



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 30th November

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have so many wonderful events in the diary for the lead-up to Christmas and we would love to see our School Community supporting the children by attending.

Signed Singing Tesco Broadfields Thursday 11th December

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

Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances 5th and 6th December

The Reception and KS1 Christmas performances will take place on Wednesday 5th December in the afternoon and Thursday 6th December in the evening. There are a small number of tickets still available for the Wednesday afternoon performance so please see the School Office if you would like to purchase further tickets. Parking will be available from both events (from 13.15pm on the school playground and access to the school hall will be through the rear doors. Please ensure that you bring your tickets with you as we must adhere to the Fire Safety regulations for our hall capacity. Please feel welcome to join us for refreshments before the show.

Christmas Fayre Friday 7th December

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items towards the Christmas Fayre on Friday next week (3.15pm – 5pm). We would still be grateful for further donations of used/new toys, teddies, books and games. Please remember that next Friday is **MUFTI DAY** in exchange for a bottle for the tombola and we would also appreciate your donations of shop bought and homemade (nut free!!) cakes on Friday. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Don't forget the competition next Wednesday where each class will try and make the longest line of packets of sweets. The winning class will receive extra play time and housepoints so please try and provide the longest sweets for your children.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 who have had a brilliant week and have achieved 100% attendance last week, closely followed by Year 3 with 99.3%. Well done everyone.

Guttman Performance

On Thursday evening the Signed Singing Choir performed at the Guttman Stadium in Stoke Mandeville. We were so proud of their beautiful singing and signing and they were wonderful ambassadors for the school. Well done to everyone that came along to help fundraise for Wheelpower, and a special thank you to Mrs Morgan for organising this for the children.

Safeguarding – photos and videos

We would politely like to remind all Parents and Carers that taking photographs or recording video of the children at school or on school outings and posting to any social media platform is not permitted. This is because not all of the children shown in photographs have been given consent to appear in the public arena.

Contacting the school

If you wish to contact the school please use one of following routes:

Email – please ONLY send emails to office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk. Emails sent to any other email address may not be received or responded to.

Telephone – please contact 01296 612371. During busy periods and out of normal working hours your call will divert to answerphone – please leave a voicemail which will be picked up at the earliest opportunity.

In person – The office is manned from 8am until 4pm and you are always welcome to pop in during these hours.

Absence from School

Where pupils of compulsory school age are recorded as absent, the register must show whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

Absence can only be authorised by the Headteacher and cannot be authorised by parents. All absences will be treated as unauthorised unless a satisfactory explanation for the pupil's absence has been received.

Parents should advise the school by telephone on the first day of absence and provide the school with an expected date of return. This should be followed up in the form of a written note from the parent/carer, though verbal explanations may be acceptable where this is considered appropriate. Alternative arrangements will be agreed with non-English speaking parents/carers.

Safeguarding

In order for us to safeguard children, staff and visitors in school we must ALWAYS maintain an accurate log of who is on site. All visitors must report to Reception and sign in before they can enter the school. Any visitor on site must be wearing a badge and will be challenged if they do not have one.

Christmas Lunch

Chartwells are offering a special Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 12th December. The children will each be given a Christmas cracker as well! The deadline for ordering this meal is 9pm on Tuesday 4th December, via Parentpay.

Admissions deadline

For children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, the deadline for applications for a place in the Reception Class 2019 is 3pm on 15th January 2019. The portal is now open on the website – www.buckscc.gov.uk.

Letters Sent Home

Christingle Letter (whole school)

Year 1 WOW Event letter (Year 1)

Game Over workshop (Key Stage 2)

Colonel Custard show (whole school)

Dates for the Diary

2 nd December	Signed Singing performance, Florence Nightingale, Walton Lodge
5 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (afternoon) Waste Free Lunch
6 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (evening) School choir to Friars Square
7 th December	MUFTI DAY in exchange for bottle Christmas Fayre Year 1 WOW Event
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)