



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 15th March



Happy Chicks

It's been a busy few days at SMCS as we have been welcoming our new arrivals!

Having had eggs delivered by The Happy Chick Company on Monday, we had our first chick break out of its shell on Wednesday morning and our final hatchling was born on Thursday. All of the children have enjoyed watching them develop into fluffy little chicks over the course of the last 3 days and they are now cheeping away in their incubator.

We look forward to sharing some videos with you shortly on both our official Facebook page and our website!

Bikeability

We have been very impressed with all of the children who took part in Bikeability courses this week, especially our Level 2 groups in Year 5 and 6 who braved the torrential rain on Tuesday to take part in their road training! All children who took part have received a badge and certificate during our Celebration Assembly today.

The Spokes staff wanted to pass on to parents that we have 'the loveliest children, who have listened well and been really good'.



Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who donated today towards Comic Relief. So far we have managed to raise **£169** through online donations. This is a fantastic effort and we're so grateful to you for helping to raise funds for this cause. There is still time to donate and help us reach our £220 target if you haven't yet had an opportunity to do so through our JustGiving page:

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

Our Year 6 class did a fantastic job at lunch today in setting up and running games for the rest of the school to take part in. All of the children had such a lot of fun and thankfully the sun shone throughout!

The winners of the competitions (and recipients of 10 house points each!) are as follows:

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Skipping	Ollie (Y2)	Micah (Y5) & Phoebe (Y3)
Netball	Blake (Rec)	Nevaeh (Y5)
Football	Harry (Y2)	Cooper (Y4)
Tennis	Rupert (Y1)	Romi (Y5)

Thank you also to our Year 6 helpers for helping to give the school some red noses during drop off this morning!



Ms Hayden

Ms Hayden unfortunately had to undergo surgery on an injury at the start of this week and will be absent until after the Easter Holidays. We're sure you will join us in wishing her a speedy recovery. If you have an appointment planned with Ms Hayden over the next fortnight and have not already been contacted by the School Office then please email office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk to ask about the status of your planned meeting.

Netball

Last Thursday, members of our Netball Club played in a tournament at The Kingsbrook School. Well done to our fabulous team for trying so hard in what was the first match for our Year 5s.

Thank you to Rosie for writing this report, which was read out in today's Celebration Assembly, and well done for being nominated as Player of the Match!

Last week
 Yesterday, me, Bella, Thanula, Lily, Kim and Abi all went to Kingsbrook Secondary School to play netball. (we played against Aston Clinton). In the first quarter, both teams scored one. In the second quarter, Aston Clinton managed to get three more points while we stayed at 1. ^{During the} third quarter AC scored one more but again we stayed at 1. The last quarter was better because we managed to slip in 2 while AC only scored once. The match ended at 6-3 to AC. We all got to choose a player of the match so we all decided on someone we thought played well. AC did the same and they chose me. Overall we all played well and tried our best.

Year 4 Water Safety

On **Wednesday 27th March**, our Year 4 class will be taking part in a Water Safety session during their weekly swimming lesson at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. On this day please send your child in with shorts and t-shirts (or leggings and long sleeve t-shirts) as well as their swimming costume. Lightweight clothing is recommended.

Bucks Kickboxing

We have a new club taking place at SMCS on Thursday evenings! If your child would like the opportunity to take part in a free trial class then please get in touch with Pete Jardine at info@buckskickboxingacademy.co.uk or check out their website <https://buckskickboxingacademy.co.uk/>.



Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
8409	8476	8412	8456

Reception won the Tidy Award for this week and Abigail in Year 4 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 a train eat?

It goes chew chew!

Esme in Year 2

Why was it freezing cold in the stadium?

It was full of fans!

Leah in Year 6



Communications Home

Whole School: REMINDER Red Nose Day Mufti

Whole School: Friends of SMCS – Easter Egg Raffle

MAC/ASC Users – MAC/ASC Booking Reminder Summer Term 1

MAC/ASC Users: MAC Booking Form Summer Term 1 2023/24

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Years 3-6: RESCHEDULED KS2 Aylesbury Vale Cross Country Competition – Saturday 20th April 2024

Year 3 & 4: Musical Extravaganza
 Year 4: Water Safety
 Year 6 Individuals – Pizza Making – Wed 27 Mar
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 River Dart 2024 Individuals – River Dart – Medical and Consent Forms

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
Sat 16 th Mar		AVPSAA KS2 Cross Country at Ascott House, Wing POSTPONED to Sat 20 th Apr
Thu 21 st Mar		Last Football Club before Easter
Fri 22 nd Mar		Easter Egg Raffle Draw
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)
Wed 27 th Mar		Year 4 Water Safety Lesson
Thu 28 th Mar	3.20pm	Finish for Easter Break
Fri 5 th Apr		Honeycomb Dance Festival at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre (for participating members of our Dance Club)
Mon 15 th Apr		Summer 1 Term Starts
Wed 17 th Apr	9.15am	Reception Vision Screening
Wed 17 th Apr	7.30pm	Friends Committee Meeting
Sat 20 th Apr		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

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