

Stoberry Park School



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Dear Parents,

School Closure

I am sure you are all awaiting information concerning the possible closure of schools in line with the day of action on 30th June.

I have now been in discussion with the various union members at Stoberry Park School and collectively we have decided that the school will remain open on the day of action.

I would like to inform parents that this decision has not been taken lightly as the teachers at Stoberry Park School do feel, as many other public sector employees, that the erosion of their pensions is a very important issue. They also feel that the education of the children in our care is important.

Clearly, we cannot see what the near future will bring as this issue affects many individuals across many areas of employment and things may change in the not too distant future. We will try to give you as much notice of any potential closures which could happen into the autumn term. This should allow everyone time to make appropriate arrangements for childcare. We hope that the decision of staff on this occasion will allow working and home life to continue as normal on the 30th June.

Film Club

We have only got 20 minutes of our film Bridge to Terabithia left to watch this week so film club will end at 3.50pm this week. The children seem to be enjoying the films we have been watching this year and the turn out is good each week. We have a couple more films to watch between now and the end of term and hope that the children will continue to enjoy the sessions on Thursdays. We will be continuing this club for KS2 children next year.

Sports Day

I would like to thank all those parents who braved the grey clouds on our sports day. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event and it was good to see so many of you cheering them on. I would also like to thank the staff for the hard work they put in to ensure the day went well. I am still amazed that the rain held off but if anyone would like advice on when to book holidays we can give the information – for a small fee!



Somerset Learning Platform

As many parents will be aware we trialled the Fronter virtual learning environment to allow children to access work at home and at school. As a school we found the process of producing pages very time consuming and not really worth the time in terms of the value of the work. We are still determined to make on line learning a reality at Stoberry Park School. Staff and Governors have been using the Somerset Learning Platform (SLP) for some time now and have found it very useful. Over the last term I have been working with the Local Authority to develop the SLP for pupil use. We are now very close to giving access to some of our pupils as a pilot. This will allow them to access work they have undertaken in school at home. The school is very much at the forefront of this work and we hope you will support us in trying to use the platform with your children at home if that is possible. If you do not have internet access we would be happy to give you some access in school at the end of the day to share work with your children.

Stranger Danger

We had a report from one of our parents that a man in a red car offered their child a lift home somewhere along North Road. We were not able to confirm any other details but it would be worth talking with your children about the importance of not accepting anything, including lifts, from strangers.

Parent Consultations

Just a brief reminder to ask that you return your parents evening slips as quickly as possible so that we can get your appointments back to you. I apologise for the short notice but the day of action had an impact on the dates available to us.

Text Messages

As you will be aware we have been sending out text messages to the whole school to inform you that we have put a letter on the website. This is now a charged service to us and is quite costly. For this reason we will be sending slips home with the children and putting messages on the TV screen in the library to inform you of when letters are going on to the web site.

Mulberry Class

Just to inform parents of children in Mulberry Class that Ms Preston has unfortunately suffered some considerable trauma to her spine and will be off school until this situation is resolved. We have continued to staff Mulberry class from within school and hope that Ms Preston will return soon. We hope that this will not affect the parent consultation but will inform you as soon as we have news.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hawkins
Head Teacher.

