



STOKE MANDEVILLE COMBINED SCHOOL

Weekly Update

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Weekly Update

Friday 15th June 2018

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 who have achieved 100% attendance this week, this is very pleasing.

Summer Fayre

Thanks to everyone who has donated towards the Summer Fayre in exchange for our mufti day today. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the School Fayre, which will run from 11.30am – 14.30pm. The Friends always make such a wonderful effort to support the school and we can all show our appreciation tomorrow by coming along to enjoy the fun!

Remembering Mrs Kendall

As you will all be aware we lost a treasured member of staff earlier this year and we are now organising events we would like to share with her family and our school community. We are very keen to have a lasting tribute in our school grounds and after consultation with the staff and pupils we will be purchasing a circular bench which will be placed under the cherry tree in the playground.

There will be a Mufti Day on Thursday 28th June for a £1 donation. At the end of the school day the School Council are organising a Cake Sale with cakes being priced at either 50p or a donation. We are inviting Mrs Kendall's family, previous colleagues and our school community to the grand unveiling of the bench on Friday 6th July. This will include a picnic lunch for the whole school and therefore we have arranged with Chartwells that only packed lunches will be available to order on this day. Please do still place your order via Parentpay. Further details about this will be sent out next week.

Mrs Kendall was cared for by The Florence Nightingale Hospice and we have some members of staff and school community who are taking part in the "Midnight Walk" to support fundraising for the Hospice. The Midnight Walk for Florence Nightingale Hospice will take place on 23 June 2018, starting and finishing at Aylesbury College. It's a 5 mile or 10 mile walk starting at midnight and is open to anyone over the age of 11 years on 23rd June.

Registration for the Midnight Walk closes on Wednesday 20th June and the link is below for anyone who would like to join this event.

[Midnight Walk 2018 | Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity](#)



A night to remember...

Midnight Walk 2018

Saturday 23rd June at Aylesbury College
Men and boys welcome too!
PLUS new routes: choose 5 or 10 miles

Register online at
www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk

In aid of:  Florence Nightingale HOSPICE CHARITY

Sponsored by:  a car 2 go
Used or sales - Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP22 0ND
www.acar2go.co.uk

Reading Record

Feedback from the Parent Forum indicated that some parents would appreciate further clarification of how to use the reading record. This year we have raised our expectation for the amount of reading children are completing at home. We have reached this decision as reading is the key to all learning success. We support parents of our early readers by providing a reading book which is linked to the ability of the child. We are equally very happy to see parents reading other books and recording these into the reading record. For the children who have reached a confidence in their independent reading, at around Year 2, we are happy for the children to begin to record their reading themselves. By fostering good reading habits this is, in all cases, the preparation for the next stage of learning. Also children having stories read to them which challenge them, whatever their age, helps them to develop new inference skills through discussion about the books. A good source to find book titles for the suggested age ranges is the Book Trust and you can find their information here:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/100-best-books/>

If you would like further advice or support on what to read with your child please do speak to your class teacher.

Crossing Patrol

Please be aware that our crossing patroller Janice is on holiday from Friday 15th – Friday 22nd June. The crossing will not be supervised during this time so we would urge you to take extra care when crossing the road.

Bikes and Scooters for Reception

Some of our trikes, bikes and scooters in the Reception play area have seen better days – if you are able to donate any replacements we would be very grateful.

Bucks County Show

We have very kindly been provided with some complimentary child tickets for the Bucks County Show on Thursday 30th August. These tickets are available on a first come, first served basis from the School Office.

Fortnite – Further information

We continue to be concerned by the information being shared by other primary schools around the online game Fortnite and its inappropriate use by children under 12. We strongly recommend that you take a look at the content in the attached links to inform yourselves of the game content and associated risks.

<https://schoolsImprovement.net/primary-heads-tell-parents-keep-you-children-away-from-violent-fortnite-game/>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5832917/Primary-schools-telling-parents-children-AWAY-violent-Fortnite-computer-game.html>

Park Away Day

Yesterday we held our first 'Park Away' day. The response from staff, parents and children was very positive and we would like to thank you all for your support. The layby remained empty throughout the day, including during our busiest morning period. The children enjoyed having the opportunity to walk to school with their friends and it certainly had a big impact on the level of traffic around the school site. Based on the response from today and taking into account feedback that we will gain from the Parent Forum we would anticipate running similar events in the future. Don't forget that you can 'Park and Stride' every day.

A big thank you to The Bell in Lower Road for all of their ongoing support. If you are passing by and have time to stop for a refreshing cold drink in their garden why not take a look at their brand new menu.

Letters Sent Home

- Cookery Letter Year 1
- Transition Games Year 6

Dates for the Diary

16 th June	Friends Summer Fayre
19 th June	Year R Class Assembly
20 th – 22 nd June	Year 4 to Frontier Centre
21 st June	Year 6 Transition Games
26 th June	Sports Day
27 th June	Junior Athletics Championship HI-ARP Tea Party
28 th June	Mrs Kendall Day Year 2 Games
29 th June	Reserve Sports Day
11 th July	Year 5/6 Evening Performance 6.30
12 th July	Year 5/6 Afternoon Performance 13.45
17 th July	Award Assembly KS1 9am-10am approx.
19 th July	Award Assembly KS2 9am – 10am approx.
20 th July	Friends Disco
23 rd July	Leavers' Assembly 9am – 10am approx.
24 th July	School closes 13.30