



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

*Weekly Update Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November*

*I was so impressed with the behaviour of the children during our Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday. All children from Reception to Year 6 gave the occasion due reverence and respect which was truly heart warming to see.*

*Mrs Stewart*



## **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

We are so grateful to all of the children for their donations to the Royal British Legion during our Poppy Appeal. We have never had such a heavy donations pot (special thanks to Mrs Barlow for assisting our School Council with taking this around the classrooms!) and we look forward to hearing back from the Royal British Legion to see how much the school have raised!

## **Children in Need**

On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** our Year 6 Class and School Council will be leading some fun activities at our annual 'Pudsey Fair' held in the School Hall which every class will visit in the afternoon. They would like to ask all pupils to add something spotty to their uniform for the occasion in exchange for a donation to be able to join in the fun. The suggested donation is £1 but any donations are welcome to raise money for this wonderful charity.

## **Parent Governor**

We are delighted to announce that we have a new Parent Governor who is joining the Board of Governors this month. Steven Griffiths has two children currently at the school and we hope you will join us in welcoming him on board.

## **Odd Socks Day**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November we are inviting children to come in to school wearing their uniform with odd socks. This is to kick start our 'Anti Bullying Week' campaign where classes will be completing the Skills for Life topic, 'Managing hurtful behaviour and bullying'. There is no donation required for wearing odd socks and we look forward to seeing the children celebrating their uniqueness and delivering the message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance.

For more information about what will be covered during this week please refer to the letter which was sent out earlier this week (copies of all letters sent out can be found on the website <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters-home>)

## Coats in School

As the weather becomes more unpredictable please can we ensure that every child has a named coat in school, we want to make sure that every child is suitably dressed for outdoor play wherever possible.

## Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances



We are delighted to announce that our Christmas performances for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 this year will be held (subject to Covid restrictions) on the following dates:

9.15am Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
3.30pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

This will be a ticketed event with tickets being limited to 2 per family. Further information will be sent out later this month with details of how to book tickets.

## Football Results

Huge congratulations go out again to our football team who beat Weston Turville C of E School 4-0 in their League Game on Tuesday. They will now have a brief break until the New Year and we look forward to seeing how much further they will go with their winning streak!



*Please feel free to share any photos you take during matches as we would love to share them on our website! You can send them to us at [office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk)*

## Starting School in September 2022

If you, or someone you know, has a child who is eligible to start school in September 2022, an application for a Primary School place must be made in the next few months. The Primary School online application service opened at 11am on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 and the deadline for online applications is midnight on 15th January 2022. Parents should use the following website to make their application:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/submit-your-school-preferences/>

## Term Time Absence

Parents wishing to take their child out of school during term time must send a written request to the Headteacher before arrangements are made and we would always recommend that parents maintain an open and honest dialogue with the school around this. Where the holiday request is due to unavoidable parental work commitments it must be accompanied by a signed letter from the employer to support the application. Retrospective requests will not be considered. In the event of the absence being categorised as unauthorised a Penalty Notice referral will be made to the County Attendance Team. We will investigate any absence which gives us cause for concern.

Parents should be aware that if their child is absent for 10 school days they will miss 5% of their education during that academic year.



Thank you for all of the **Advent Raffle** forms that we have received back so far. Please continue to send these in via your child's book bag or they can be handed straight into the School Office.

We will be holding our next **Parents Coffee Afternoon** in the School Hall on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** at **2.30pm**. Pre-school siblings are welcome!

The maps for our hugely popular **Advent Window Trail** will be available to buy via this link <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsmcs> from 26th November. The trail starts on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December with our school being window number 1!

We are still looking for helpers on the day of our **Christmas Market** to help set up, run the stalls and pack away afterwards. If you can offer any help at all then please get in touch with us as soon as possible at [friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:friends@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk)

## Housepoint Totals this Week

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

<b>Chequers</b>	<b>Claydon</b>	<b>Hughenden</b>	<b>Waddesdon</b>
3515	3832	3728	3898

## Letters Sent Home

Year 5 and 6 – Bikeability Level 2

Whole School – Odd Socks Day

Individuals – Singing and Signing Choir – Consent form

Year 4 – Pitta Bread

Year 3 – Healthy Lunches

Whole School – Flu Immunisations Reminder

Year 2 – Reading Dog Visits

**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)

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November		Odd Socks Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15-10am	Open Morning for Reception 2022 Parents
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November		Children in Need Day – Children to wear something spotty with their uniform in exchange for a donation Year 6 Pudsey Fair in the School Hall
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15-10am	Open Morning for Reception 2022 Parents
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	4.30-8.30pm	Wheelpower Seasonal Shopping Evening 6-7pm SMCS Singing and Signing Choir performance
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November		Children to bring in sweets for Sweetie Trail Competition and the Christmas Market
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November		Flu Immunisations
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	2.30pm	Friends of SMCS: Parents Coffee Afternoon
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December		Advent Window Trail – School will be window number 1
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Bottle Mufti Day – Wear mufti and bring a bottle to donate for the Christmas Market
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	2.30-4.30pm	Friends of SMCS: Christmas Market
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December		Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30pm	Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December		Cinderella – Pantomime trip to Waterside Theatre
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	School Closes at 1.30pm for Christmas Break. No ASC on this date.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January		Inset Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January		School open for Spring Term

## 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>