

Stoberry Park School



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Dear Parents,



Welcome back from the half term break. I hope that you all managed a break from the usual routine and that you had a good time with the children at home.

Bags2school

Many thanks to all the parents who remembered to bring their bags2school donations in. We had quite a pile of bags in the ICT suite which have now been collected. We will now wait to hear how much we achieved from our second collection.



Quiz News

We have just signed us up for the interactive national schools quiz on **12th March** for a team of up to ten 8 -9 year olds. There is a chance of winning up to £2000 in ICT ware of their choice.

First Aid



Congratulations to Rachel & Claire for passing first aid in the workplace. This means that we will have additional qualified staff on duty at lunchtimes, around school & on trips.

Pupil Reports

We are currently preparing for a busy half term. As I am sure you will remember from last year we organised to send out full reports in the second part of this term. This proved to be very successful with the vast majority of parents finding it more use to see them now rather than at the end of the summer term. For this reason we are doing the same again this year. We organise this report with an invitation to make your own appointment with class teachers should you wish to discuss any of the comments from the report or to seek help with reaching targets set. Once again we will do the same this year. Please ask for an appointment with your child's class teacher should you wish to discuss any aspect of the report.

French Residential

Despite snow, the enthusiasm of our intrepid year six could not be muffled although; gloves and scarves were needed due to the freezing temperatures. The children were well looked after by staff, who commented that the children were a pleasure to take away. Staff were also complimented by two passengers on the ferry on how well behaved our children were. Well done to everyone



involved and we look forward to our next trip. Clearly, with the second trip organised for October we hope that we will not encounter snow! A special thank you to all the staff involved in this new residential as I know how hard everyone worked to make this event successful.

Assembly Theme

Our theme for this half term is '**It's Good to be Me**'. The children will be encouraged to think about the fact that each one of us is unique and therefore special and that we all have different skills and abilities.

Events

The very successful Kinetic Theatre Science Show will be in school on **Tuesday 9th March**. All pupils will be seeing their science based show.



Mother's Day Sale **Friday 12th March** - details in Circle of Friends Letter.

Sports Relief Day - **Friday 19th March** - come dressed in sports gear with a donation for charity.

End of Term **Thursday April 1st**.



Communications

As many parents of pupils in year 6 will know we used text and a television in reception to give details and photographs of the trip to keep everyone up to date. This was very successful. We are now going to try a weekly electronic notice board which will give week by week details to parents. This television will be situated in the library window, next to reception, during school open hours. We hope that this will give you some additional information about what is happening daily in school.



Newsletter

Our newsletter will be posted on the school web site as soon after publication as possible and will contain some photographs and other images where appropriate. The web site now appears in Google as

<http://www.stoberryparkschool.com>

Conjunctivitis

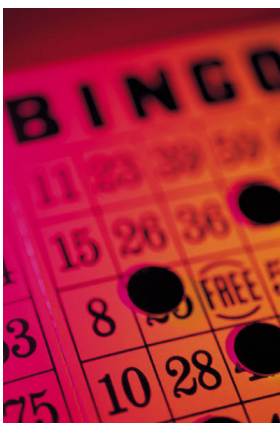
We have recently had several nasty cases of conjunctivitis in school. I have spoken to one of our local Doctors who advised that if your child has red or weeping eyes then you should seek treatment and the child should not be in school until the weeping and soreness has subsided.

Attendance

The school has had to set an attendance target which we need to achieve at the end of the year. Our absence rate is set at just below 5%. This equates to half a day in a two week period for each child. I would ask that all parents support the school by ensuring that all illness is reported to the office and that whenever sensibly possible children are encouraged to be in school.

Easter Bingo

Mrs Lambert and Mrs Hawkins are working on an Easter Bingo and raffle event. This will take place on Monday 29th March in the school hall at 7.30pm. They are working to raise funds towards our continuing residential programme of visits. They have already approached some local firms for support but would be pleased to accept some help from parents in obtaining some more donations locally. Please contact them if you have time to help.



Stop Press

Congratulations to the Tag Rugby team and Mr May, who together won the local schools Tag Rugby tournament last night. All those involved including Colin our caretaker were so excited on their return.



Photographs from the event can be seen at

www.reallynicephotography.co.uk

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael Hawkins
Head Teacher.