



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

## *Weekly Update Friday 3rd September*

Well done everyone for reaching the end of the first week back in school!

It has been good to see the children and meet our new pupils. They always seem to slip back into the routines so easily. We are also delighted to welcome two new teaching assistants, Mr Cole and Mr Rolfe, who will also be assisting with our MAC and ASC provision during the week.

### **Covid Update**

We are in Stage 4 of the Covid Recovery Plan and this means we are currently under the least number of restrictions. We are able to meet together face to face and no longer need face coverings or the requirement for significant social distancing. This will only remain if we continue to have low or few cases of Covid and it remains everyone's responsibility to make sure you are vigilant in looking for symptoms.

### **Medical Alert**

Every year we like to remind parents to consider what you include in lunch boxes. As we have children with severe allergies and as such we need to be cautious about any contact with nuts and in some cases this will include dairy products. We are a nut free school which means any nut products, snack bars and the like should not be in school.

### **Next Week**

On Tuesday and Thursday the Year 6 children take their Secondary Transfer Test. On Tuesday we have the preparation test which will take place first thing.

### **End of school procedures**

Having reviewed our procedures for the end of the school day we feel that to reduce congestion our release of children will look like this from Monday onwards:

***Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – To be dismissed from Hall Door at 3.15pm***

***Year 3 – To be dismissed from KS2 Door at 3.20pm***

***Year 4 from the slope beside the Hall***

***Year 5 from their Classroom Fire Door***

***Year 6 from the steps beside the Hall***

## **Mrs Morgan's Retirement**

We wrote to you before the summer holiday to let you know Mrs Morgan has made the decision to retire from her years of service at the school. Many children and families, both past and present, may wish to contribute your memories or good wishes which the Office Team would be happy to pass on to her.

## **Meet the Teacher**

Next **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** we are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' event from 3.30-5pm. This is an opportunity for you to come into school to see your child's new classroom and meet their teacher and teaching assistants. No appointments are necessary so please come when you are able.

## **Tri Golf Opportunity – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Please find attached a flyer for this extracurricular club running this autumn term.

Course: Tri-Golf

Day: Tuesday, 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Ages: Year 3 – 6

Cost: £50.00 per session (Free to book online for children)

Dates: 14<sup>th</sup> September – 7<sup>th</sup> December (12 sessions in total)

Booking details available for parents:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/869-714619/>

## **Medication in School**

A reminder that if your child requires medication in school that it should be returned with the Healthcare Plan form as soon as possible. Medication must be in date and show the named prescription label from your GP. If you have any queries please speak to Mrs Gundry in the school office.

## **Friends of SMCS**

### **Ice Cream Sale**

We will be having an ice cream sale next Friday after school. More information to follow early next week.

### **Annual General Meeting**

This is due to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please do join in by logging onto the following Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88273243445?pwd=WWVqZW5ZTDRBeXI3QUpSWIJQT2MvQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 7324 3445      Passcode: Y8QUEi

**Letters Sent Home**

Year 6 – Class Teacher Staffing Changes

All - Covid Return to School

All - September Return

Year 6 – Opt out of Secondary Transfer Test