



STOKE MANDEVILLE COMBINED SCHOOL

Weekly Update

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Weekly Update

Friday 7th September

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome to the new school year. It has been so lovely to see everyone coming back into school with happy smiles. It has been particularly nice to meet the new Reception children and I know the Year 6 children are looking forward to finding out which of them will be their 'Buddy'.

Staffing

We have welcomed Miss Poole and Miss Gouldstone to the school and we know that they will settle in quickly and hope they will be very happy here. Sadly, we have said goodbye to Mrs Roberts from HID over the Summer as she has decided to pursue new ventures – we hope that she will be able to visit us soon so that the children get the opportunity to say goodbye.

Meet the Teacher

Next Tuesday 11th September we would invite you to 'Meet the Teacher' between 3.30 and 4.30pm. This is an informal opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom.

Reading Challenge

Thank you and well done to everyone that took part in the Summer Reading challenge and returned your workbooks. This will be celebrated in an upcoming assembly.

Message on behalf of Friends

Everyone is welcome to come along to our **Annual General Meeting** on **Wednesday 12th September at 7.30pm** at the school. You can find out more about our plans for this year, suggest ideas and have input into how funds are spent. Drinks and nibbles will be provided and we look forward to seeing you there!!

Health and Safety

Please ensure that your children, pupils or otherwise, DO NOT use the play equipment in the playground at the end of the day. We are not able to supervise this and therefore cannot take responsibility for injuries caused as a result.

Parent Forum

We are very lucky to have Parent Forum representatives in some of our classes, they collate feedback and suggestions from the parent body and feed it back to the school in our regular Parent Forum meetings. They have been so valuable with their input to the Home/School agreement and the arrangement for additional school uniform suppliers. If any of our parents, especially in Years R & 1 would like to join the Parent Forum please notify the office. Ideally we would like a representative in place for every class before the next meeting at the end of this month. As a reminder, your current representatives are:

Year 6 – Mrs Moss and Mrs Gearing

Year 5 – Ms Brooks

Year 4 – Mrs Hayers

Year 3 – Mrs Brown and Mrs Potter

Year 2 – Mrs White

School Uniform standards

Please be reminded that hair accessories should be small and in-keeping with the school colours. Multi-coloured hair accessories and large bows are not part of our uniform policy and are therefore not permitted and children will be asked to remove them.

Letters Sent Home

- Year 4 Swimming letter

Dates for the Diary

11 th September	11+ transfer test preparation paper
11 th September	Meet the Teacher 3.30-4.30pm
12 th September	7.30pm Friends AGM
13 th September	11+ transfer test
17 th September	Reception Children start full time
19 th September	Year 4 Swimming starts
24 th September	River Dart information evening
25 th September	Phonics information evening
26 th September	Frontier information evening
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
13 th November	Flu Vaccinations (Yrs R-5)
16 th November	INSET DAY
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