



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 26th November

House Sweetie Trail Competition

Thank you for all of your wonderful sweetie donations that the children brought in today. A lot of fun was had by the children adding their sweets to the line in the corridor and we're happy to announce that the winners were...**CLAYDON**, followed closely by Hughenden with Chequers and Waddesdon in joint third position.

Friends of SMCS Coffee Afternoon

It was lovely to meet some of our parents this afternoon at the Friends of SMCS Coffee Afternoon. The homemade cake in particular went down a treat! We hope to continue running these afternoons throughout the year so do come along to meet other parents and support the Friends of SMCS.



Website

Photos from the Pudsey Fair and Sweetie Trail are now available on our website under 'Latest Events' if you'd like to have a look through our gallery. We are working hard to make the website a source of information for everyone and to keep it as up to date as possible. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see included on the website then please do drop us an email titled 'WEBSITE FEEDBACK'.

Absences

Just a gentle reminder that we need to hear from you by 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. If you know ahead of time that your child will be off due to a pre-booked medical or dental appointment then please send the office an email or submit an Absence Request form to the School Office with a copy of your appointment letter (these can be found on the School Website under Key Information/Useful Forms).

If your child is unwell on the day then please call the School Office on 01296 612371 (dial 1 for the Absence Line) or email office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk to give the reason for your child's absence and expected return date in the case of Covid or sickness.

Contact Details

Please can we remind all parents that if you have a change of contact details then we need to have these communicated to us in the office. If you have changed your mobile or work number then please let us know, and if you have recently moved house then please send us your new address and moving date for our records.

School Office

As a polite reminder our School Office inbox is not monitored over the weekend. All MAC and ASC requests for Monday need to be received by the School Office by 12pm Friday at the latest. Office hours are 8am to 3.45pm from Monday to Friday. Any requests after this time will be dealt with the following morning or the following Monday in the case of Friday communications.

Reception – Parent Survey

We have sent home a Parent Survey to our Reception parents this week but as a reminder this should be completed by Monday 29th November. As a reminder the link for this is

<https://forms.gle/QsdYkKpNANwDr6BH9>.

Advent Raffle Results

Our Advent Raffle winners were announced in our Celebration Assembly this morning! The lucky recipients of the following advent calendars were as follows:

Hattie (R) – Bomb Cosmetics

Dexter (R) – Lego Advent

Danika (R) – Fidget Advent

Florence (Y2) – Smiggle

Ella (Y2) – Naked Marshmallow

Noreen (Y3) – Colour in Pillow

Tempest Photography - Deadline

Don't forget to place your orders for school photographs by Wednesday 1st December at the latest for free delivery back to the school. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Christmas Performance

Further information will be sent out next week regarding the Christmas performances and how you can purchase your tickets. As a reminder to all parents we will be insisting on Covid protocols around testing and face mask wearing for the safety of our children and staff.

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)

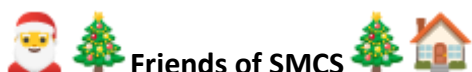
We are delighted to announce our JRSOs for this year who have volunteered to help support Miss Telfer with her Travel Plan for which we were recently awarded a Platinum Award (one of only 3 schools in Bucks!). Our new JRSOs are Niall, Rehaan, Fraser and George. They were lucky enough to be interviewed by Bucks Radio and we look forward to seeing them on the Bucks Radio Facebook page shortly.

School Crossing Plea

We have been made aware this morning that some parents are choosing to ignore our School Crossing Patroller in the mornings and afternoons. We are so disappointed to hear this as she is there to keep you and your children safe. Please help us to demonstrate good road safety practice to all of our children by following her guidance when crossing the road.

Christmas Lunch

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that the deadline for ordering the Christmas Lunch through Chartwell's is next Tuesday 2nd December.



Next 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 TODAY. The trail starts next Wednesday 1st December with our school being window number 1!

Housepoint Totals this Week

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

| Chequers | Claydon | Hughenden | Waddesdon |
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| 5952 | 5952 | 5962 | 5974 |

Letters Sent Home

Whole School – Panto 2021

Signing Choir – Guttman Stadium Performance

Whole School – Tempest Photography deadline

Reception – Parent Survey

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)

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| Wednesday 1 st December | | Advent Window Trail – School will be window number 1 |
| Thursday 2 nd 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>