

Headteacher's Update – 24.5.24

Dear Parents,

With another half term complete, it's hard to believe we only have one more until the end of the academic year. We are looking forward to lots of events before then though, such as PGL, Sports Day and the St Louis Day picnic. St Louis' Got Talent may be back next year, but we are looking forward to the Y6 production this summer.

Assessments

Following Y6 SATs last week, it has been the turn of the rest of the school from Y1-Y5 to complete their assessments. As mentioned previously, this provides really helpful information for their current and future teacher and the outcomes will be shared with you in the end of year report. Well done to all our children for working so hard.

Still to come are the Multiplication Tables Check for pupils in Y4, and the phonics screening check for Y1. These both take place in June, and again, the results will be available in time for the end of year reports.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Stefano Socratous who has been awarded the "Most Improved Player of the Year" at Stoke Mandeville Football Team. Since joining the team last September, Stefano has impressed the coaches with his remarkable ability to learn quickly and his dedication to being an outstanding team player. This is fantastic to hear. Well done.



Walk to School Week

Well done to everyone who was able to take part. It was great to see children arriving to school carrying their scavenger hunts and speaking to others about what they'd seen. Hopefully many of you will be able to keep this up – maybe you could make up a scavenger hunt of your own in the future, as it's a fun way to make the journey to school a more mindful experience.

Year 1 Seaside Day

Today, Year 1 enjoyed a fun filled day at the seaside. The children spent the morning learning some traditional seaside songs, tongue twisters and they really enjoyed watching a Punch and Judy Show. The children then had an opportunity to play outside, building sandcastles, having donkey rides and hook a duck. The children also had the chance to make windmills or their own seagulls. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed ending their day eating an ice lolly with their friends and playing with some bubbles.



Sports News

Well done to the group of Year 5/6 boys who took part in the final match of the season against Broughton! They saved the best football for last; some really slick one touch football meant the team carved open the opposition many times and ended up as 5-0 winners for the second time in two weeks. This result meant that we finished the league campaign in a very respectable third place. Congratulations to everyone who participated in football this year, both boys and girls. It was extremely enjoyable for the staff to watch you all play. Good Luck to the year 6 children who will be competing for their secondary school teams next year.

Also this week every Year group had a chance to practice some of their golf skills with Darren. Darren has been in before and his engaging workshops allow children to access sports that they would not normally get to do in P.E.

This week they were able to practice putting and chipping and it was lovely to see so many enthusiastic faces. Darren said he could see some future golfing stars. Well done to everyone who took part!



PTA Disco

A huge thank you to all the PTA helpers, especially Nathalie the organiser and Liamhl the superstar DJ, for putting on the KS2 discos. The children had a fantastic time and the amount raised was close to an amazing £1000. We can't wait to work out a plan for how to spend this for the benefit of the children.

Opportunity for our Families

We received the email below from Doc Hearts Ltd on behalf of Channel 5 which some of you may be interested in:

I'm contacting you from a children's TV production company called Doc Hearts Ltd. We are currently in production with the 2nd series of our award winning show on Milkshake, Reu and Harper's Wonder World - which is a show that explores and celebrates all different cultures

and traditions. Please see a link to it here: <https://www.channel5.com/show/reu-harper-s-wonder-world/season-1/jamaica>

We are looking for families with children from a variety of different backgrounds to take part - between the ages of 4-7. Each family we film with will receive £100 as a thank you :) Your school looks really inclusive so I thought I'd get in touch! Would you be happy to share the attached casting flyer out with families at your school - either via email or on your socials? The deadline for applying is the 2nd June so it would be fantastic if we could get the word out before half term. Parents will then be invited to contact me directly with video applications or questions. Siblings are also very welcome to apply.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Have a lovely half-term

Best wishes

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Reception

We have been learning: how to make a jam sandwich. We know how to use a knife safely to spread the bread with butter and jam.

You can help at home by: asking your child to show you how to make a jam sandwich and have fun making it together!

Year 1

We have been learning: about the Holy Spirit in RE.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about what the Holy Spirit is.

Year 2

We have been learning: about Roald Dahl in history.

You can help at home by: asking your child to share some facts they learnt about him and talking about your favourite Roald Dahl books.

Year 3

We have been learning: about how objects reflect light.

You can help at home by: asking children what is a reflection and what are the best surfaces for reflecting light.

Year 4

We have been learning: about Greek Gods in history.

You can help at home by: asking your child if they can name the Greek Gods and which one they chose for their fact file.

Year 5

We have been learning: 'Dancing in the Street' by Martha and the Vandellas in music.

You can help at home by: asking your child to sing you the chorus of the song.

Year 6

We have been learning: to write a discussion text based on our class text, 'The House with Chicken Legs'.

You can help at home by: asking whether they think Baba should have gone through the gate.