



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 19th November

Pudsey Fair

A huge thanks goes out from all of the staff to our Year 6 who put on a fabulous Pudsey Fair event this afternoon in the School Hall. There was a lot of excitement from all of the classes who had a wonderful time. Thank you also to Mrs Tong, Mrs Barlow and Mr Cole for helping the children with putting on such a wonderful event and don't forget to look out for photos which will be added to our school website early next week. We have raised **£176.40** for Children in Need thanks to all of your donations so a big thank you indeed from all of us.



Remembrance Service

Our Head Boy and Head Girl joined Mrs Stewart and our Chair of Governors on Sunday at St Mary the Virgin Church to take part in the Remembrance Service. They were invited to be part of the service by reading out some of the names of fallen soldiers from World War II who lived in Stoke Mandeville.

Bucks Radio

Our JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) were interviewed by Bucks Radio on Wednesday and our Singing and Signing Choir were recorded singing a selection of Christmas songs. This recording will go out live on Sunday after the Santa Parade and Christmas Light Switch On in Aylesbury. All of the children behaved so well and the choir gave a phenomenal performance which they should be really proud of. We look forward to sharing the video link with you once we have received it from Bucks Radio.

Lunch Boxes

Can we please ask that you ensure your children don't share their lunch box contents with other children due to a number of allergies and dietary restrictions that we have in school. We have also noticed a few items of chocolate and other confectionary being brought in for lunch which we would ask that you refrain from adding to lunch boxes. Please find attached a useful poster giving helpful ideas of what should be included in a healthy lunch box. The following link is also a useful read offering advice about healthy lunch box ideas <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow

Thanks to our local community we have raised 2286 tokens so far as part of the Morrisons It's Good to Grow scheme. We are so grateful for these and look forward to buying our first batch of gardening equipment for use by our Reception and KS1 children.

Netball Results

Our Netball Team played their first ever game against Turnfurlong Junior School on Tuesday. The final score was 9-0 to Turnfurlong, however we were so impressed with the high standard that the girls are already performing at and know that after a few weeks of training before our next match in February we will certainly be a team to be reckoned with!



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

Bikeability Level 2

We have just a few places remaining for this so if your child is keen to take part then please return the consent form to the School Office (or via your child's book bag) together with cash or payment via School Gateway by **Wednesday 24th November**. If you have submitted a consent form then don't forget to pay on School Gateway and if you have already paid on School Gateway then please don't forget we still need your paper consent form. If you have any problems with printing the form off then please let the School Office know and we can send a copy home for you.

Christingle Service

Donation envelopes and letter gone out today for this event which will be taking place on Thursday 2nd December. This service will be just for children as unfortunately we can't fit parents into the church as well, however we will make sure that we will upload photos of the children taking part and they will of course be bringing home their own individual Christingle orange to show you.



Please continue to send your **Advent Raffle** forms in to the School Office or via your child's book bag. Thank you to everyone who has returned theirs so far.

Don't forget that next Friday 26th November we are asking your child to bring in packets of sweets to help them compete in the '**Longest line of sweets**' house challenge.

We would like to invite as many parents and carers as possible to our **Friends Coffee Morning** on Friday 26th November at 2.30pm. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents, find out about the work of the Friends of SMCS and the Parents' Forum. Please do let us know if you can attend – we have sent a letter home this week. Pre-school siblings are welcome!

On Friday 3rd December we are holding a **Bottle Mufti Day** where the children can wear mufti in exchange for bringing in a bottle of soft drink or alcohol.

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 1st 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

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
4330	4383	4390	4514

Letters Sent Home

Year 6 – River Dart 2021

Individuals – Signing Choir - Bucks Radio Consent

Reception – Banana Birthday Cupcakes

Year 6 – Supply Teacher

Whole school – Christingle Letter

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)

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
Friday 26 th November	2.30pm	Friends of SMCS: Parents Coffee Afternoon
Wednesday 1 st December		Advent Window Trail – School will be window number 1
Thursday 2nd December		Christingle Service at St Mary the Virgin Church
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
Tuesday 14 th December	9.15am	Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 15 th December	3.30pm	Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 16 th December		Cinderella – Pantomime trip to Waterside Theatre
Friday 17 th December	1.30pm	School Closes at 1.30pm for Christmas Break. No ASC on this date.
Tuesday 4 th January		Inset Day
Wednesday 5 th 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>