



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 7th December

FIRSTLY, A BIG THANK YOU

To our wonderful staff team who have been busy making Christmas magic for the children this week. Thank you to Mrs Gulliver, Miss Gouldstone, Miss Jacob and the Early Years and KS1 team for the Christmas Performances which I know have been enjoyed by everyone. Thank you also to the parents who have been very understanding and supportive of our need to manage the number of guests we can accommodate in the hall at one time.

Another big thank you to Mrs Swain, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Wells who have organised this afternoon's Christmas Fayre, as well as all of the other staff members who have given their time and donations to make this afternoon fun for the children. Thank you also to parents and carers for your donations of bottles, sweets and cakes, we rely on your support and are so grateful for your support in creating these moments for your children to enjoy.

Longest sweetie competition

Congratulations to Years 2 & 6 who tied for the longest line of sweeties which stretched nearly halfway around our quadrant corridor! The children thoroughly enjoyed laying out the sweets and there was a great buzz of excitement around the school.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Signed Singing Tesco Broadfields Thursday 11th December

The Signed Singing Choir will be performing at Tesco Broadfields on Tuesday 11th December from 5pm – 6pm.

Safeguarding - Fortnite

We have had several incidents where children have disclosed their viewing and gaming habits to both friends and staff, unaware that the games or programmes they are watching/playing are of an unsuitable age certificate. Whilst it is the responsibility of parents to manage what children watch at home, the school must deal with incidents where children share what they have seen with their friends, often in graphic detail. We appreciate it can be difficult for parents to remain informed and monitor all the different media children have access to, but there are many sources of advice and information. One particular game, Fortnite, often features in children's conversations and this carries a '12' PEGI certificate for violent content - attached is a guide for parents about some of the concerns associated with the game. We also recommend the following websites: • <http://www.bbfc.co.uk/> - film/TV certification and information • <https://pegi.info/> - gaming certification and information • <https://www.common sense media.org/> - information/advice about all forms of media from other parents and children. We will keep you informed of other useful information and also about e-safety workshops that we will hold in future.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year R & 1 who have both achieved over 98% attendance this week

Mrs James

I am very sad to let you all know that Mrs James has been successful in gaining an appointment as the School Travel Advisor for Bucks County Council! A well -deserved appointment for someone who has ensured we at Stoke Mandeville have maintained our Gold Award for travel planning for the last 3 years and being in the top 3% across the country for travel planning. We thank her for all of her amazing work over the last 14 years!

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated to our charitable causes during November, we can now let you know that we raised £133.54 for the Poppy Appeal and £145 for Children in Need.

Message from Friends

We are happy to tell you that there is now another way to keep in touch with 'Friends of SMCS'. Find us on Twitter at <https://www.twitter.com/FriendsOfSMCS>

Letters Sent Home

Christingle Making letter (Year 6)

Year 5 'WOW' Day letter (Year 5)

Dates for the Diary

11 th December	Christingle Service at St Marys Signed Singing at Tesco Broadfields 5pm-6pm
12 th December	Hot School Meals Christmas Lunch Jazzercise Workshops Years 4-6
14 th December	Whole School to the Pantomime Friends Christmas Disco
17 th December	Colonel Custard show after school
18 th December	Christmas Holiday – school closes 13.30pm
2 nd January 2019	INSET DAY
3 rd January 2019	School re-opens normal time
7 th – 10 th January 2019	Bikeability Balance Year R
22 nd January 2019	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
23 rd January 2019	Game Over Workshop (KS2)