



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 7th January

Welcome back to all of our families! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and that the children are feeling well rested and are raring to go this spring term.



Teaching Assistant Changes

There have been some changes to the teaching assistant structure in Years 3, 4 and 5 which are listed below for your reference. The teaching assistants in these classes are now as follows:

Year 3	<i>Mrs S Bushay</i>	<i>Miss E Broadbent</i>	<i>Mr B Rolfe</i>
Year 4	<i>Mrs L Oldfield</i>	<i>Mrs T Walker</i>	<i>Mrs A Danel</i>
Year 5	<i>Mrs S Noordin</i>	<i>Miss C Telfer</i>	



Platinum Travel Award – Bucks Radio

We made the news this morning on Bucks Radio!

<https://www.bucks.radio/news/local-news/stoke-mandeville-combined-school-platinum-award-winners/>

Congratulations to Miss Telfer and her team of Junior Road Safety Officers for doing such a wonderful job being interviewed for Bucks Radio. We are so proud of them for representing the school in the local media in such a positive way.

Pupil Premium

If your circumstances have changed over Christmas and you think your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals then please fill in the attached form or contact the School Office. You can also head to the [Pupil Premium](#) section of our website for further information and to download an application form.

Primary School Applications

If you, or someone you know, has a child who is eligible to start school in September 2022, there are just a few days left to make an application. The Primary School online application service opened on 3rd 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/>

Uniform

As a reminder, children should be wearing black shoes on their uniform days and not ankle boots, heels or trainers (except where agreed for medical reasons).

On PE days please ensure that children are wearing appropriate sports attire and not 'mufti' dress. As a reminder this is:

- Plain navy-blue shorts
- T-shirt in the child's house colour
- Trainers for outdoor use
- Plain tracksuit, jogging bottoms or sweatshirt for outside cold weather PE

With regards to jewellery can we remind parents that children with pierced ears should only wear plain studs (no dangling studs or hoops).

We are aware that a growing number of children are starting to wear FitBit or equivalent smart watches to school. We appreciate that these are helpful for encouraging children to keep fit and to give them practice in telling the time (even better if they are able to choose a watch face with an analogue clock!). Provided that these do not prove to be a distraction in class then we will continue to allow them, however if a child has to be repeatedly asked to refrain from using their watch in class then they may be asked not to bring them in to school.

All information regarding uniform can be found on our website under [Key Information/School Uniform](#)

Parking

Even though we have only had a short first week we have already had complaints from both local residents and staff about parent parking. Please be considerate of where you park and ensure that you are not blocking driveways or obscuring access for other cars attempting to drive past your car in the layby. As part of our Travel Plan we are encouraging as many families as possible to walk, cycle or park further away and walk in.

Update to Covid guidelines

As communicated to you earlier this week we have placed an updated copy of our [Covid Risk Assessment](#) on our website for your information. A summary of the changes which have been in place since 22nd December are given below.

The 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

*People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test **every day** for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.*

Term Dates and Inset Days

We have updated our website with our [2022-23 Term Dates and Inset Days](#) (please note that our 2022-23 Inset Days may be subject to change) and also included these dates below for your information.

Term	School Opens	Last Day Before Holiday
Spring Term '22	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Friday 18 th February 2022
	Tuesday 1 st March 2022	Friday 8 th April 2022
Summer Term '22	Monday 25 th April 2022	Friday 27 th May 2022
	Monday 6 th June 2022	Tuesday 19 th July 2022
Autumn Term '22	Tuesday 6 th September 2022	Friday 21 st October 2022
	Tuesday 1 st November 2022	Tuesday 20 th December 2022
Spring Term '23	Thursday 5 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023
	Monday 20 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023
Summer Term '23	Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023
	Monday 5 th June 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023

Inset Days 2021/22	Inset Days 2022/23
Wednesday 1st September 2021	Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 1st November 2021	Monday 5th September 2022
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Monday 31st October 2022
Monday 28th February 2022	Wednesday 4th January 2023
Wednesday 20th July 2022	Monday 17th April 2023
	<i>Please note all 2022-23 dates are still to be confirmed</i>



Chartwells

Don't forget to place your orders for the Chartwells New Year's Celebration Day on Thursday 20th January by **11pm Tuesday 11th January** when Sausage Rolls or Cheese Pasties (v) are on offer with a variety of Strawberry, Chocolate or Salted Caramel Cheesecakes for dessert.

To save placing your orders weekly then there is the facility to place your orders several weeks in advance up until the end of this half term.

Weston Turville CE - Admissions Policy Consultation

The Governing Body of Weston Turville CE School are proposing a change to their Admission Policy for 2023-24 and are now consulting on this until Monday 17th January 2022. Please find attached information for your perusal if these changes will potentially affect you.

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)

Tuesday 11 th January	3.15-4.15pm	First After-School Netball Club (Y5 & 6)
Tuesday 11th January	3.15-4.15pm	First Multi-Sport Club (Y3 to 6) – Booking via Premier
Wednesday 12 th January	3.15-4pm	First After School Dance Club (Y5 & 6)
Wednesday 12 th January		First Swimming Session (Y4 only)
Thursday 13 th January	3.15-4pm	First After-School Football Club (Y5 & 6)
Thursday 20 th January		Chartwells New Year Celebration Menu
Friday 21 st January		School Council: Break the Rules Day

Letters Sent Home

Whole School: Lateral Flow Tests

Whole School: Bucks Radio

Whole School: Mrs Andre - Bereavement

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.

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)