



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 19th October

Attendance

Well done to Year 4 who have achieved 99.3% attendance this week.

Inter-house Maths Competition – message from Mrs Gulliver

I am delighted to announce that this week we have earned so many house points during our first whole school Maths Competition. I would like to say a big well done to all of the children for trying their best. In Celebration Assembly I shared with the children the total score for each house:

Claydon - 707 Waddesdon - 758 Chequers - 715 Hughenden - 736

An extra well done to Waddesdon house for being the winning house during our first competition! I will be welcoming feedback from the children via their school council representatives to let me know how they felt about the competition and any changes they wish to suggest for our next competition in the Spring term. Thank you for supporting them to recall their number facts and times tables.

Half Term

We break up for the half term holiday on Friday 19th October at the normal 3.15 pm. The children return to school on Monday 29th October at normal time 8.45am.

PE Kits

As a Gold Sports award holding school we are keen to encourage active lifestyles for all children. We are aware that there are times when parents will make requests for their child to not participate on lessons and we would encourage a letter to come into school for this purpose. Where we have children who have forgotten kit we are in a position that we can offer to let them borrow a kit in order that they don't miss out on the Government recommendation of 2 hours of exercise per week. As we have a washing machine on site these will be washed after each use. If you are able to supply any trainers which your children have grown out of as spares for us we would much appreciate your support.

Nut Free Reminder

We are a nut free school due to the risk to both staff and children who have nut allergies, some of which are severe. Please can we ask that you pay attention to the ingredients contained in some items, particularly biscuits and snacks, where you may not realise that nuts are a key ingredient (items such as Happy Hippos contain hazelnuts and some cereal bars contain nuts). We would be appreciate your vigilance and your support.

Out of bounds areas

We would remind all parents and carers that the play equipment is out of bounds at the end of the school day, to both school aged and younger children. We do not supervise the play area at the end of the day and therefore cannot take responsibility for injuries caused at this time. Please ask your children not to play there.

Please also encourage your children not to play between the covered bike stands and the bushes at the front of the school

Message from Friends

Thank you to everyone who attended the Bingo night on Saturday, hopefully you all enjoyed it. We have raised an amazing £352.50 that will go towards children new IT equipment. Our next event will be the popular school disco on 14th December and more details will follow nearer the time. Thanks for your continuous support

Food ordering deadline

Parents wishing to order hot school meals for the first week after half term must do so by the deadline of 9pm on Tuesday 23rd October.

Pens

Children who have been awarded their Pen Licence are able to purchase handwriting pens for 50p each. If your child needs a handwriting pen please ask them to pop by the School Office with their pennies.

Coffee Morning

We would like to invite as many parents and carers as possible to our coffee morning on Tuesday 13th November from 9am – 10am. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents, find out about the work of the School Friends and the Parents' Forum and to meet our School Council who will be helping with this event. We will send another reminder and a reply slip after half term so that we know how much cake will be needed!

Maths morning

On Wednesday 31st October we are holding a maths open morning for all parents and carers to come into school and learn about the maths we are teaching to your children. This will start with a brief introduction in the school hall at 9am followed by the opportunity to see maths in action in your children's classes. We would be delighted to see as many of you as possible to share this morning with us.

Parent's Evenings

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the Parents' Evenings this week, we hope that you found the time with your child's teacher informative and useful. As your feedback is very important to us we have created a short questionnaire and we would be grateful if you could complete this.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TZN8G8N>

Letters Sent Home

Christmas Fayre donation letter

Football vs. William Harding (football team only)

Flu Vaccination Letter (Years R-5)

Signing Club letter

Cross Country Club letter

Dates for the Diary

29 th October	School opens normal time
5 th – 7 th November	Bikeability Level 2 – Year 5
9 th November	Diwali Dance Workshop Yrs 3 & 5
13 th November	Coffee morning – all parents welcome Flu Vaccinations (Yrs R-5)
16 th November	INSET DAY
23 rd November	HI Music Workshop
6 th December	School choir to Friars Square
12 th December	Hot School Meals Christmas Lunch
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