



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

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Weekly Update Friday 3rd May

School Allotment

Thank you to our parent volunteers who attended on Saturday to assist Miss Cooke with getting our school allotment back to a more child-friendly state! They managed to make a great start clearing the area before they were forced to abandon the project due to wet weather. Miss Cooke will be running another volunteer session later on in the year and will be in touch to let parents know when this will be.



School Crossing Patroller

As some of you will already be aware, our School Crossing Patroller, Janice Worger, will sadly be leaving us on **Friday 17th May** after an incredible 36 years of service!

We are coordinating with the Local Authority to give her a proper send off, and at this stage would like to invite any parents (or former pupils!) to share with us any photos, information or memories of Janice which will be collated into a memory book to give her as a gift on her last day. In order to properly coordinate this, we have created a dedicated email address for you to send photos and memories to: schoolcrossing@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk. We'd like to invite parents to start doing this as soon as possible so we can make a start on her gift!

A link has also been created with Collctiv to raise money for a leaving gift for Janice. If you feel you are able to contribute to this then please click on the link below:

<https://pay.collctiv.com/janices-leaving-gift-22044>



While we would normally like to promote these arrangements on our Facebook page or school website, we are trying to keep as many of the arrangements a secret if possible, so please can we ask you to share amongst your year groups where possible in the coming days when you share a memory via the email which may hopefully prompt others?

Steve's Ridgeway Challenge

Last weekend, Parent and Governor Steve Griffiths took on his most demanding physical challenge yet to raise money for The Friends of Stoke Mandeville Combined School. He ran the Ridgeway National Trail, and completed 90 miles (there was a 3 mile diversion at one point!) over the course of the two days. He has been immensely grateful for all the generous donations and words of encouragement which helped spur him on up the hills and along the very muddy paths. He has raised an impressive **£566**. If you would still like to make a donation the pot will be open until the beginning of next week; <https://pay.collectiv.com/steves-ridgeway-challenge-99829>



Football Kit

Mr Lack has informed us that we are still missing a large amount of team kit (pale blue, long sleeves). If you have any of this at home please can you wash and return it as soon as possible via the School Office. Thank you.

Hair ties

As a reminder, all hair ties should please be either blue, black or white in line with our school colours. A reminder of our school uniform policy can be found on our website:

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/schooluniform>.



Nail Varnish

Please note also that in line with our uniform policy, nail varnish should not be worn in school.

School Shoes

With still 1/6 of the school year left, children should still be wearing proper school shoes as per our school uniform policy. If your child needs to wear trainers for any medical reason, then please ensure that you contact the School Office to make their teacher aware.

Absences

Please can we remind parents that all absences should be notified by 9am via phone or email. If you are unable to get your child in due to transport issues then please make every effort to get them in either via another parent or family member.

If you know that your child will be absent ahead of time then please email the School Office with details of the reason for absence. If the absence is for a medical or dental appointment then please send evidence of the appointment via a mobile screenshot or forwarded email from the surgery or hospital.



Toilet Visits

Could we please again ask parents to only request to use our toilet in an emergency. We are having frequent visitors at the end of the day which is a very busy time for the School Office and we cannot have extra adults in school unaccompanied when there are pupils in the corridors. We hope that you will work with us on this and encourage any little ones to go to the toilet before leaving their childcare setting or home. Thank you.

Friends of SMCS Update

Spring Quiz

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the quiz last Friday night. We had 11 teams which was a fantastic turnout! There were questions aimed at young and old and a couple of extra challenges thrown in for extra fun. Well done to the winning team, 'You're a Quizzard Harry', who won an Amazon voucher and a bottle of wine. We raised over £300. Well done everyone!



Summer Fayre – Saturday 8th June, 12-3.30pm

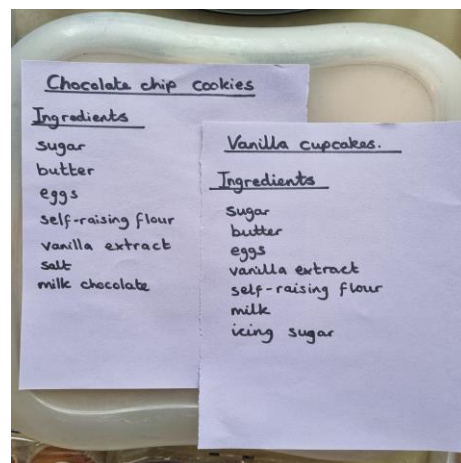
Plans are well underway for our Summer Fayre, but we need your help! Are you able to offer any of these things?

- Good quality soft toys (please bring donations to the office starting next week)
- Can you grow a few seedlings for our plant sale? We would love a mixture of flowers and veg. Please bring donations in on **Friday 7th June** or **Saturday 8th June**
- Do you own a classic or interesting car (or know someone who does)? Would you like to show it at our car show? Email us at friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk for more details.
- Do you run a small business? Would you like to book a stall at the Fayre? Email us at friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk for more details.

- Would you, or the company you work for, be able to offer a raffle prize? Please get in contact to let us know what you might be able to offer.

House Treat Sales

Our next Treat Friday will be hosted by Chequers house on **Friday 17th May**. If you are in Chequers house (blue PE top) please don't forget to bring in donations on the morning of Friday 17th May (to be sold for 50p). Donations can be shop bought or homemade (no nuts please). If you do make your own sweet treats at home then please can you include an ingredients listing which can be displayed alongside them?



Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
2911	2929	3011	3029

Year 4 won the Tidy Award for this week and Edie in Year 5 was the recipient of the Values Cup for demonstrating two of our values this week – Resilience and Responsibility.

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...

Two bank robbers were robbing a shop
 One man grabbed a bottle and said "Is this whiskey?"
 His friend said, "Not as whiskey as wobbling a bank!"
Isabella in Year 3



Knock knock

Who's there?

Cow says

Cow says who?

No, cow says moo!

Noah in Year 2

Communications Home

Year 4 & 5: Secondary Transfer Test – Information Session

Year 5: Year 5 – DT Chocolate Bars

Year 5 (and Year 6 not attending River Dart): Year 5 & 6 Activity Week

River Dart Individuals: TODAY River Dart – Final Meeting

Football Club: Football Thursday - CANCELLED
 Whole School: RSE Session – PowerPoint Slides
 Whole School: REMINDER RSE Information Evening
 Whole School: Janice – School Crossing Patroller

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2023/24

ASC Users: ASC 2023/24

Year 5 (and Year 6 individuals): Year 5 & 6 Activity Week

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 6 May		May Bank Holiday
Mon 13-Thu 16 May		Year 6 SATs Week
Wed 15 May	5.15pm	Secondary Transfer Information Evening for Y4 & Y5 Parents
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		Park Away Day
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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Please ensure all emails are sent to the School Office and not via School Gateway or classroom apps such as Seesaw or Google Classroom as these are not monitored and will not be responded to. Please note that we have a 48 hour response policy to all emails. For all urgent queries please telephone the School Office.