



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 24th September

National Bike To School Week

A reminder that next week is National Bike to School Week. Children are encouraged to ride or scoot to school. This will go towards their WOW badges that they can earn through various ways. Each day Miss Telfer will be picking 3 lucky people to win a small prize for biking or scooting to school. If your child finds a ticket on their bike or scooter then they can exchange it in the School Office for a small prize.

Also don't forget to click on the link below for a chance to win a Frog bike

www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek/pledge

Governor Elections

We sent a letter out earlier today inviting nominations for a Parent Governor position which will shortly be coming available. Please submit your nomination form for this to the School Office no later than Friday 8th October.

Parent Forum

We are holding our next Parent Forum on a virtual basis at 2pm on Thursday 30th September. If you would be interested in representing your class at this then please get in touch with the School Office. We ideally like to have two parents per class attend each forum so would welcome anyone who would like to register their interest and be included on our distribution list with the Zoom meeting link.

Hot School Lunches

If your child does not currently have hot school lunches but you would like them to do so then please contact the School Office. We will then generate an activation code for you to sign your child up to our meal provider Chartwells and select their menu choice. If you are currently in receipt of Pupil Premium then you may be eligible for Free School Meals so please let us know if you need any further clarification on this.

Online Learning Platforms

We know the children really enjoy using the online learning tools of Seesaw and Google Classroom and these are now being used for homework so please keep an eye out for work being set. These learning platforms may not be checked daily so please can we remind everyone that general queries and communications from parents to staff should come through the office either by email or telephone in order for them to be directed appropriately.

Lost Property

Our Lost Property box is currently overflowing with clothing! If you have lost anything then please ask your child to come and check this during their breaktime or alternatively please come in during afternoon collections. Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled.

Morning Drop Offs and Afternoon Collections

Just a gentle reminder that we are able to welcome children into the school from 8.45am onwards. Any children who arrive before this time must wait with their adult or will be taken to our Morning Club and you will be charged accordingly.

If there are any changes to collection arrangements then please communicate these to the School Office via email before 12pm. If there are any last-minute changes after this time then please telephone the office on 01296 612371 so that we can ensure the message gets through to the right person.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, medical appointments for children should be arranged outside of school hours. If you need to request a leave of absence for your child to attend an appointment please request the form from the office so that this can be approved by the Headteacher, as outlined in the attendance policy.

Pupil Premium

This funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals due to receiving certain benefits
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

Please refer to the attached form which was sent out on Monday which includes some FAQs as to whether you should claim or not. Please note that even if your child is eligible for Universal Free School Meals (Reception to Year 2), you can still apply for Pupil Premium which may help cover the costs for other expenses at school such as morning or after school clubs as well as school trips.

If you would like further information or would like to apply then please contact the School Office.

Game On Football Club

Please find attached a flyer for an After School Football Club for Year 5 and 6 children which will be run by our sport providers 'Game On'. If you would like your child take part then applications can be made through their website www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/school-clubs.

Letters Sent Home

Year 6 – John Colet Open Events

Whole school – Harvest Festival

Individuals – Nurture Group

Year 6 - River Dart – Virtual Information Evening

Year 6 – River Dart - Brochure

Whole School – Olympic Day PE Kit

Whole School – Doughnut Day

Individuals – Helping Hands FSM Vouchers

Whole School – eSafety Advice

Whole School – Governor Elections

Dates for the Diary (these can also be found on our website under ‘Upcoming Events’)

W/C 27 th September		Bike to School Week
Tuesday 28 th September	6pm-6.30pm	Phonics Information Evening KS1
Wednesday 29 th September		Harvest Festival
Thursday 30 th September	2pm	Parents Forum
Tuesday 5 th October		School Photos with Tempest Photography
Thursday 7 th October		Chartwell’s Autumn Fun Day Menu
Thursday 14 th October	8.55-9.55am	Friends of SMCS: Parents Coffee Morning
Tuesday 19 th October		Virtual Parents Evening
Wednesday 20 th October		Virtual Parents Evening
Friday 22 nd October		School ends at normal time for October half term
Monday 1 st November		Inset Day
Tuesday 2 nd November		School starts at normal time
Tuesday 2 nd November	7.30pm	Friends of SMCS Meeting
Thursday 18 th November	9.15-10am	Open Morning for Reception 2022 Parents
Thursday 25 th November	9.15-10am	Open Morning for Reception 2022 Parents
Saturday 4 th December	1-3pm	Friends of SMCS: Outdoor Christmas Market

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>