

Stoberry Park School



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Dear Parents

At long last the days seem to be growing just a little longer and the evenings are certainly getting lighter. What a change not to have had snow after the last couple of years! I hope I am not tempting fate with that statement.

Our school calendar is fairly quiet, at the moment, up to half term. We do have a whole school inspire day on the theme of Africa on **Friday 10th February** and hope that you will be able to come and share in the learning with your child. Additional information will be sent out to you from each of our phase groups as timetables are set.

Diary Dates

Half term starts on **Monday 13th February** and we return to school on **Monday 20th February**.

Mr Ramsay will be organising a Science week starting on **Monday 27th February** and have the Kinetic Theatre visiting the school on that day to start the week.

Friday 16th of March is the date of the Circle of Friends Mother's Day event and again further details will be sent out to you nearer the date.

Friday 23rd of March is Sport Relief Day. We would like the children to come in a sports kit of their choice and we will be arranging a challenge for them to be involved with during the day. Please can we request a donation of £1.00 per child to take part in this event?

It is towards the end of this term that our Year 3 and 4 pupils will present their production. The current provisional dates are **Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th March**.

School Information

Parent Pay

We are continuing to work with Parent Pay to set up online payments for trips, lunches and swimming. I am pleased to say that the system is now up and running and ready for trial. Mrs Nash will be sending out letters containing password access to the system. We have worked very hard to try to ensure that you are able to review payments you have made and choices of meals. The system should also keep you up to date in terms of any credits you have for meals. This has been a very long process and we hope you will find the online payment system and information it holds of real value. Please be aware that even if you don't use the payment part of the system you will still be able to use the system to check payments you have made in school so that you have access to an up to date record for your child in terms of lunches, swimming, trips and residential.

Parking

Disabled Access and Parking - Our current provision for disabled parking is not adequate and causes difficulties to those requiring this access. We will be asking Colin Wills, our caretaker, to mark the two bottom spaces in the top car park as a disabled parking facility. Please can I ask all parents to honour this parking and not use them. I understand the frustrations of parking in the car park and an empty space is very often a sought after commodity but please refrain from just 'nipping' into these spaces once marked. Can we also request that these spaces are used only by drivers holding a blue badge parking permit. I would like to thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hawkins
Head Teacher.