



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 3rd December

Christingle Service

The school had two wonderful Christingle Services at St Mary's Church yesterday. We celebrated the meaning of Christingle with carols and readings and the children had Christingle oranges to take home.

Thank you for all of your generous donations to the Children's Society.



Bikeability Level 2

For our Year 5 and 6 pupils who have signed up to take part in their Level 2 Bikeability Course, this will be taking place next **Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th December**. Children will need to have their bikes, helmets and wet weather gear on these days as they will be out on the roads even if it's wet. If your child wishes to bring a pair of joggers and trainers for wearing during the session then please send these in (please ensure as always that all items of uniform and spare clothing are named).

Nativity Tickets

Our Christmas Nativity tickets will be available via the School Office from **Monday 6th December** (please see the letter sent out to all Reception and KS1 parents/carers this afternoon for further details). Tickets are priced at £2 each and are limited to two per family. Please note that these will be available on a first come first served basis and that we will be adhering to strict Covid protocols including the mandatory wearing of face masks for all visitors.



Cinderella Panto

Thank you to everyone who has paid for the Christmas Panto so far. We still have a large number of payments outstanding and would appreciate it if you could pay these via School Gateway as soon as possible. If you are struggling to gain access to School Gateway then please email the School Office or alternatively please send the £14 in an envelope to the School Office clearly marked with your child's named and titled 'Panto 2021'.

Panto Day – Lunches

When booking your child's lunches for the week commencing 13th December please ensure that you order a packed lunch from Chartwells or have your child bring in a packed lunch from home on the day of the Panto (Thursday 16th December). We cannot guarantee what time we will be returning from the Waterside Theatre so a packed lunch will instead waiting for when they arrive back at school. If you have already selected your child's menu for this day then you are still able to make the changes up until this coming Tuesday 7th December.

Allotments

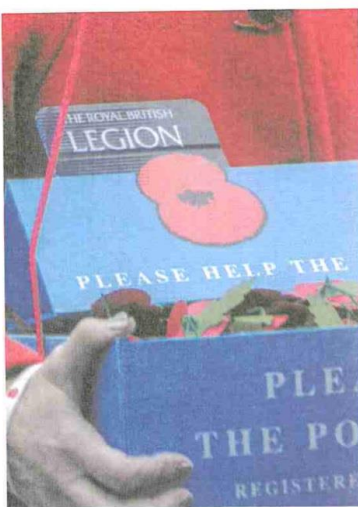
We wanted to give you advance notice that works to install a new gravel footpath at the allotments is due to start next Monday 6 December for up to a week. This may impact on parents using the car park so please plan to make alternative parking arrangements for next week and allow extra time to park further away and walk in if needed.

Age-Inappropriate Content

According to research carried out by the British Board of Film Classification, last year 60% of children had to talk to their parents after viewing something online that had left them feeling uncomfortable, scared or confused. One in seven (13%) teens said that watching content online that they later wish they hadn't seen is a daily occurrence. Perhaps unsurprisingly, more than half of the content reported by children featured either violence, hate speech or explicit sexual material. Social media often acts as a gateway to this material. Please find attached a useful online guide to social media and how to talk to your child about inappropriate content.

Poppy Appeal Update

We received information this week from The Royal British Legion that our school has raised **£239.38** through our Poppy Appeal which is an incredible amount for such a small school. As a comparison the District Total was £865.16 so this really is a wonderful contribution to such a worthy cause.



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 239.38
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely
St Hopkins
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ 865.16.
Registered Charity No. 219279

MAC and ASC

New booking forms will go out on Monday next week for existing MAC and ASC users. Please ensure that you return these by next **Friday 10th December** as places will then be released to children on our waiting list.



Bucks Radio

Head to the Latest News section on our website to see Mrs Stewart being interviewed by Bucks Radio about our fabulous Signing Choir, as well as a wonderful performance by the Signing Choir themselves!

<https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/news/latestnews>

Rotary Club Christmas Float

This year for the first time the Rotary Club of Aylesbury Carol Float is visiting the newly built estates on **Lower Road, Harborne Manor and Mandeville Park**. The Rotary Club of Aylesbury has been visiting the High Street and the homes of Aylesbury for around 40 years raising money for local charities such as Gateway, Lindengate, Medical Detection Dogs, National Paralympic Heritage Trust, Heart of Bucks, Scannappeal, Guides and Scouts. Last year they included local food banks for the first time and this support continues. Please find attached a flyer with the dates and routes they will be following.



Friends of SMCS



A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Market this afternoon. It has been a huge success and an update on how much we have raised for the Friends of SMCS will be announced in due course. All raffle winners will be contacted directly by the Friends.

Letters Sent Home

Year 2 – Chicken Pox Case

Year 3 – Healthy Lunch Reminder

Whole School – SMCS Christmas Market

Whole School – Advance Warning – Allotment Car Parking Closures

Whole School – Christmas Market Hamper Raffle

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Nativity Tickets

Individuals from Year 5 & 6 – Bikeability Level 2

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 6 th December		Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 7 th December		
Wednesday 8 th December		
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>