



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

*Weekly Update Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October*

## National Bike to School Week

A huge thank you to everyone who has participated in 'National Bike to School Week' by riding their bikes or scooters to school. This has been a huge success and we hope our daily prize-winners enjoyed their special prizes! We hope that as a result of doing this we will be seeing more of you scooting or riding to school to help us reach our Travel Plan goals.

## House Captains

We are delighted to announce that the House Captains have now been chosen. We are so proud of the letters that the children wrote to Mrs Stewart stating why they felt they would make a good House Captain and huge congratulations go to everyone who applied for this responsibility:

<b>Waddesdon:</b> ST and CJ	<b>Hughenden:</b> JB and KH
<b>Chequers:</b> MT and IB	<b>Claydon:</b> CF and ET

## School Photographs

As we communicated earlier this week, we will now only be having school photos taken for individuals on Tuesday by Tempest Photography, with the sibling and family photos rescheduled to a later date (TBC).

**Please note:** If your child normally has PE on a Tuesday then please can they wear their usual school uniform and bring in a pair of trainers to wear during their PE lessons?

## Harvest Festival Collection

What a fantastic response we had to our request for canned items and men's toiletries for our chosen charity – Vineyard. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to this worthy cause and well done to the children for putting on such a wonderful Harvest Festival Assembly.



## **Ofsted Parent View**

We are always welcoming the opportunity to improve and would therefore like to invite our parents to take part in an anonymised survey 'Ofsted Parent View'. This gives you the opportunity to tell Ofsted what you think of our school <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## **Governor Elections**

We sent out a letter last week inviting nominations for a Parent Governor position which will shortly be coming available. The closing date for this is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October so please remember to submit your nominations for this as soon as possible.

## **Royal Mail Stamp Competition**

We are delighted with the great news that we have helped the Royal Mail to break a world record with their Stamp Competition! While we didn't quite make it into the Top 120 (it was a very tough competition!), we are happy to celebrate our efforts with the rest of the school. A huge thank you and well done to everyone who entered.

## **Parent Forum**

Thank you to our group of parent representatives who attend the Parent Forum call with Mrs Stewart on Thursday. This was well attended and gave us a wonderful opportunity to receive feedback from parents and see how they feel the first few weeks has gone for their children. We are still looking for a representative for Year 1 so if you would like to put your name forward then please contact Mrs Jacob in the School Office.

## **Morning Drop Offs and Afternoon Collections**

Another gentle reminder that we are able to welcome children into the school from 8.45am onwards. We still have a number of parents who are dropping their children off too early which creates a safeguarding issue as they are no adults available in the playground at that time to supervise the children.

Any children who arrive before 8.45am 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.

## **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening appointments will be available for you to book from **6pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. We arrange it for this time to allow working parents the opportunity to apply for appointment slots at the same time as other parents. We will be sending another reminder out closer to the time to make you aware of this.

## **Bikeability Level 1**

We still have a few spaces left for children in Years 3 and 4 to take part in the Bikeability Level 1 Scheme which is part funded by the school. If you would like your child to have a place on this course then please return your consent forms (sent out Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Polite Parking**

We have unfortunately received calls from our local residents on Marsh Lane to complain about the parking by some of our parents which has made access to their homes difficult during school drop off and collection times. Please can we ask that you park considerately in the immediate area and perhaps consider parking a little further away and walking in to reduce parking congestion around the school.

## **Letters Sent Home**

Whole School – Tempest – Individuals not siblings/family

Year 4 – Swimming Voluntary Donation Reminder

Years 3 to 6 – Piano Lessons

Year 3 – Diya and Dance Workshop

## **Housepoint Totals this Week**

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

<b>Chequers</b>	<b>Claydon</b>	<b>Hughenden</b>	<b>Waddesdon</b>
1243	1537	1390	1460

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

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

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October		Balance Bikeability for Reception and Year 1
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		Individual School Photos with Tempest Photography
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	5.15pm	Year 6 River Dart Information Evening (Zoom Meeting)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October		Chartwell’s Autumn Fun Day Menu
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October		Balance Bikeability for Reception and Year 1
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm	Parents Evening appointments to go live on SchoolCloud
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	8.55-9.55am	Friends of SMCS: Parents Coffee Morning
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	3.40-5.50pm	Virtual Parents Evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.40-7.50pm	Virtual Parents Evening
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		Year 3 Diya and Dance Workshop 3pm Performance for Year 3 Parents in School Hall
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		School ends at normal time for October half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November		Staff 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

## **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