



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 8th March

World Book Day

On Thursday, all the children and staff had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day. It was so lovely to see the children's excitement as they came into school in their costumes and recognised the book characters their teachers and friends were dressed as. All classes spent the day completing activities based on a book chosen by their teacher.

In addition to this, the whole school took part in 'Drop Everything and Read' three times during the day where all lessons stopped and the whole school spent time reading or listening to stories. Some classes also took part in an online quiz organised by the National Literacy Trust and a live lesson from the BBC. A number of classes also paired up for a short time and the younger children shared their books with an older class. It was a fun-filled day where reading was well and truly celebrated.



Many many thanks to all the parents and carers for their help with the fantastic costumes.

*Mrs Tong
Literacy Coordinator*



Red Nose Day

Next **Friday 15th March** is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. On this day we are inviting children to come into school in their own clothes with a hint of red. This could be a red top, shoes, hairband or they can be as creative as they wish!

We will not be taking cash donations on this day but if you would like to donate to our Red Nose Day appeal online then we have set up a JustGiving link to make this as easy as possible. Please click on the link below and help us to reach our £220 target!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-stoke-mandeville-combined-school?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rnd24-stoke-mandeville-combined-school&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=1451d35740814e2191bf3302dc0b7acc

Bikeability – Next week

Next week we are having Spokes come in to run Bikeability courses for our Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 classes. If you have signed your child up for this then you should have received an email this afternoon with confirmation of what you need to bring next week and on what day. As a summary please check the table below:

| Course | Year Group | Days | What to bring |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Balance | Reception and Year 1 | Monday to Thursday | Suitably fitted helmet and waterproof coat |
| Level 1 | Year 3 and 4 | Monday | Suitably fitted helmet and bike (no stabilisers). Waterproof coat. |
| Level 2 | Year 5 and 6 | Monday to Thursday | Suitably fitted helmet, bike and waterproof clothing. <i>Children will cycle in all weathers.</i> |

Uniform

The Friends wanted us to share with parents that they currently have an extensive stock of secondhand uniform which they are running out of space to store. Some of this uniform is nearly new with no labels on – in the age 7-8 category particularly they have 35 logoed jumpers and cardigans!

If you would like to purchase secondhand uniform for your child (or to keep for when they are older) then please contact The Friends to arrange payment and collection by emailing friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk.

GameOn – Easter Sports Camp and Football Trial

Please find attached a flyer from one of our sports club partners, GameOn, regarding an Easter Sports Camp and Football Trial that they are running during the holidays.

Family Support Courses

Please find attached information on the following courses which are being run by the Family Support Service at Buckinghamshire Council.

- Move up to Secondary School course for Year 6s
- Wellbeing Matters

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

| Chequers | Claydon | Hughenden | Waddesdon |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 7646 | 7634 | 7634 | 7725 |

Year 1 won the Tidy Award for this week and Lisa in Year 1 was the recipient of the Values Award.

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...

How does an elephant get into a tree?

He uses its trunk!

Ava in Year 3



What has a bed but never sleeps?

What can run but cannot walk?

What has a mouth but cannot speak?

A river

Eva in Year 6

Communications Home

Reception and Year 1 Individuals: NEXT WEEK Bikeability Balance (R & Y1)

Year 3 and 4 Individuals: NEXT WEEK Bikeability Level 1 (Y3 & Y4)

Year 5 and 6 Individuals: NEXT WEEK Bikeability Level 2 (Y5 & Y6)

MAC and ASC Users: MAC/ASC Payment Reminder

Year 2: Year 2 – Smoothie Tasting

Whole school: Anxiety Workshop

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2023/24

ASC Users: ASC 2023/24

Year 6 Individuals: River Dart 2024 – Payment 4 (*deadline 29th March 2024*)

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

| Date | Time | Event |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Mon 11 th 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 th 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 th 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 th Mar | 9-10am | Bikeability: Balance (R & Y1) |
| | 10.30am-12.30pm | Bikeability: Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Group A (Road) |

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| | 1-3pm | Bikeability: Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Group B (Road) |
| Fri 15 th Mar | | Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (Mufti Day) |
| Sat 16 th Mar | | AVPSAA KS2 Cross Country at Ascott House, Wing |
| Tue 26 th Mar | 2pm | Year 3 and 4 Musical Extravaganza (Performance 1) |
| Wed 27 th Mar | 6pm | Year 3 and 4 Musical Extravaganza (Performance 2) |

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

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