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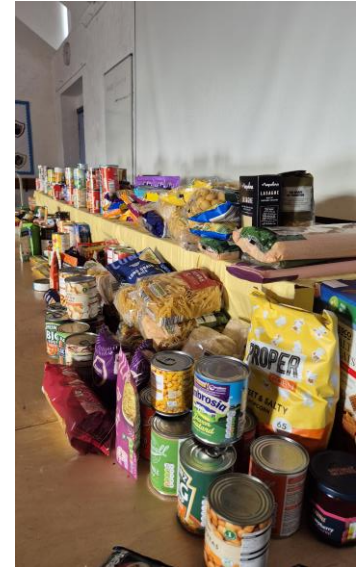
Weekly Update Friday 11th October

Harvest Festival

On **Monday 7th October**, we had our Harvest Celebration in school and were overwhelmed by all of the wonderful donations from our pupils and parents. These were collected by Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse on Tuesday morning and they were so grateful for the school's generosity. Thank you all for coming together as a community to support this wonderful charity.

Parents Evening

Our SchoolCloud portal opened for parent meeting bookings on Wednesday evening this week. If you have yet to make a booking then please head to <https://stokemandeville.schoolcloud.co.uk/> as soon as possible. If you have any problems with logging in then please contact the School Office who should be able to assist.



TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Photo Reminder

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 14th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

MAC and ASC Booking Forms

Electronic MAC and ASC booking links for Autumn 2 have been sent out this week to all current users of our wraparound care. Please note the deadline for submitting your requirements is **Friday 18th October**, after which time the bookings will be opened up to anyone who is on our waiting list.

Hazard Alley

On Thursday our Year 5 class are due to travel to Hazard Alley in Milton Keynes for a class trip. The coach is due to leave promptly at 9am and should be returning to school by 1.30pm. Please can all children wear tracksuit trousers with their school polo shirt and their jumper/cardigan on top. Please remember to bring packed lunches in a disposable bag and a named water bottle. All stationery will be provided so there is no need to bring pens/pencils or back packs.



Chickenpox – Year 2

We have had two cases of chickenpox in Year 2 and wanted to make our school community aware of this. NHS advice states that children should remain off school until all spots have scabbed over at which point they are no longer infectious. For further advice please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>.

Show Racism the Red Card – Friday 18th November

Please note that in a change to what has previously been advised, children are to please come to school in their normal school uniform on this date and they will be given red stickers by staff if they wish to wear them. There is now no requirement to wear red accessories with school uniform.

Signing Choir at the Christmas Shopping Evening

On **Friday 15th November**, The Friends will be holding a very special 'Christmas Shopping Evening' from 5.30 to 7.30pm. To get our shoppers in the festive mood we would like to invite our Signing Choir to come along and sing some Christmas songs. All Signing Choir members are welcome, especially our Year 3 to Year 6 members who will be familiar with the Christmas songs that are being signed. We would like the Choir to sing as people arrive so please bring your child to school for **5.15pm** if they wish to take part so that they are ready for when people start to arrive at 5.30pm.



Parked cars in layby

A special plea from our staff for parents to please be mindful of other cars driving in the layby when you are moving away from your parking space or opening doors. There have been several near misses with staff arriving for work and nearly being in an accident, particularly with people dropping off their children at our Morning Activity Club. Please can we also remind parents that cars must not

be parked on the corners at the entrance to the layby as this makes it very difficult for cars and larger vehicles to turn in.

Parent Forum

If you have received an email from this week about Parent Forum then please let us know if you are willing to stay on the committee and join us for meetings this year. We have sent proposed dates for our Autumn term Forum and need a few more responses if possible before we can make a decision on these.

If you would like to be a part of our school Parent Forum then please get in touch with the School Office as we are happy to welcome new members. We are still looking for parents to represent our new Reception class so please get in touch if you would like to come along to our next meeting.

A message from the MHST

We are excited to announce that the Buckinghamshire MHST will be providing a timetable of Parent/Carer Webinars for the academic year 2024-2025. The webinars are 1.5 hours each and are being run throughout the year and will focus on common Mental Health themes, as well as transition and exam stress.



