



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 21st September

School Vision Statement

We are delighted to announce that, following consultation with staff and governors, we have updated our Vision Statement to 'Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together'. We feel that this reflects the direction of the school, and places an emphasis on the importance of governors, staff, parents and pupils working together to provide the best learning experiences possible for your child. You will see this Vision Statement on our letterhead, website and other communications. Our School Values (The 5 Rs - Responsibility, Resilience, Respect, Reflection, Resourcefulness) remain unchanged and will have a greater emphasis within our recognition of positive behaviour for our pupils.

Attendance

Well done to Years 3 & 4 this week who have achieved 99.3% attendance, closely followed by our new Reception class with 98.8%.

Park Away Day

A big well done and thank you to parents, carers, staff, The Bell and The Bull, Mix 96 and not forgetting our lollipop lady Janice. The car park and layby remained clear throughout the morning and thankfully the weather held for us. What a great turn out let's keep on parking and walking.



Learning Expectations

As we start back into a new academic year it is always helpful if we share the expectations for your child. This year there will be Phonics Screening in Year 1, Standard Assessment Tests in Years 2 & 6 and a new Times Tables test in Year 4. All of the tests are reported and shared with parents and the results are collected by the DfE to assess the number of children reaching Age Related Expectations. We are supporting parents by holiday a Phonics Information Evening on Tuesday 25th September at 6pm and on Wednesday 31st October we are holding a Maths Open Morning for parents. Further details will be sent to you nearer the time.

We always appreciate your help with any activities your child undertakes. Our positive partnership gives strength to supporting your child's progress.

Bikeability

There are still a small number of spaces on the Bikeability Level 2 training for Year 5, if you would like your child to participate but have not yet returned the form, please contact the School Office.

Hot Meals

If your child takes hot meals at school please can you emphasise how important it is that your child does not swap their band with any other child. This prevents issues over availability of food and protects our children from eating foods that they cannot eat due to allergies, intolerances and cultural beliefs.

Weather

As we move into colder and wetter weather please can we ask that you make sure your child has suitable outdoor wear (named please) such as a jacket or coat.

Message on behalf of Friends

The Friends of Stoke Mandeville are signed up to the Vale Lottery, we already have 10 members which has made £300 for the school. If you would like to sign up you can do so via <https://www.valelottery.co.uk/>

Also, if you shop at Amazon there is a very easy way you could help raise some much needed school funds. All you have to do is log in through this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1029872-0> or smile.amazon.co.uk and select 'Friends of Stoke Mandeville Combined School' as your chosen charity and then shop as normal. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases straight into the Friends bank account, you don't need to do anything and all of your account details including your basket and order information remains the same. All you have to do after that is remember to log into the smile.amazon account every time you use Amazon. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Elections

This week has seen the election of the Head Boy and Head Girl and the Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. These roles mean that the children are the leaders of our School Council and also have a number of jobs across the year including helping at some of our open morning events.

The children that have been elected are:

Head Boy – Benito

Head Girl – Ellie

Deputy Head Boy – Declan

Deputy Head Girls – Lily and Katie

Congratulations also to Hannah, Ben, Lisa and Freddie who have been voted House Captains of their respective houses and Matthew, Ruby, Max and Finley who have been voted as Vice Captains.

We also have our new Junior Road Safety Officers in Oliver, Jack, Charlotte and Olivia and we look forward to keeping you updated with what they get up to supporting our Travel Plan with Mrs James.

We also welcome Max and Eva (Year 1), Francesca and Charlie (Year 2), Dylan and Abby (Year 3) Aryan and Evie (Year 4) and Katie and Jared (Year 5) to the School Council this year.

Roving Book shop

We have invited the Roving Book shop into school to share and sell some quality books. They will be in school on Wednesday 3rd October. In doing this the school are able to earn a small commission payment which we can use to further increase the quality books we have in our new Library.

Secondary School applications

If your child is in **Year 5** or **Year 6** the local secondary schools currently have a number of open events for parents to attend. It is always good to visit and get a feel for the environment of the school. This helps in the decision making for where your child will thrive and be happy for the next part of their education. For those parents with children in Year 6 applications to Bucks County Council need to be completed by 31st October. If you would like any support or further information with this process please call into the office.

Staff Led Clubs

You will see below a summary of all clubs being run by staff during the Autumn Term, if your child wishes to participate please return the attached form to the School Office as soon as possible – clubs will begin next week (with the exception of signed singing which starts the week after).

Letters Sent Home

Five Senses topic Year 1

Hazard Alley Year 5

Dates for the Diary

24 th September	River Dart information evening
25 th September	Phonics information evening
26 th September	Frontier information evening HI Tea Party 2pm-3pm
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
5 th – 7 th November	Bikeability Level 2 – Year 5
9 th November	Diwali Dance Workshop Yrs 3 & 5
13 th November	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

Staff Led Clubs

Child _____ Year _____

Club Name	Day & Time	Year Groups Eligible	Teacher	Please tick club as appropriate
School Council (school council members only)	Thursday Lunchtimes (alternate weeks) 12.30pm	All except Reception	Mrs Stewart	
School Choir	Tuesday Lunchtime 12.30pm	4, 5, 6	Mrs Stewart	
Running Club	Monday Lunchtime 12.30pm	3, 4, 5, 6	Mrs Martin Mrs Tong Mrs Gulliver	
Dance Club	Monday After School 3.15pm-4.15pm	5 & 6	Mrs Bushay Mrs Twidale	
Reading Club	Tuesday Lunchtime 12.40pm – 1pm	KS1 KS2 (alternate weeks)	Mrs Noordin Mrs Wells	
Football Club (football team members only)	Tuesday Lunchtime	Football team only	Miss Daly	
Netball Club	Tuesday After School 3.20pm – 4pm	5 & 6	Miss Telfer Miss Poole	
Signed Singing	Wednesday Lunchtime 12.45	All	Mrs Morgan Mrs Twidale	
Eco Council	Monday breaktime		Mrs Moore Mrs D Cole	