



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

## *Weekly Update Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September*

It has been so lovely this week to see the children looking settled in classes. The classroom environment is beginning to show the children's work on learning walls which is so lovely to see and a much-needed return to more 'normal' times.

### **Head Boy and Head Girl Elections**

We are delighted to announce that the Head Boy and Girl elections have been held. We received some very impressive letters of application, and we have commended all those children who put themselves forward with such convincing reasons to be selected. The results are as follows:

**Head Girl – Hollie**

**Head Boy – Dylan**

**Deputy Heads – James, Holly, Millie, Abbie and Aimie**

Congratulations to our successful candidates! In the coming weeks there will be other responsibilities assigned to Year 6. We know they will all perform their roles enthusiastically and represent the school with pride.

### **Reading**

Please look at your class page on the website to see when reading diaries need to be handed into the teacher. Please can you ensure your child has their reading diary and reading book in school every day. We are hoping that the school library will be up and running again shortly: we are having a few technical hitches with the computer system but this is being addressed. Children will then be able to visit the school library and choose an additional book to bring home with them.

Reading is at the heart of learning and we want all our children to develop the love of reading. Please continue to encourage your child to read and enjoy sharing their books with them. Refer to the inside of the reading record for questions to ask and tips to help your child with reading.

### **Chartwells**

Please find attached details of the Autumn Fun Day with a special menu provided by Chartwell's for Thursday 7th October.

### **Current Vacancies**

**Teaching Assistant** - We have a new vacancy for a Teaching Assistant which is currently live on the Buckinghamshire Council website. Please have a look or pass on to anyone else who you think may be interested [https://jobs.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/job\\_detail/219479/](https://jobs.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/job_detail/219479/)

**Temporary Midday Supervisor** – We have a vacancy for a temporary midday supervisor which is available for an immediate start. Please contact the School Office on [office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk) to register your interest.

**Parent Helpers** – We are always looking for parent or grandparent volunteers to assist us with hearing the children read as well as providing classroom support. Please contact the School Office on [office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk) if you would like to register your interest and we will get our Volunteering Coordinator to contact you.

### **School Photographs**

We will be welcoming Tempest Photography back to the school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October for individual and sibling photographs. We will send a reminder of this by text closer to the date.

### **Website Updates**

We have an updated list of Term Dates and Inset Days on our website which can be found under 'News and Events' then 'Term Dates'.

### **Parents Evening**

We will be sending out booking information to you shortly for our upcoming Parents Evenings on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. These will be held virtually again which we have found worked very well in the last year and will be hosted by our online provider 'SchoolCloud'.

### **Bike to School Week**

Our Travel Plan Coordinator, Miss Telfer, has asked for a reminder to be sent that 'Bike to School Week' will commence from the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> September. As an extra special incentive every day Miss Telfer will be going out to randomly put a sticker on 3 bikes or scooters which will give the lucky owner the opportunity to choose a small prize.

For your chance to win a bike there is also a competition being run which can be found at the following link <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-pledge/>

### **Bikeability**

Although our closing date was today we do still have a couple of places left. Please complete the consent form which was sent out 10<sup>th</sup> September and return them together with the £5 contribution by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Reception Open Events**

We will be holding these for our Reception 2022 parents on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 9.15-10am. These will be available by appointment only as we have a limited number of spaces available on each day. If you would like to book a place then please email the School Office on [office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk).

### **October Half Term**

We have been asked to advise parents who may be considering overseas travel during the October half term that there is a risk that you may be required to quarantine on your return, resulting in unnecessary and unauthorised absence from school for your child. Please consider this before planning to travel in the school holidays.

### **School Travel Plan**

The recent great weather has made walking, scooting and cycling to school a pleasure to complete. The walk in the open air helps support our school travel plan and helps the environment around our school. We have copies of the walking maps available in school and you may enjoy trying one of the routes you haven't tried before. The extra exercise can help everyone to stay healthy in these strange times.

If you are bringing scooters and bikes to school, please remember to dismount before you enter the school site and not to ride on the school site in order to prevent anyone being hurt.

## Snacks

Children in Key Stage 2 are invited to bring item one fruit or vegetable in their lunchbox for consumption at break time. Other food items are not permitted at break time and should be eaten during the lunch break. Key Stage 1 are provided with fruit through the Government scheme.

We are a nut free school, please remember this when packing your child's lunchbox and please do pay close attention to ingredients lists on items such as cereal bars and biscuits which may contain nuts (such as Kinder Bueno). Nutella and other chocolate nut spreads should not be included in lunches. Children should not bring fizzy drinks or confectionary in their lunchbox. A small chocolate coated biscuit is acceptable.

## Message from Friends

**Donut Sale** – This will be held next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 50p per doughnut available on the school playground from 3.10pm.

**Second-hand uniform** – Available from the PTA Events website. Please head to our uniform selling page to purchase good quality second-hand uniform and help support the school <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsmcs/>

## Letters Sent Home

Year 5 and 6 – The Grange School Open Evenings

Reception to Year 4 – Phonics Information Evening

Reception – Collection arrangements

Year 4 - Swimming

## Dates for the Diary

W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> September		Bike to School Week
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm-6.30pm	Phonics Information Evening KS1
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September		Harvest Festival
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		School Photos
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	8.55-9.55am	Friends of SMCS: Parents Coffee Morning
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		School ends at normal time for October half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November		Inset Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		School starts at normal time
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	7.30pm	Friends of SMCS Meeting
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15-10am	Open Morning for Reception 2022 Parents
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15-10am	Open Morning for Reception 2022 Parents
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	1-3pm	Friends of SMCS: Outdoor Christmas Market

## Housepoint Totals this Week

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

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614	660	540	695

## **Class Updates**

We know how much you enjoy finding out what the children have been learning in our Weekly Updates. This has been another fun packed week. You can find this information by selecting the link below to your child's class.

Year R – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-r/what-are-we-learning>

Year 1 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-1/what-are-we-learning>

Year 2 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-2/what-are-we-learning>

Year 3 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-3/what-are-we-learning>

Year 4 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-4/what-are-we-learning>

Year 5 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-5/what-are-we-learning>

Year 6 – <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-6/what-are-we-learning>

You can also find up to date information on important dates on our website

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/upcoming-events>