Parents can use the QR codes to express their interest and sign up. All Webinars are free to join, but parents must have a child/children attending an MHST school (this includes SMCS).

An Update from The Friends

Don't forget our email address has now changed to friends@smcs.org.uk



We are having our first Bag2School clothing collection next week so over the weekend please dig out those unwanted clothes and bag them up. Please place your donations (clothes and shoes in good saleable condition, no uniforms) in a tied bag and leave them on the green next to the school layby by **9am Monday morning**. We are able to send as many bags as we want so please do let your family and neighbours know too!

Family Bingo Night - Next Friday 18th October, doors open 5:30pm for 5:45pm eyes down. Join us for an evening of fun for all the family. Each game strip costs £2, which enables you to play all the games, and can be purchased on the night. You can buy as many strips as you would like. Please bring your own food and drink. You are welcome to turn up on the evening without booking, but you can pre-book a table by emailing us on the above email address.

Winter Shopping Evening - Friday 15th November, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Join us for an evening of festive shopping with lots of local stall holders with goods ranging from cakes to bracelets, hair accessories to home accessories and more. Everyone is welcome and entry is free. If you would like to join us on the evening as a stall holder please email us for further details.

Family Bingo Night
Friday 18th October 2024
5:30pm Doors open, 5:45pm start
Bring Your Own Bottle, Food and Nibbles

£2 per strip (6 games)
Buy as many strips as you would like!



email
friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk
to book a table

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...



Why did the chicken go onto the road?

To lay in on the line

Charlie FF Y5

What do you get if you cross a smurf and a cow?

Blue cheese

Isabella in Year 5

Why do Norwegian tanks have bar codes?

Because they're from SCANDinavia

Isabella W in Year 4

What did the grape say when it got squashed?

It didn't, it just gave out a little wine!

Elsie M in Year 3

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
4379	4332	4365	4453

Well done also to Year 3 who won the Tidy Award for this week and to Adeline in Reception who was the recipient of the Values Cup!

Communications Home

Whole school: Update from Innovate

Whole school: No School Crossing Patrol

Whole school: Parent Meetings – Bookings live at 7pm TONIGHT

Whole school: Phonics Information Session

Whole school: Parent Meetings – October 2024

Whole school: REMINDER Tempest Photo Orders

Reception: Parent Forum – Reception Invite

Year 1: Parent Forum – Year 1 Invite

Year 5: Hazard Alley – Further details

Football Club: No Football

ASC Users: ASC Booking Form Autumn Term 2 2024/25

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Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2024-2025

ASC Users: ASC 2024-25

Year 2: Year 2 – Popper the Reading Dog (**extended to 11/10/24**)

Year 4: Swimming – Autumn Term 2024 (**extended to 11/10/24**)

Year 5: Hazard Alley – October 2024 (deadline 11/10/24)

Year 6: River Dart 2025 – Deposit (deadline 31/10/24)

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 14 Oct	9am latest	Bag2School Charity Clothing Collection
Thu 17 Oct		Year 5 School Trip to Hazard Alley
Thu 17 Oct	3.30-4pm	Phonics Information Session
Fri 18 Oct	Doors open 5.30pm	Friends of SMCS: Bingo Evening – 5.45pm start
Fri 18 Oct		Show Racism the Red Card Day – wear red accessories with normal school uniform
Mon 21 Oct	AM	Reception & Y6 - Height and Weight Screening by School Nurses
Tue 22 Oct	3.30-6pm	Book Look
Tue 22 Oct	3.40-6pm	Parents Evening (in-person appointments)
Wed 23 Oct	8-8.30am	Book Look
Thu 24 Oct	3.30-5pm 6-8pm	Parents Evening (in-person appointments) Parents Evening (video appointments)
Fri 15 Nov		Pudsey Fair (during school day)
Fri 15 Nov	5.30-7.30pm	Friends of SMCS: Christmas Shopping Evening 5.30pm Signing Choir to perform
Fri 29 Nov		Friends of SMCS: Advent Calendar Raffle Draw (during assembly)
Sun 1 Dec	TBC	Friends of SMCS: Brunch with Father Christmas (details to follow)

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 and this may be extended to 5 days during particularly busy times. For all urgent queries please telephone the School Office.