



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Monday 26th 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.

Parent Book Look - Tuesday 27th November

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.

Performance at the Guttman Pamper Evening - Thursday 29th November

The Signed Singing Choir will be supporting Wheelpower at the Guttman Pamper Evening with a performance between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. The event is open to all and the choir would be delighted to receive lots of support from the school community.

Florence Nightingale Festival of Lights - Sunday 2nd December

The Signed Singing and School Choirs have the great honour of being the only school choirs invited to attend the switch on of the Christmas tree lights memorial service at Florence Nightingale Hospice for families who have lost loved ones. Parents and carers of the performers are welcome to attend and the children would appreciate your support if you are able to join them – please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can inform them of numbers.

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. Tickets are £2 and limited to two per family in the first instance. They will go on sale from the school office on Monday 26th November.

Christmas Fayre Friday 7th December

This year the Christmas Fayre is moving to the Friday evening straight after school. There will be singing and stalls for everyone to enjoy. This will be from 3.30pm until 5.00pm

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 who 99.3% attendance last week week, closely followed by Year 1 with 98.7% and Year 5 with 98%. Well done everyone.

Message from Friends

We've registered with 'easyfundraising' and we need your help! 'easyfundraising' is a great website where you can help Friends Of Stoke Mandeville Combined School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want raise as much as possible so please sign up.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fostokemcs/>

Do you shop at Amazon? If so you there is a very easy way you could help raise some much needed school funds. All you have to do is log in through this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1029872-0> or and select 'Friends of Stoke Mandeville Combined School' as your chosen charity by either typing the charity name or just Stoke Mandeville in the search box and then shop as normal. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases straight into the Friends bank account, you don't need to do anything and all of your account details including your basket and order information remains the same. All you have to do after that is remember to log in every time you use Amazon.

Uniform Standards

Please note that 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.

Homework

The last homework of the term will be set on Thursday 6th December – this will be due for return on Tuesday 11th December.

Cold Weather Wear

During periods of cold weather we would ask that your child 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!

Home School travel consultation

The link below is to a consultation which Bucks CC are currently undertaking. This is to find ways to change to costs on the County finances regarding home school transport. This could potentially affect a huge number of families across the county. Please do read through the proposal on the consultation and then complete the questionnaire. It doesn't take long to complete but could make a difference to transport to school. <https://www.research.net/r/schooltransport>

Letters Sent Home

Year 3 Assembly (Year 3)

KS1 Christmas Performance (Years R, 1 & 2)

Change4Life festival letter (selected students)

Year 5 student teacher letter (Year 5)

Choir consent form (Choir)

Waste Free Lunch letter (whole school)

Game Over workshop (Key Stage 2)

Colonel Custard show (whole school)

Dates for the Diary

27 th November	Book Look 15.15pm – 16.00pm
28 th November	Year 3 Assembly 9.05am
29 th November	Signed Singing performance, Guttman Centre
2 nd December	Signed Singing performance, Florence Nightingale, Walton Lodge
5 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (afternoon)
6 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (evening) School choir to Friars Square Waste Free Lunch
7 th December	Christmas Fayre
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