



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 26th April

KS2 Cross Country Championships

Mrs Stewart would like to thank the parents who were able to come with their children to the KS2 Cross Country Championships event last Saturday at Ascott House in Wing. In each race we know there were over 100 participants and all of the children should be very proud that everybody from SMCS finished the race. We are particularly proud of our children who made 1st place and 4th place. All children who took part will be receiving their medals in an upcoming Celebration Assembly.



Trophies

It is that time of year where we are asking for any trophies awarded at last year's End of Year Prizegiving to please be returned to the School Office for engraving ahead of this year's Prizegiving Ceremony. Please can we ask for any trophies or shields to be returned to the School Office by the last day of half term at the latest (**Friday 24th May**).



Thank you to the Friends

The staff and children would like to say a huge thank you to The Friends of SMCS for buying BSL books for them! Although the books are aimed at younger children, some of our older children have supported the younger children to sign and read along with the new books. We are very grateful for your support!

On the left is a photo of Ismah reading and signing along to 'Old MacDonald had a Farm' with Miss Cooke.

Fish Tank

Thank you to Mrs Taylor for doing such an amazing job with cleaning our fish tank this week! The children have been so excited to see some new additions to the tank as well and we're very grateful to have this in our waiting area to welcome both children and guests to the school!



Plates and Plastic Containers

We still have a number of plastic containers and/or plates in the kitchen awaiting collection from last week's House Treat Sale. If you still have yet to collect them then please ask for these at the School Office.

Allotment

Miss Cooke will be meeting with volunteers at our school allotment on Lower Road tomorrow morning (**Saturday 27th April**) at 11am. We have unfortunately had a few people drop out of our team due to illness or work commitments, so all are welcome to come and lend a helping hand! For this first session we are asking for adults only please due to how overgrown it is as we will be using strimmers and rotavators. For future dates we look forward to welcoming some younger members of our school community.



Library Volunteer Needed!

Mrs Tong has asked if anyone would be willing to volunteer in our library, either on a regular weekly basis for an hour or so, or even on an ad hoc basis once every couple of weeks to assist in putting books back in their correct places! If you are interested in helping out then please contact Mrs Tong via the School Office.

RSE Meeting

This week you should have received an email from Mrs Ryan regarding an RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) meeting which is available for all parents to attend virtually on Wednesday 1st May at 5.30pm. Please see the joining instructions below for your reference:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88675693302?pwd=ejZzT3JpeWtLSXVYMkNMVWxuam5RQT09>

Meeting ID: 886 7569 3302


Passcode: imzvC6


Park Away Day

Please accept our apologies for the Park Away Day reminder email not being received ahead of this morning. This had been scheduled to go out on Wednesday afternoon but unfortunately our communications system crashed during this scheduled time and we were unaware it had not been sent. Thank you to everyone who remembered that it is always held on the last Friday of the month! For your diaries the next Park Away Day has been planned for **Friday 24th May**.





YOUTH GIRLS SESSIONS


 Aylesbury Grammar School sports hall

 Thursdays 6-7pm

Contact us : bucksmavericks@gmail.com

 [bucksmaverickshandball](https://www.instagram.com/bucksmaverickshandball)

 Bucks Mavericks



Bucks Mavericks Handball

There is a great opportunity for Girls Handball in the Aylesbury area being run by Bucks Mavericks Handball.

This session is for:
Girls of 9 years old and upwards.
Venue: Aylesbury Grammar School Sports Hall
Day: Thursday
Time: 6-7pm

For more information please contact:
bucksmavericks@gmail.com

Friends of SMCS Update

House Treat Sale

Thank you again to Hughenden House for their efforts in the House Treat Sale last Friday. In order to keep things as exciting as possible, The Friends have decided to keep the totals raised at each sale a closely-guarded secret until the final sale has taken place on **Friday 5th July**. The winning house will win extra house points which will hopefully help them in their efforts of winning a free mufti day at the end of term if their house has the most house points.



Teddies

If you have any preloved teddies (or other cuddly toys) looking for a new home, please can you bring them to the School Office for entering into our Teddy Tombola!

Ridgeway Challenge

This weekend, Parent and Governor Steve Griffiths will be taking on his most demanding physical challenge yet to raise money for The Friends of Stoke Mandeville Combined School. He will be running the Ridgeway National Trail, a distance of 87 miles (or 3.5 marathons) in just two days!

Please sponsor him if you feel able to do so:

<https://pay.collectiv.com/steves-ridgeway-challenge-99829>



Your Bag2School collector today was:-
Stoke Mandeville Combined School
Weight..... 82 kgs Date 25-4-24

Telephone: 01609 780222

Don't forget to re-book!

Bag2School Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated a bag of clothing for the Bag2School Collection on Thursday. This weighed in at 82kg which will have generated some welcome funds for The Friends of SMCS. We will be organising one more collection hopefully before the end of the summer term and will keep you posted when a date has been set for this.

Raffle Prizes

If you have any unopened, good quality gifts that you would like to donate to the Friends for raffle prizes at the Summer Fayre or future events then please bring these to the School Office.

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
1903	1902	1914	1982

Year 5 won the Tidy Award for this week and Rose, Arra, Libby and Alexa in Year 6 were the recipients of the Values Cup for their excellent work at the cake sale last week.

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 entry is...

What key opens a banana?

A mon-key!

Vinnie in Year 1



Communications Home

Hughenden House – Plates and Tupperware
Football Club: Football Club Photo
Netball Club: Netball Club Photo
Reception: Reception – Vision Screening Letter
Year 5: Message from Mrs Stewart
Whole School: RSE Information Evening
Whole School: REMINDER Bag2School Collection
Whole School: School Office
Whole School: Friends of SMCS – Family Quiz
Whole School: Family Quiz Timings and Final Details

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2023/24

ASC Users: ASC 2023/24

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

Date	Time	Event
Wed 1 May	5.30pm	RSE Information Evening for parents (Virtual)
Thu 2 May	5pm	River Dart 2024 Residential – Meeting for parents
Mon 6 May		May Bank Holiday
Mon 13-Thu 16 May		Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 17 May		Friends of SMCS House Cake Sale: Chequers House (blue)
Mon 20-Fri 24 May		Year 6 Residential to River Dart Year 5 Activities Week
Fri 24 May	3.20pm	End of Summer 1 term
Mon 3 Jun		Staff Inset Day
Tue 4 Jun		Return to school for Summer 2 term
Fri 14 Jun		Friends of SMCS House Cake Sale: Waddesdon House (yellow)
Fri 5 Jul		Friends of SMCS House Cake Sale: Claydon House (green)

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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