



STOKE MANDEVILLE COMBINED SCHOOL

Weekly Update

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Weekly Update

Friday 14th September

Attendance

Congratulations to Years 4 & 6 who have both started the year brilliantly with 100% attendance in the first full week – this is a very encouraging start and one to be congratulated.

Safeguarding

At Stoke Mandeville Combined School we take all aspects of Safeguarding very seriously. In school there are three people who are responsible for ensuring this happens. These are:

Mrs Stewart - Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mrs Tong - KS2 Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Gulliver - KS1 Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you have any concerns about a child please contact one of these people who will be happy to record this information and share with appropriate professionals.

Park Away Day Friday 21st September

To continue our hard work on both our Gold Travel Plan and Gold Sports Mark applications we will be promoting this event. On this day there will be no parking at the front of the school. Children and parents (or just children if you choose to drop off your child) can meet school staff at The Bell or The Bull public house car parks between 8.20am and 8.40am and join the Walking Bus to school, leaving no later 8.40am. If you are able to support this event, we would be grateful if you could pledge this via the Mix 96 website - <https://www.mix96.co.uk/safe-steps-to-school.php> and we could be lucky enough to be joined on our Walking Bus by one of the Mix 96 Breakfast Team!

11+ Transfer Test

A big well done to our Year 6 who have taken their 11+ transfer test this week. The mature way in which they approached the day was commendable and certainly demonstrated the 5 R's of our school values.

School Uniform

Every child is expected to adhere to the rules of our School Uniform Policy which can be found on the school website. If, for any reason, your child is not wearing the correct uniform to school please can you report this to us in writing, explaining the reason why. Thank you in advance for your support.

Appeal for Donations

We are starting a new Nuture Group in January and we are looking for some items to enhance the space we will be using – we are looking for one or two used sofas, a rug, a small fridge and any old tablets or phones (ideally with speech to text capability).

Packed Lunch Guidance

Please can we remind all Parents and Carers that we are a nut free school, please ensure that you do not pack any nut products in your child's lunch box. Please also remind your children that they MUST NOT swap or share any items from their packed lunch, as this may be dangerous for children who have allergies or intolerances. Sweets and confectionary are not permitted although a small chocolate covered biscuit or wafer is acceptable as part of a healthy lunch although we would recommend that these are considered a treat rather than a regular item.

Message on behalf of Friends

Thank you to all who attended the Friends' Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12th September. The below members have been elected as board committee for the next academic year:

Chair - Nikki Cooke (Year 5)

Vice Chair - Lauren Zientek (Years 2 & 4)

Treasurer - Chris Telfer (Year 4)

Secretary - Rebecca Richards (Years 1 & 4)

It was clear from the attendance that the capacity of the Friends to undertake major fundraising is significantly reduced. This is extremely disappointing for the whole school community. Without the fundraising we will no longer be able to afford Pantomime trips which the Friends currently subsidise, IT equipment such as the extremely exciting coding robots and cameras for each class. The impact of this will undoubtedly be felt across the school in so many ways. Please do come forward and offer your time to help all of the children in the school.

Health and Safety

As always at the start of the school year please can we ask that you park considerately at drop off and collection times at the start and end of the day. If you need to drive and park near the school please remember that you are able to use the Bull and Bell carparks in the morning and the Bell at the end of the school day. Please follow our parking promise and be considerate of other road users and our neighbours. This ensures our children are kept safe.

Parent Forum

We are still seeking a Class Representative from our new Reception class to join our Parent Forum – please pop into the school office if you would like more information or would like to register your interest. The next meeting is confirmed for Tuesday 25th September 2018 and an agenda will be sent the Parent Forum members next week.

Letters Sent Home

Spelling letter – whole school
Show and Tell letter – Year R
Greek food tasting – Year 4
Footsteps Letter - Year 2
Bikeability Introduction Letter - Year 5
Park Away Day – whole school
Frontier Information Evening – Year 4
Phonics Evening Letter – Key Stage 1

Dates for the Diary

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| 17 th September | Reception Children start full time |
| 19 th September | Year 4 Swimming starts |
| 21 st September | Park Away Day – whole school |
| 24 th September | River Dart information evening |
| 25 th September | Phonics information evening |
| 26 th September | Frontier information evening |
| 3 rd October | Roving Bookshop in school |
| 9 th October | Year 5 trip to Hazard Alley |
| 12 th October | School Photos |
| 19 th October | Half Term - School ends normal time |
| 29 th October | School opens normal time |
| 13 th November | Flu Vaccinations (Yrs R-5) |
| 16 th November | INSET DAY |
| 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 |