



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 10th May

Good luck to Year 6

We just wanted to wish our Year 6 class the best of luck with their SATs next week. We know that they have worked hard this year preparing for these tests and hope that they have a restful weekend and a good sleep on Sunday night ahead of their first paper on Monday.



School Crossing Patroller

As you all know, our School Crossing Patroller, Janice Worger, will sadly be leaving us next **Friday 17th May** after an incredible 36 years of service!

We are still inviting 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. The deadline for returning these to us is **Wednesday 15th May** so please do try and do this as soon as possible to give us time to put the memories into a book. When you send an email through to the School Crossing email, please share that you have done so amongst your year groups which may hopefully prompt others?



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>



Coats

Whilst the weather is hopefully warming up (and becoming drier) please be reminded that children must still bring in a coat every day as outdoor learning continues whatever the weather. We are not adverse to a sudden rain shower so children still take their coats outside during outdoor learning and at break times and lunchtimes.

Water Bottles & Sun Cream

In anticipation of some lovely warm weather to come, it is particularly important that children in all years bring a named water bottle to school. Children are given water at lunch time but it is good for them to have their own bottle in the classroom so they can stay hydrated.

We advise parents to apply sun cream to their children before they come to school. It is possible to buy cream that only needs to be applied once and this avoids children having to bring their own bottles to school. If you believe your child needs sun cream applied more often, please let the class teacher know and they can organise times for this to happen. Children should be taught to apply their own cream.



Uniform Standards

Mrs Stewart would like to remind parents that the correct uniform should be worn every day for school, including suitable footwear. She has noticed a growing number of children coming to school in trainers with no explanation from parents. If your child needs to wear trainers for a medical reason then please email the School Office (office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk) so that staff can be made aware. If there is a problem with your child's school shoes then these should be replaced as soon as possible and again, please email the School Office to make staff aware of when you expect to have a replacement pair.

At this stage in the term there should be no reason for shoes not to be replaced. Depending on your child's activities and the quality of the shoes, school shoes can usually be expected to last from 6 months to a year or more; so if they have grown too small or are damaged at this point in the school year then purchasing another pair now should mean that they should still be fit for purpose until at least Christmas or into the New Year.

Holidays during term-time

Please can we again stress to our parents how important it is for children to be in school during term-time. We appreciate that the price differences between term-time and school holidays can make planning a holiday difficult, particularly with the current cost of living crisis, however it is a legal obligation for children to attend school during term time.



Should a term-time absence be unavoidable due to family circumstances then please submit a leave of absence form to Mrs Stewart via the School Office (these can be downloaded from our [website](#) or a paper copy is available from the School Office). We would rather our parents be honest with us about the reasons for their child's absence. Any unauthorised or unexplained absence will always be followed up as part of our duty of care. This may lead the Local Authority to issue a fine.

Year 5 & 6 Activity Week

We have written today to any parents for whom there is still payment outstanding for their child to take part in the Activity Week from 20th to 24th May. As a reminder the cost for this is **£21.73** per child to cover the costs of the week including all transport costs, the cinema trip and

materials for the Team Building Games and Art Activities. The deadline for this payment is **Friday 17th May**. If you are experiencing any difficulties with paying this amount then please contact Mrs Stewart via the School Office to see if we can offer any financial assistance.

Lost Property

With the warm weather this week we have had a huge number of jumpers and cardigans placed in our Lost Property box. Please come and check these if your child has lost any items of school uniform recently. Please can we also again remind parents to check their children's uniform and PE kit to ensure any existing name tags or marker pen is still clearly visible? We do find that some tags fall off in the wash so it is worth having a check that they're still intact to avoid unnecessarily losing any items of uniform.

Summer Fayre

With less than a month to go until the Summer Fayre we are still looking for volunteers and raffle prizes to help the Friends of SMCS! We look forward to having lots of our families join us on the day. As a reminder we will have a performance by our Dance Club led by their dance teacher Leah from ZKT Dance. We will also have a performance from the Year 2 children who will be doing a May Pole Dance along with our school choir performing. Piano students will also be giving a short piano recital in the School Hall. Please support your children by bringing to the event so they can join in the performances with their friends.

A colorful poster for the SMCS Summer Fayre. The background features a stylized sun with rays in shades of blue and yellow, and a green grassy field at the bottom with small flowers. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner, with a central call to action and contact information.

SMCS Summer Fayre
Saturday 8th June, 12 - 3:30 pm

Do you have green fingers?
Can you start growing seedlings for the plant stall?

Donate good quality soft toys - please take them to the office

Book a stall for you business - email us for further details

We need raffle prizes - Could the company you work for donate one?

Help us to make the event a success!

Bring a Bottle Mufti - 7th June

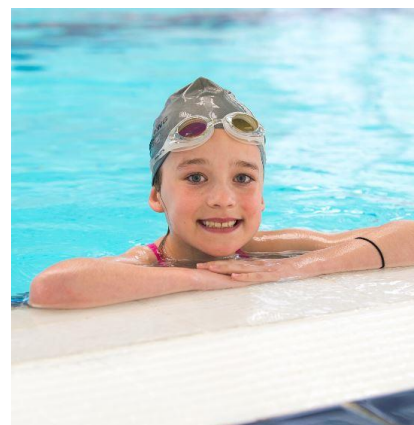
Kids tombola bags - fill a bag with small prizes (coming home 20th May)

Can you offer help on the day?
friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk

The logo for 'The Friends of Stoke Mandeville Community School' is circular, featuring a stylized swan in the center. The text 'The Friends of' is at the top, and 'STOKE MANDEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL' is at the bottom.

Stoke Mandeville Stadium – Swim Offer

We have been informed of a great opportunity for any of our pupils who wish to improve or boost their swimming ability. Stoke Mandeville Stadium are offering a **£20 discount upon joining their Swim School classes in May.**



This is only available to the schools that use Stoke Mandeville Stadium for their group lessons and so a bespoke discount code has been created which is: **SWIMNOADMIN**. This can be used when making the booking through their website: <https://serco.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home>

- £20 off joining online to any of our group swimming lessons.
- Offer available only to you!
- Offer available up until the 31st May 2024.
- Online discount code: **SWIMNOADMIN**
- <https://serco.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home>

Friends of SMCS Update

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.



Chequers House Treat Sale

Don't forget next Friday it is Chequers House's turn to host the Friday Treat Sale! Please bring in your sweet treat donations e.g. cakes, doughnuts, cookies next Friday morning. If you are baking your own donations then please remember to include an ingredients listing. Please remember we are a nut-free school! Thank you.



Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
3611	3675	3680	3737

Year 3 won the Tidy Award for this week and Owen in Year 3 was the recipient of the Values Cup.

Hot Chocolate's Joke of the Week

Every week we bring you the very finest jokes and riddles 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...

What five letter word, when you add two letters, gets smaller?

Smaller!

Josh in Year 6



Communications Home

Whole school: Uniform Standards

Whole school: Traffic – Thursday & Friday

Whole school: School Office

Current MAC Users: MAC Booking Form Summer Term 2

Current ASC Users: ASC Booking Form Summer Term 2 2023-24

Year 2: Year 2 - Habitats Walk

River Dart Residential: River Dart – Final Information

Netball Club: Netball Club – Tuesday

Year 5: Year 5 DT Session – Chocolate Bars – Amended Dates

Year 5 & 6 Individuals: Year 5 & 6 Activity Week

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 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

Email: office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk

Telephone: 01296 612371



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.