



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 5th November

It has been a busy first week back after half term and we hope the children are all excited with Fireworks Night this weekend as well as the countdown now to Christmas. Here are our updates for you heading into the weekend...

School Pantomime

We are looking forward to taking the children to the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre on Thursday 16th December to see Cinderella. We will be sending out further information about this next week regarding payment and parental consent.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are supporting the Royal British Legion with their Poppy Appeal again this year. We have a box of goodies for the children to choose from in exchange for a donation (prices range from 50p to £1.50 so please bring in denominations of 50p as no change can be given). This will be on a first come, first served basis and unfortunately once they're gone...they're gone!

Parent Volunteers

We would love to hear from parents and carers who would be interested in supporting our pupils by signing up as a Parent Volunteer to hear children read in school every week. You would need to be able to provide us with a regular, weekly commitment to work with a group of children in order to support them in the progression of their reading for at least a term. This may be one to two hours a week, dependent upon what time you are able to offer. Not only is this a highly enjoyable experience but you will also see first-hand the impact that you make in supporting our pupils and their journey into being confident, fluent readers.

If you would be interested in offering your time then please contact Mrs Tong via the School Office.

Singing and Signing Choir

Our Singing and Signing Choir will be performing from 6-7pm on Thursday 25th November at the annual fundraising Seasonal Shopping Evening at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium to raise money for the charity WheelPower. We would love to see some of our parents and children there to support the choir and help to raise money for this worthy cause. Please see the attached poster for more information about the evening.



Don't forget we have a new section on our website dedicated to our Singing and Signing Choir featuring YouTube links to practice the signs with Miss Walker by clicking [here](#).

Football Results

Huge congratulations to our newly-formed football team who beat Ashmead Combined School 5-1 in their Cup Game on Tuesday. Best of luck goes out to them again this afternoon in their League Game against Bedgrove Junior School.



Please do share any photos you take during matches as we would love to share them on our website!

School Photographs

Don't forget we have our rescheduled session with Tempest Photography next Friday 12th November for individuals and siblings. Please can Years 5 and 6 bring in their PE kits to change into on this day and come into school wearing their uniform.

Parent Forum

We are holding our next Parent Forum meeting on 11th January (time TBC). We are very lucky to have Parent Forum representatives who share their views with the Senior Leadership Team in school. We really appreciate the feedback and discussions that support improvement in opportunities and communication across the whole school community. Ideally we would like a representative for every class to attend the meeting (via Zoom). If anyone would be interested in representing Years Reception, 4 and 5 at this meeting, please let the School Office know.

As a reminder, your current representatives are:

Reception – Akvile S, Alex G, Lorraine W

Year 4 – Nicola N, Sarah W, Amy B, Becky W

Year 1 – Sarah W, Claire Moriarty

Year 5 – Leanne W, Charlotte I

Year 2 – Alex G, Robyn D, Charlotte I

Year 6 – Katie R, Paula F

Year 3 – Leanne W, Katie R, Becky W

Chartwells

Chartwells will be serving a special Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 8th December. If your child normally has packed lunches but they would like to have a Christmas Lunch on this day then don't forget to place their order on the ParentPay website by Tuesday 30th November at the latest.

Friends of SMCS

We have some exciting days coming up so pay close attention to the details below!

Advent Raffle forms are being sent out today so don't forget to check your child's bag so that they can take part!

On **Friday 26th November** we are asking children to bring in packets of sweets which will be used in a special competitive 'Sweetie Trail' around the school! The sweet packets will then be gathered up for using as prizes at our Christmas Market.

The **Christmas Market** date has changed and will now be held from **2.30-4.30pm** on **Friday 3rd December**. We are still looking for helpers on the day to set up, run stalls and pack away. Unfortunately, without helpers we will not be able to go ahead and run the Christmas Market so please contact us at friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk if you're able to assist in any way.

Our **Advent Window Trail** starts **Wednesday 1st December** and Stoke Mandeville Combined School have the honour of being window number 1!

On **Friday 3rd December** we will also be holding a **Mufti Day** in exchange for children bringing a bottle as a donation for our Christmas Market. This can be a bottle of any soft or alcoholic drink which will be part of one of our stalls.

Don't forget to donate items for **Christmas Hampers** which will be raffled off at the Christmas Market. Parent Reps are invited to put these together and to be as imaginative as possible!

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

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Letters Sent Home

Whole School - Flu Immunisations

Whole School – Threadworms

Whole School – Midweek Updates

Years 1-4 – Outdoor Classroom Day

Year 3 – Food Tasting Session

Years 4-6 – TimesTables Rockstars Competition

Years 5-6 – Tuesday Netball Club

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

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/upcoming-events> (New dates are written in RED)

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
Thursday 25 th November	4.30-8.30pm	Wheelpower Seasonal Shopping Evening 6-7pm SMCS Singing and Signing Choir performance
Friday 26 th November		Children to bring in sweets for Sweetie Trail Competition and the Christmas Market
Friday 26 th November		Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 1 st December		Advent Window Trail – School will be window number 1
Friday 3 rd December		Bottle Mufti Day – Wear mufti and bring a bottle to donate for the Christmas Market
Friday 3 rd December	2.30-4.30pm	Friends of SMCS: Christmas Market
Wednesday 8 th December		Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thursday 16 th December		Cinderella – Pantomime trip to Waterside Theatre

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.