



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 22nd October

'Show Racism the Red Card'

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Show Racism the Red Card' Mufti Day today and for helping us to highlight this important campaign. Keep an eye out for photos on our website from today.

Open Mornings

We are now fully booked for our Reception 2022 Open Morning event on Thursday 18th November but we still have some spaces remaining for Thursday 25th November. Please contact the School Office to reserve your place.

Secondary School Places

For anyone who has yet to make an application for your child then please don't forget that the deadline is **midnight on 31 October 2021**. If you do not apply for your child's school place by the deadline it may severely affect their chances of being offered a place at your preferred school.

If you need assistance with your application please contact the Admissions and Transport Team:
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/contactadmissions>

Parking Promise

Thank you to those of you who have parked further away from school to walk in for drop off and collection times. This has helped to reduce congestion on Marsh Lane and reduced the number of complaints being received by the School Office. We did however have an incident this afternoon involving two cars who blocked in a local resident leading to an altercation at collection time. Please be respectful of our neighbours and make sure you park considerately and don't block their drives in any way.

Please consider the Parking Promise that you signed when joining Stoke Mandeville Combined School as we are currently experiencing problems with parents parking on the grass verge or across the entrance to the layby making it difficult for cars to gain access safely.

As a reminder we are asking all parents to please...

- Try to make time to walk to school if possible, or simply park further away from the school entrance and walk the rest of the way
- Comply with UK parking regulations and **not** cause an obstruction by parking on:



- a) yellow zigzags
- b) grass verges
- c) junctions (or opposite)
- d) corners of roads
- e) footpaths
- f) roads opposite other vehicles

- Do not park or drive into the staff car park without seeking permission from the school
- Always park sensibly with consideration to local residents, pedestrians, and other drivers

Blue Peter Badge

We have had a Blue Peter badge handed into the office which was found in a classroom. If your child has lost theirs at school then please get in touch with the School Office.

Name all items of clothing

We still have some items of Lost Property remaining even after our Friends had two afternoon sessions putting these out for parents at collection time. Please can you take the time this half term to check all of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled.

Covid Testing

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing and for your continued vigilance over what symptoms to look out for in your children.

We know how important it is for you to be able to send your children to school and would therefore ask you to please test your children and [report](#) results twice a week, at home, throughout the October half-term school holiday and take a test before returning to school. All results should be reported, even if your result is negative or void.

Please check your child has enough test kits to continue testing over the half term break. You can help them to take the test and report their results. Testing is free of charge. If you do still require more home testing kits to continue testing over half term, you can also order more [online](#) through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.

By testing your child twice a week over half term, you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus and help to keep Stoke Mandeville Combined School open to minimise disruption to their education and to you and your household.

Chartwell's School Lunches

Don't forget to place your child's order for their hot school lunch with Chartwell's by **midnight on Tuesday 26th October** for the following week's meals as this can often get forgotten during holidays.

Spare clothing – donations of clean, good quality spare uniform welcomed (including PE kit)

We are always in need of good quality, clean, spare uniform, particularly PE shorts or joggers for both KS1 and KS2. Please bring any donations to the School Office.

Rob Butler – Design a Christmas card competition

We have received an invite (please see attached) from Rob Butler MP for the children to design a Christmas card! Please hand all entries into the School Office on your first day back (Tuesday 2nd November) and we will send them to his offices.

Netball Volunteer

We are going to be holding an After School Netball Club on Tuesdays until 4.15pm which will commence after half term (further information to follow). Miss Telfer will be in charge of the club but we would love to have some additional support of other adults who can help her. A parent/carer does not need to be a qualified coach but will need experience of netball and we will need to complete a DBS check on their behalf. We will need the volunteer to run a training session after school each week and attend matches with a staff member.

If you would be interested in volunteering then please contact the School Office as soon as possible via email to office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk.

Friends of SMCS

We are holding our annual **Advent Window Trail** in Stoke Mandeville village from 1st December. Please email the Friends if you would like to take part (friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk).

Scavenger Hunt: Don't forget to hand your Scavenger Hunt forms in to the box located outside the main school doors by Friday 5th November. We will be awarding House Points to everyone who completes the hunt!

In book bags today you will have received an entry form for our first **Advent Calendar Raffle!** There is the choice of winning a Smiggle advent calendar, a Naked Marshmallow advent calendar, a Lego advent calendar, a Bomb Cosmetics advent calendar, a Fidget advent calendar or a colour-in Purple Fraise Advent Calendar pillow.

Letters Sent Home

Whole School – Book Look reminder

Year 5 – Covid update in class

Whole School – Midweek Updates

Reception – Share a Story



Selected individuals – Bikeability Level 1 Update

Year 6 – Secondary School Selection Deadline

Year 6 – River Dart – Financial Assistance

Year 5 and 6 – After School Netball

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
2832	3076	2697	3124

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

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

Monday 1 st November		Staff Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 2 nd November		School starts at normal time
Tuesday 2 nd November	7.30pm	Friends of SMCS Meeting
Friday 12 th November		School Photographs for Individuals and Siblings
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.