



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 17th May

SATS Poem

Well done to Year 6

Mrs Stewart and the Year 6 staff would like to say a huge 'well done' to our Year 6 children who have successfully completed their SATS this week. We know it can be a time of increased anxiety for some children but they have all taken it in their stride and completed their tests with a maturity that is to be admired.

We hope that those children embarking on their residential trip to the River Dart next week have a wonderful time, and those remaining behind to take part in the Activity Week have a fun-filled time with Year 5.

We're sure many parents will have seen the SATS poem that went viral earlier this week. If you haven't had the chance to read it then we thought it would be nice to share with our Year 6 pupils and parents.

SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember **you're the best!**

Year 6 – No homework

As a reminder, Mrs Tong has asked us to let all Year 6 parents know that there will be no homework issued this week due to the SATs which have taken place this week and the residential to River Dart and Activity Week taking place next week.



School Crossing Patroller

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards making Janice's last day so special. We had a special extended assembly this morning where we had visitors from Bucks Radio, Buckinghamshire Council and Stoke Mandeville Parish Council, as well as members of Janice's family. The assembly was then followed by tea and cake for our special guests afterwards.

Next week we will be joined by a new School Crossing Patroller, Paul Holmes. Paul will already be familiar to some members of our school community as he has previously covered Stoke

Mandeville during periods of absence. He is very excited to be getting his own patch and we hope our families will welcome him as he helps children and parents to cross safely.

Park Away Day - Friday

Don't forget next Friday we have our monthly Park Away Day which is taking place a week early due to the half term break. Please can we ask all parents to make the journey to school on foot or bicycle/scooter on this day to help us work towards our Platinum Travel Plan award? For further information about Park Away Day please head to our website

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/travel-plan>.

Let's Walk to School

Children from Reception to Year 4 will have come home this afternoon with a 'Let's Walk to School' activity diary as part of National Walk to School Week starting on Monday. Children will receive daily reward stickers for taking part and will get their own bookmark at the end of the week upon completion of the challenge. Years 5 to 6 will take part in this challenge after the half term break.



Year 1 – Next Week

While Miss Jacob accompanies Year 6 to the River Dart, Year 1 will be covered by familiar staff in the form of Ms Hayden, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Curtis. Mrs Swain and Miss Jenkins will also be with the class across the week as the familiar class adults.

Children's Tombola

This week children have brought home a white paper bag to be decorated in a summer theme and returned to school filled with goodies suitable for boys and girls. These will then be prizes for the Children's Tombola at our Summer Fayre on **Saturday 8th June**. This is always a hugely popular stall so please help to support us by returning your bag by **Wednesday 5th June** with anything you think a child would like to win! If you are including sweet treats please can we remind parents that this should be nut-free and no chocolate please in case of warm weather on the day!



Dental Appointments

Please can we remind parents that wherever possible, routine dental check ups are made outside of school hours. We have had a large number of appointments taking place during the day over the last couple of weeks which can be very disruptive for children to be leaving in the middle of lessons.

48 Hour Rule

Just a quick reminder to parents that we have a 48 hour rule in place for children who have been suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting. Please remember that children can only return to school 48 hours *after the last bout* of sickness or diarrhoea.

Nut Free School

Office staff spied a pistachio shell on the floor in the corridor this week, which means that we have a nut-eating culprit on the loose! Please can we remind parents that we are a **nut-free school** so nuts and nut-containing snacks (including Kinder bars, Nutella bars and pain au chocolat with a hazelnut chocolate filling) should please remain at home. Thank you.



Trophies

Please can we remind those of you who have yet to return trophies that the deadline for this is next **Friday 24th May**. Thank you to everyone who has returned last year's trophies for us to have engraved ready for this year's prizegiving.

PE Kits

Due to some timetabling changes next week with the Year 6 Residential and Year 5 Activity Week, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school **every day**. Kits can then be taken on our last day of the half term on Friday.

Collection Arrangements

Can we please remind parents that if there is a change to any collection details on a particular day, these should be emailed to the office in the morning. If this is a last minute change then please telephone the office on 01296 612371 as we cannot guarantee that any emails received after 1pm will be passed on to classes in time.

No Dance

Please note that there will be no dance on Wednesday next week due to the number of children from Year 6 who will be away with the River Dart Residential. Classes will continue after the half term break.

