



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 25th January

Attendance

It is evident that the winter germs have had an effect on attendance – the overall school result this week is 95.8%. Well done to Year 6 for achieving 99.3% this week and we wish a speedy recovery to anyone who hasn't been very well.

Parents Evening – online bookings

We will again be utilising the online booking system for Parents Evening this term. The online booking system will go live at 18.30pm on Monday 28th January – a further reminder with full details of how to log on and book your appointment/s will be sent home by Parentmail on Monday.

E-Safety

This week all of Key Stage 2 have received a 'Game Over' workshop, giving children an opportunity to learn about how to stay safe when gaming online. Some children may be playing video games which are unsuitable for their age. We would always recommend that children are not exposed to material which is deemed unsuitable for their ages. If you are unsure of a game's suitability we would suggest that you seek guidance through an online parental guide such as <https://www.common sense.org/>

These games will often have parental control settings that can eliminate unsuitable content and block messaging and friending functions so that your child cannot be contacted by strangers. Again, we strongly recommend that you inform yourself of these options in order to safeguard your child online.

NSPCC Number Day

Hopefully you will all have seen the letter about next Friday's NSPCC Number Day where children can come to school in number-themed mufti in exchange for a monetary donation to the NSPCC.

Health and Safety

Please can we request that the front car park is not used for pedestrian access by parents or children as this is not safe. Please instead use the pavement along the front of the school grounds.

Please can we also remind everyone that parking is not permitted on the school grounds with the exception of the taxi for the HID pupils.

Reporting Children's Absence

You should contact the school before 9.30am **EVERY DAY** of your child's absence to explain the reason why they are not in school. If you do not provide this information, the school office will contact you to check the reason for absence. If we are unable to establish the reason for absence we will have no choice but to mark this as unauthorised. All absences must be followed up in writing.

Please try to make doctor's or dentist's appointments outside school hours. You will need to provide evidence (e.g. appointment cards or hospital letters) for appointments that are made during school time.

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

Year 6 Assembly

Dates for the Diary

30 th January	Year R and KS1 History WOW Day
1 st Feb	NSPCC Number Day (Number themed mufti) KS2 Friends Movie Night After school Book and Uniform sale
5 th February	Year 6 Assembly
12 th February	Parents Evening 15.30 – 20.00
13 th February	Parents Evening 15.30 – 18.00
15 th February	Year 5 Viking Day 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