

# Stoberry Park School



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Dear Parents

Here we go on our final half term and where has the year gone? I hope to give you information on events during the half term and several requests with this letter.

## Classes for 2011/12

As last year I have asked staff to talk with children and get some idea of friendship groups ready for the new school year and new classes. I am afraid that as a very full school we are not able to guarantee these friendships but we will do our best unless we feel they could be detrimental to learning. Children will be given new class placements on the 6<sup>th</sup> July when our year 6 visit the Blue School for the day.

## Staffing Update

I am sure that some parents have heard that we are losing Mrs Sarah Shelton from our KS1 team. She has been appointed to a new school in Bristol not far from her home. We will really miss Sarah but know that the long journey to school and home again at the end of a long winter's day will soon be a thing of the past. We all wish her every success in her new job. We are also losing Mrs Becky Maisey who has been part of our school for 3 years and has supported many children in developing maths skills in year 2 and year 6. We have really benefited from her support. While we are talking of staff leaving we will also lose Mrs Kate Lynch who has worked so hard with staff and children to really bring singing alive in our school. There are so many changes taking place in the world of music tuition that she has decided not to continue with her work as she has done for the last 4 years. I know that we will be sorry to see all members of staff leaving our school at the end of the year go but wish them all the best for their futures.

## PE Kit

I have been asked to request, that if you have old PE kit which children have grown out of would you bring it in to Mrs Hawkins so that we can build a small stock of kit for when children forget to bring their own kit in. It is vital that all our children take part in PE on a regular basis and benefit from the positive impact of physical activity. It would be useful if you have any old trainers to include these if in reasonable condition.



## Polite Reminder

Please can you make sure that you inform anyone who may pick up your children from school on an occasional basis that they should not bring dogs on to the school grounds and neither should they smoke within the boundaries of the school.

## Sun Awareness

As I am sure that many of you will be aware, we do have school hats which can be purchased at the uniform shop and we strongly recommend that children bring a wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style hat into school now that the summer term is underway. We would also recommend that sun protection is applied to vulnerable skin before children come into school each day. They may also bring high factor sun cream into school for application during the day. We have been requested by a parent that more detailed information should be available on our web site so this will be posted as soon as we are able to do so along with our sun safety policy which has been drawn from Cancer Research UK guidelines. Children always have the option to play in the shaded areas of the school grounds at lunchtime and we would encourage the use of these areas for play.

This area of health is really important to our children as the impact of exposure to the sun may not be apparent for many years. Please help us by talking with your children about the importance of wearing a hat at break times, about applying high protection sunscreen and about taking time to play in the shade afforded by our beautiful site.

## Parents Evenings

As I am sure you will be aware we are approaching our end of year consultation meetings. You will be receiving all the information to book your appointment times shortly. We may have to alter dates depending upon the outcome of ballots with teaching unions as we may not have staff on the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> June. As soon as I am aware of the situation I will inform you all of the outcome but I felt it was best to continue with our plans as set at the moment.

## Sports Day

We have had a number of phone calls asking if Sports Day will be on this Friday. We will review the weather on Friday morning and send out a text with information as quickly as we can. The outlook for Friday is poor but unfortunately, with the British weather we are just as likely to be bathed in sunshine. For this reason please await texts from school.

## Aerobics

Due to commitments between now and the end of term it has not been possible to organise this event. My apologies to those who were waiting for the class to start but we will look at starting in the new school year.



## Make Up

Can I remind parents that we do have a no make up policy in school and would ask that this is enforced as children leave for school. We will ask children to wash make up off as it is not appropriate for it to be worn in school. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hawkins  
Head Teacher.

