invite families to try and leave their car at home at least one day a week for their school journey to and from school!



### **The Bell**

As some of you may be aware The Bell is under new ownership and the school unfortunately does not currently have permission to park on their premises during school drop off and collection. We will endeavour to speak with the new owners to try and come to an agreement to enable our parents to park safely and walk the remaining route to school to try and cut down on parking congestion around the immediate school site. As a reminder there is also a car park at Eskdale Park and a walking route through to Station Road/Lower Road which may be an option for some parents if they are struggling with finding an alternative parking location for the time being.

### **Parking**

We have again had complaints from parents and residents about inconsiderate parking along Marsh Lane which is causing access issues in the mornings and afternoons, with one car in particular causing a dangerous obstruction one morning this week (please see pictures) on the Marsh Lane junction. Please park well clear of all junctions to allow traffic to flow and avoid a serious accident being caused.

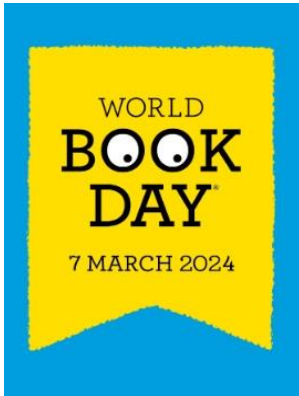


### **Year 2 and 3 Hot Meals - Next Friday**

As our Year 2 and 3 classes are out next **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** for a school trip, all hot school meals for these classes have been cancelled for this day with Chartwells and the monies credited to parent accounts. Please remember to send your child in to school with a packed lunch on this date.

### **Parent Forum**

Our next Parent Forum is due to be held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 2pm in the Meeting Room. All class representatives (or stand-ins) are invited to join. *Please note this is a change to the originally scheduled date of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March due to staff availability.*



### World Book Day

This year on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be joining in with the World Book Day celebrations across the country. This week, each child will be bringing a book voucher home with them which can be redeemed in a number of shops in town.

Every class will be engaged in activities about a book which will be chosen by the class teacher. In addition to the English activities, the children will be taking part in art activities and some classes will be able to take part in lessons online from the BBC, where authors will be discussing their work.

During the day, there will also be the opportunity for the children to read with their friends and children from other classes. We will be holding sessions of 'Drop Everything and Read' where we will all stop for 10 minutes in order to enjoy reading books and magazines.

As always, we encourage the children to dress up on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March as a book character. Please do not go out and buy costumes as there are many 'costumes' which can be put together using resources from home. There are lots of ideas for homemade costumes online so have a browse for some inspiration! You may also like to look at our [online gallery](#) for inspiration from our pupils during World Book Day 2023.

### Hot Chocolate's Joke of the Week

Every week we bring you the very finest jokes straight from the Meeting Room to your inboxes! Mrs Stewart will be choosing her favourite joke shared by children during Hot Chocolate Friday so please do help your child by coming up with a (child-friendly!) funny joke for Fridays! This week's entries are...

#### What did the cheese say when it looked in the mirror?

"Hallou-mi!"

*Lola N in Year 1*

#### What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta

*Poppy M in Year 3*



### Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
5684	5630	5626	5660

Year 2 won the Tidy Award for this week and Danika in Year 2 was the recipient of the Values Award.

## An Update from The Friends



Thank you to everyone who supported the Cookie and Doughnut Sale today and to The Friends for helping to run the stall!



**Flash Uniform Sale:** Don't forget that on *Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February* there will be a flash uniform sale at afternoon collection time. Every item of uniform will be sold for £1 each and all funds raised will go to The Friends of SMCS.

### Communications Home

**Whole school:** Cyber Choice Programme

**Whole school:** Midweek Reminders

**Whole school:** World Book Day

**Whole school:** Head Lice

**Year 4:** Year 4 – Swimming Notice

**Year 4:** Ice Cream Tasting

**Honeycomb Performers:** Honeycomb Festival 2024 – Parental Consent

**MAC/ASC Users:** MAC/ASC Spring Term 2

**APDR Individuals:** APDR Meetings

### Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

**MAC Users:** MAC 2023/24

**ASC Users:** ASC 2023/24

**Dance Club:** Honeycomb Festival 2024

**Year 2 and 3:** Y2 & Y3 Science Oxford Centre Trip (*deadline 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024*)

**Years 3 to 6:** KS2 Aylesbury Vale Cross Country Competition – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (*deadline 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024*)

**Year 4:** Swimming – Spring Term 2024 (*deadline 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024*)

**Year 6 Individuals:** River Dart 2024 – Payment 3 (*deadline 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024*)

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Flash Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Year 4 No Swimming
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>		<b>APDR Parent Meetings (<i>by invitation only</i>)</b>
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Friends of SMCS Meeting ( <i>all parents are welcome</i> )



Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar		Year 2 and 3 Trip to Science Oxford Centre
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2pm	Parent Forum in Meeting Room ( <i>class reps or stand-ins welcome</i> )
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	SEN Coffee Morning – Anxiety
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar		World Book Day
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9-10am	Bikeability: Balance (R & Y1)
	10.30am-12.30pm	Bikeability: Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Group A & B (Playground)
	1-3pm	Bikeability: Level 1 (Y3 & Y4)
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9-10am	Bikeability: Balance (R & Y1)
	10.30am-12.30pm	Bikeability: Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Group A (Road)
	1-3pm	Bikeability: Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Group B (Road)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9-10am	Bikeability: Balance (R & Y1)
	10.30am-12.30pm	Bikeability: Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Group A (Road)
	1-3pm	Bikeability: Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Group B (Road)
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9-10am	Bikeability: Balance (R & Y1)
	10.30am-12.30pm	Bikeability: Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Group A (Road)
	1-3pm	Bikeability: Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Group B (Road)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (Mufti Day)
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar		AVPSAA KS2 Cross Country at Ascott House, Wing

### **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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