



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

*Weekly Update Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October*

## **Home School Agreements**

This week we have been sending home a copy of our 'Home School Agreements' to Year 1 to Year 6 (our Reception children have already signed a copy with their new starter packs). Please read through this and return the letter to your child's class teacher for us to keep on file.

## **SMCS Travel Plan**

Further to our email earlier this week regarding parking on Marsh Lane we thought it may be helpful to share our 'Park and Stride' walking map which may be particularly useful for our newer parents. Please find this attached so that we can hopefully help to alleviate the parking pressures around the immediate school area that we have been experiencing this week.

## **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening appointments will be available for you to book from **6pm** next **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 out further information on Monday to remind you of how to book the appointment with a useful parent guide attached.

## **Lost Property**

Our trunk of Lost Property is officially overflowing! Please pop in to the School Office when you can at collection time to check if there are any items belonging to your child.

## **GameOn Half Term Courses**

Please find attached a poster from GameOn for some courses they are running over October half term in the local area. These are available to book via the GameOn website

[www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses](http://www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses)

## **Bikeability**

We still have a few places remaining on our Level 1 Bikeability Course which is open to Year 3 and 4. If you would like your child to have a place then please return the consent form by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and either bring cash to the School Office or make payment via Parent Gateway.

## **Covid Update**

We are monitoring the situation in the local area carefully and should we have any notifications of a positive test within the school setting we will communicate this to the appropriate class with a 'Warn and Inform' letter.

As a school we are recommending that when there is a positive case within a class (or in your own household) you ensure regular LFT testing at home (daily if possible) for the 10-day isolation period, even if a negative PCR test has been received.

As some children are presenting with very mild cold-like symptoms that then lead to a positive case, we will be extra vigilant with children who display these symptoms in school and send them home for a PCR test to rule this out.

### **Social Distancing**

Please be mindful of spacing when waiting to collect your child at the end of the day, particularly in light of the growing number of Covid cases in Buckinghamshire. When you arrive at the main playground please try to avoid gathering around the gate and instead move into open spaces to reduce congestion in these areas. As a reminder the one-way system is still in effect so please adhere to this where possible.

### **Be Bright Be Seen Week**

We will be launching our 'Be Bright Be Seen' campaign on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October where we will be inviting children to come to school in their normal school uniform but with bright accessories e.g. hi-vis jacket, reflective tags or shoes, even bright coloured scrunchies!

### **Mufti Day**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October we are holding a 'Show Racism the Red Card' mufti day. Child are invited to wear red mufti on the day to support this campaign and raise awareness which will also be covered in classes during the week. We are not asking for any donations on this occasion.

### **Friends of SMCS**

Please join us for our first Coffee Morning this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 8.55am to 9.55am. This will give you an opportunity to meet up with other parents and find out a little more about the Friends of SMCS and what we do. Dress warmly for this as we will be keeping the hall doors open to ensure a good flow of ventilation in the room!

### **Staffing**

On Thursday we said goodbye to our Teaching Assistant Mrs Bravington and on Monday we will be joined by Mrs Danel in Year 3. I'm sure you will all join me in offering her a very warm welcome to the school.

### **Term Dates**

Please check on our website (particularly Inset Days) as there have been some changes made by council to term dates (particularly for next July).

### **Absences**

Please contact the School Office to leave a voicemail on our Absence Line (01296 612371 – Dial 1) or email us with your child's name and class in the message title on days when your child will be absent from school.



If you are able to give your child's symptoms then this is helpful for our records and to help track any potential Covid symptoms that are being displayed.

### **Letters Sent Home**

Whole School – Home School Agreement  
Whole School (text) – School Photograph postponement  
Whole School – Parking on Marsh Lane  
Whole School – Parent Governor Nominations  
Year 6 – Secondary Transfer Test Results

### **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>
2057	2257	2087	2241

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

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

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
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October		'Be Bright Be Seen' Mufti Day
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		'Show Racism the Red Card' Mufti Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		Friends of SMCS Treat Friday: Cookies (50p per cookie)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		School ends at normal time for October half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November		Staff Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
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