



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

## *Weekly Update Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January*

### **Welcome Back**

A very warm welcome back to school following the Christmas and New Year break. We hope that you have had an enjoyable festive season and are now refreshed for 2018. A big thank you to you all for your kind wishes, cards and gifts.

### **Netball and Dance Club**

Dance club begins again next Monday and Netball club starts again on Tuesday. Please let us know if your child would like to take part but had not done so previously.

### **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!

### **Footsteps Tutor Training – Volunteers needed**

Footsteps is a practical pedestrian training scheme for young children, which develops awareness of roads and helps them live safely with traffic. Children are taken into the local area with a trained tutor to observe the traffic and discuss road safety. We need more volunteers to undertake the Tutor Training so that we can offer the Footsteps to as many children as possible, please contact the School Office for details of the upcoming training.

### **Travel Arrangements**

Parents are not permitted to park their cars on the school premises. The lay-by directly in front of the school may be used for this purpose. We ask all parents to park with consideration so that emergency vehicles, the school minibus and taxis for the hearing impaired pupils can have access.

Parents may choose to park on roads near to the school. We ask you to be considerate to our neighbours and not obstruct their drives or nearby narrow lanes. We have an arrangement with The Bull and The Bell public houses to use their parking facilities (The Bull for mornings, The Bell for both mornings and afternoons). They ask you to be respectful of their facilities if you use them.

### **Lunch box reminder**

While we appreciate that lots of you still have treats and goodies left over from Christmas, please can we ask that you do not put confectionary and sweets in your child's lunchbox. Please keep them at home for after-school treats.

### **Letters Sent Home**

Reception and KS1 DVD letter (Classes R, 1 & 2)

## Dates for the Diary

7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Bikeability Balance Year R
18 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 Friends Movie Night
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Game Over Workshop (KS2)
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	KS2 Friends Movie Night
15 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes normal time
25 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens after half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Friends Bingo Night
6 <sup>th</sup> March	School Group Photos
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Workshop

We have provided the following information for parents who may need some guidance for the safe set-up of devices that may have been delivered by Father Christmas.

