



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 18th January

Attendance

Well done to Years 2 and 4 who have both achieved attendance above 99% this week. The total attendance for the school this week is 97.5%.

Communication with school

Please ensure that email communications to the school are sent via the 'office@' address in order for us to direct your queries appropriately. Staff will not respond to emails sent directly to other addresses. Emails may also be filtered into spam folders and therefore may not be received and responded to.

Uniform Standards

Please help us to uphold our uniform standards by ensure that you follow our School Uniform policy as detailed below:

- Navy blue school sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper
- White polo shirt, shirt or blouse
- Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore or tailored shorts
- Blue and white gingham or striped dresses for summer
- Plain white socks for girls, plain dark socks for boys
- If tights are worn, they should be grey or navy blue
- Plain black school shoes (no high heels, trainers or open-toed shoes)
- No jewellery, other than plain stud earrings and watches, should be worn at school.
- Long hair must be tied back for practical activities. Hair accessories should be small and in-keeping with the school colours. Multi-coloured hair accessories and large bows are not part of our uniform policy and are therefore not permitted and children will be asked to remove them.
- Nail varnish and other cosmetics are not permitted.

Weather Forecast

At the moment there is a forecast of potential snow for next week. We will always endeavour for the school to stay open provided that it remains safe to do so. We have to consider not only the children's access to the school but also whether we can maintain safe staffing ratios dependant on staff being able to get to school. We will aim to make decisions in a timely fashion. Information about Bucks School Closures can be found on <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/search.aspx> and are also reported to Mix 96 who broadcast regular school closure updates during bad weather. We would again remind parents and carers to ensure that children always bring to school a hat, gloves and scarf as well as a winter coat. Please ensure that all items are clearly named so that they spend their time keeping your children warm rather than taking up space in the lost property box!

Safeguarding

All visitors to school must sign in at Reception and wear their visitors lanyard at all times. This not only allows us to keep our children safe in school but also ensures that we have accurate records in case of an emergency.

Please can we also remind parents and carers to let us know if they will not be attending the After School Club so that we do not expect them and take unnecessary efforts to establish their whereabouts.

Staff Led Clubs

Staff led clubs will continue to run during the Spring Term and a schedule has been sent out with this Weekly Update. If your child already attends the club and wishes to continue then you do not need to let us know. If your child would like to join a club then please inform the school office.

School Team Football Club

School team football club will recommence on Tuesday 22nd January, at lunch time. Please ensure that your child brings appropriate sportswear for the weather.

Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a Teaching Assistant (closing date 23rd Jan) and a Midday Supervisor (closing date 21st Jan). Both adverts, along with Job and Person Specifications are available to view at <http://jobs.buckscc.gov.uk/job-search/>. If you, or someone you know, are interested in applying for either role please contact the School Office in the first instance.

Friends on Facebook

If you use social media you may follow the 'Friends of SMCS' on Facebook. They have recently changed their Facebook page to an 'invite only' group so that they can share information within a restricted audience. The group is called 'Friends of Stoke Mandeville Combined School' and you can request to join the group to keep up to date with dates and events.

School Uniform and Book Sale

After school on Friday 1st February we will be holding a school uniform and book sale. If you would like to donate any books or spare uniform please drop your donations off at the School Office.

Letters Sent Home

Local Area Walk (Year 3)

History WOW! Day (Year R and KS1)

Swimming Spring Term (Year 3)

Multiskills Festival Letter (Year 4)

Frontier Centre additional cost (Year 4)

Dates for the Diary

22 nd January	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
23 rd January	Game Over Workshop (KS2)
30 th January	Year R and KS1 History WOW Day
1 st Feb	KS2 Friends Movie Night After school Book and Uniform sale
12 th February	Parents Evening 15.30 – 20.00
13 th February	Parents Evening 15.30 – 18.00
15 th February	School Closes normal time
25 th February	School re-opens after half term
27 th February	Year 3 Swimming begins
2 nd March	Friends Bingo Night
6 th March	School Group Photos
11 th March	Science Workshop
14 th March	Football away at Weston Turville