Netball Match

Well done to our squad who competed in a netball match against Halton on Tuesday. While it took the first two quarters to warm up and find their rhythm, they gave a strong performance in the third and fourth quarters. The team managed to stop Halton scoring in the third quarter and managed their first goal. In the last quarter they managed another two goals and only let another 1 in from Halton. The final score was 4-3 to Halton and Halton named Abi as player of the match. Well done team!

Next week - No Netball

Please note that there will be no netball on Tuesday next week as Miss Telfer is away with the River Dart Residential. Netball will continue as usual after the half term break.

Football Matches

A long time ago (Tuesday) in a combined school far, far away (well, here actually) it was a time of sporting unrest. The Swans had been met with disappointment after disappointment due to weather cancellations, a flooded field and pitch issues.

Finally, on Tuesday, we got our showdown against Bierton. The Swans showed real heart and skill as always and came away with a 5-4 winning result that was hard fought for against a physical team.

Then Wednesday, we played Halton in not one, but TWO league games back to back. Halton A were set to win the league, so naturally sent out their B team to face us first under the glorious, but very warm sunshine.

We were a couple of players down so I knew it was going to be a hard slog for us. After defeating Halton B 2-1, we were tired and hot but STILL held Halton A at 0-0 until half time! Then Halton scored some goals and it all went downhill from there, literally, their pitch was on a hill. They all did so well with what I asked of them and I couldn't be prouder.

So as the season ends I'm just left to say a massive thank you again, to all my players, all of our supporters, my bus drivers, and huge thanks to Mr Lack Sr and JD for your help again this year.

Mr D Lack, Football Team Manager

Next week - Football

Mr Lack will continue to run the Thursday football session next week for anyone wanting to attend from Year 5 & 6 who is not on the River Dart Residential. Please note that this will be the last football session for this academic year and the club will not continue in the second half of the summer term.

Chequers House Treat Sale

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Chequers Treat Sale today, whether by donating sweet treats or by supporting the sale in purchasing goodies this afternoon. It's been wonderful to see the houses come together to support each other and we look forward to even more friendly competition at the next treat sale for Waddesdon House (yellow) on **Friday 14th June**.



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...

Which fish swims at night?

A starfish!

Esme in Year 2

Why did the skeleton not go to the Ball?

Because he had no body to go with!

Jamie in Year 4



Communications Home

Year 5 & Individuals from Year 6: Y5 & Y6 Activity Week – Final details

MAC & ASC Users: MAC/ASC Reminder Summer Term 2

Year 4 & 5: Moving onto Secondary School

Whole School: Summer Fayre – Children's Tombola

Whole School: House Treat Friday

Whole School: Janice – Memories Book

Year 6 Residential Participants: River Dart – Updated Daily Schedule

Year 6: Year 6 – RSE Week

Year 4 & 5: REMINDER Secondary Transfer Test – Information Session

Years 3 to 6: KS2 District Athletics Championships 2024

Chequers House: Chequers House – Cake Sale – Fri 17 May

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

Years 3 to 6: KS2 District Athletics Championships 2024

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 20-Fri 24 May		Year 6 Residential to River Dart Year 5 Activities Week
Tue 21 May		No Netball
Wed 22 May		No Dance
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 7 Jun		Friends of SMCS: Bottle Mufti (<i>wear own clothes in exchange for bringing a bottle to school</i>)

Sat 8 Jun		Friends of SMCS: Summer Fayre
Fri 14 Jun	3.20pm	Friends of SMCS House Cake Sale: Waddesdon House (yellow)
Tue 2 Jul		Transition Day (<i>whole school spend day in their new classrooms</i>)
Fri 5 Jul	3.20pm	Friends of SMCS House Cake Sale: Claydon House (green)
Wed 17 Jul	PM	Year 5 & 6 Performance – Timings TBC
Thu 18 Jul	Eve	Year 5 & 6 Performance – Timings TBC
Fri 19 Jul		Sports Day
Mon 22 Jul		Prizegiving for KS1 & KS2 (<i>by invitation only</i>)
Tue 23 Jul	AM	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Timings TBC
Tue 23 Jul	1.30pm	Finish for summer holidays

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](#)

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