



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 2nd November

Attendance

A big well done to Year 2 who have achieved 100% attendance this week, closely followed by Years 1 & 5 with 98.7%.

Be Bright, Be Seen

Well done to everyone who participated in Be Bright, Be Seen today, it was great to see so many high visibility outfits and we know that you will continue to use these things to stay safe now that the clocks have changed.



Poppies on Sale

Please note that we are now selling Poppies and other merchandise from the school office. These will be sold on a first come first served basis. The donation suggestions for items are as follows: Ruler - £1, Pencil - 50p, Eraser - 50p, Pencil Sharpener - 50p, Reflector clip - 50p

Remembrance Sunday in Aylesbury

Sunday 11th November 2018 marks 100 years since the ending of World War One. Many events are being planned in local communities to mark this significant event. In Aylesbury a day of remembrance has been planned jointly between the county, district, town and parish councils together with the Royal British Legion and other partners.

During the afternoon on 11th November a special, free, thank You event will take place at The Gateway. Suitable for the whole family, the event will transport you back to the World War One era with live music and poetry readings, war time ration lunches and afternoon teas. The Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies will have displays and information from their archives and will be promoting their new website which details biographies of some of the many men and women from Buckinghamshire who fought in the war.

Although the Gateway event is free, tickets must be obtained in advance. Tickets can be booked online at: www.buckscc.gov.uk/wwi-event. Alternatively you can pick them up from the Royal British Legion shop in Aylesbury High Street or from the Main Reception at the AVDC offices at the Gateway.

- 6am - a lone piper will sound out the tune of The Battle's O'er at the War Memorial in Market Square
- 11am - the usual Remembrance Day Service and Parade will take place
- 1pm to 4pm – Free thank You event at The Gateway
- 3pm - a special church service will take place at St Mary's Church
- 5pm - a bugler will perform The Last Post in Market Square
- 7pm - a Beacon of Light will be lit in Market Square
- 7.05pm - the bells at St Mary's Church will ring out for peace

Health and Safety

If you walk to school, particularly along Station Road, please can we ask that you do not let younger children run ahead. It is a very busy road, with frequent access to side roads and driveways. We would recommend to always keep younger children in sight and preferably to hold their hands to keep them safe.

You may notice that the zebra crossing on Lower Road and the zig zag lines on Marsh Lane have been repainted. This follows both issues being reported on the Transport for Bucks website <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-highways-problem/>

Parent Book Look

We are holding our next 'Book Look' on Tuesday 27th November 15.15pm – 16.00pm. This is an information opportunity to come and see your child's work and we would be very pleased to see as many of you as possible.

Coffee Morning

We would like to invite as many parents and carers as possible to our coffee morning on Tuesday 13th November from 9am – 10am. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents, find out about the work of the School Friends and the Parents' Forum and to meet our School Council who will be helping with this event.

Maths morning

Thank you so much to all who attended our Maths Open Morning today. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you and it was fantastic to see so many involved in the games and activities! Your feedback and comments have been much appreciated. As well as telling us what you have enjoyed about today and found helpful, which I have passed on to all staff, you have given us some very useful suggestions moving forward. I will spend some time collating all information and addressing the suggestions made. There were no handouts from today but I will be sharing with you some further developments within Maths in the coming weeks. We will be holding another Maths Open Morning in the Spring term. The date is yet to be confirmed but will be shared later on this term.

Suspected Mumps

We must report to you that there has been a suspected case of mumps at school. Please take a look at the NHS guidance about mumps here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mumps/>. If you have any queries we would recommend that you speak to your GP.

Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

The Reception and KS1 Christmas performances will take place on Wednesday 5th December in the afternoon and Thursday 6th December in the evening. More information regarding ticket sale and costumes will be sent out in due course.

Aylesbury Music Centre

This Saturday (3rd Nov) there is an open morning at Aylesbury Music Centre from 9am until 1pm. They will be welcoming any students who would like to sing or can play an instrument, even if they have only just started learning.

Letters Sent Home

Afternoon booster session letter (Year 6)

Tennis Festival letter (selected pupils)

Bikeability Level 2 confirmation letter (selected pupils)

Energize Dance Festival letter (Dance Club)

Netball November 2018 letter (Netball Club)

Diwali Dance Workshop letter (Years 3 & 5)

Chocolate experiment letter (Year 4)

Year 2 SATS Information Evening (Year 2)

Flat Stanley letter (Year 3)

Dates for the Diary

6 th November	Prospective Parent event 10am
5 th – 7 th November	Bikeability Level 2 – Year 5
7 th November	Year 4 Class Assembly
8 th November	Prospective Parent event 13.45pm
9 th November	Remembrance day Assembly Diwali Dance Workshop Yrs 3 & 5
12 th – 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
13 th November	Coffee morning – all parents welcome Flu Vaccinations (Yrs R-5)
15 th November	Pudsey Fair during school
16 th November	INSET DAY
19 th November	Year 2 SATS Information Evening
22 nd November	Prospective Parent event 10am
23 rd November	HI Music Workshop
5 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (afternoon)
6 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (evening) School choir to Friars Square
7 th December	Christmas Fayre
12 th December	Hot School Meals Christmas Lunch
14 th December	Whole School to the Pantomime
18 th December	Christmas Holiday – school closes 13.30pm
2 nd January 2019	INSET DAY
3 rd January 2019	School re-opens normal time