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Dear Parents

With the sun in the sky, at least for the next few days, it feels as if spring has arrived.



Give it a Go Funding



I have just been to find out about a grant opportunity for parents of pupils who are eligible for free school meals. We can now apply for funding for Free School Meals pupils to support them with out of school activities and some school visits.

There is a fund of up to £300 per pupil who is eligible for free school meals to help towards the cost of activities such as swimming lessons (out of school), gymnastics, cubs, brownies and the majority of other activities which children would like to be involved in. This funding may also in part be used to support towards some of the costs of a residential visit or to take part in school clubs which have a cost to them. It may also be used towards funding holiday activity attendance.

As you can see this is well worth applying for but you must be eligible for free school meals. The details for free school meals are on the school website or can be obtained from the school office. There is also a copy of the form to apply for free school meals on the website. Children do not have to take the meals but need only be eligible for them. We will send out details as soon as we are ready to roll out the scheme.



Easter Bingo

The response to the request for help has been absolutely fantastic with a number of parents going out and getting some fantastic prizes for the raffle. Please can we ask everyone to try to sell tickets and

return the stubs ready for the event which looks as if there will be some super prizes for the bingo as well. We will put a list of prizes on the web site and send a list out with pupils so you are able to see what prizes are ready to be won.

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School Prospectus

I would like to thank Mrs Blair and Mrs Lethaby-Strevens. They have been working with governors to produce a new school prospectus. This can be viewed on the school website and represents many hours of hard work.

Click on the link to view.

<http://www.stoberryparkschool.com/documents/StoberrySchoolProspectus.pdf>

Reducing Printing Costs

As I am sure you will be aware the paper and printing costs of sending out whole school newsletters continues to grow. We are in the process of setting up a display screen which will be set in the library window. You are now able to view information daily from outside the building. The screen informs you of letters going out and other details on a weekly basis. We can also send a text out to inform you that a newsletter has gone on to the school website thus allowing us to reduce printing and paper costs at this end.

We are aware of the fact that a number of families may not have, or wish to have, internet access and for this reason we will continue to produce hard copies of all communications which can be collected from our Reception area. By using this method we will be able to include photographs and other graphics which perhaps make the information a little more interesting. We will start this approach to newsletters after the Easter holiday.

Shoes for School



Can I remind parents that it clearly states in the school information that trainers and skate shoes are not to be worn as day shoes in school and that a proper school shoe is part of our uniform. It is also stated that all pupils should have a school PE kit available every day. We will be sending out text messages to inform you that your child is not wearing school shoes or bringing PE kit into school. As part of Stoberry Park School there is an expectation that the uniform policy is adhered to by all pupils.

Additional INSET Day

As indicated earlier this year Ed Balls the Schools Secretary has informed all primary schools that there will be an additional INSET day in the 2010/2011 academic year. We have yet to set this additional day but will send it out to all parents as soon as possible.

Sports Relief

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and for sending children in dressed in sports kit. Well done to Sonny Pearce who took part in a local mile event. We will put the amount raised on the school web site.

