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Dear Parent / Carer

Sporting News

For parents and carers new to our school, my name is Annie Ware and I am the PE Subject Leader. Prior to becoming a primary school teacher, I worked as a gymnastics coach and swimming teacher and have always had a keen interest in sport and fitness. I am ably assisted in my role by my colleagues Mr Phil Arnold who coaches and manages the school's football teams and Mrs Catrin Thomas, a keen sports woman and hockey player. Mrs Thomas also organises our extensive extra-curricular programme of sports. We are joined this year by Mr Aled Lewis who is a trainee teacher specialising in PE. Mr Lewis played in the Wales University rugby team and I am sure his expertise and knowledge will be put to good use in Key Stage 2 Games lessons.

County Finals

We ended the school year in the summer term on a high with fantastic results in the County Finals which were held in July. We qualified to represent our district (South Bucks) in 4 sports – swimming, girls' football, girls' cricket and netball. We were very proud of all the teams that represented our school and can report that for the second year running we were crowned the Buckinghamshire County Swimming Champions. We also achieved 3rd place in the netball competition and I was extremely proud when the team was also presented with the fair play award - a real testament to their good sportsmanship and team spirit.

Competition

2015 – 2016 was another successful year of sport for our school. We enjoyed a busy calendar of fixtures with approximately 50% of the children in Key stage 2 representing the school in competitive sports. This academic year we are continuing to work with a company called 'First Soccer'. First Soccer run an after school football session for children in Years 1 and 2 and also coach our very successful Years 5/6 girls' and boys' football teams, working alongside Mr Arnold. At the end of last season the Years 5/6 girls' team won both the cup and the league – a fantastic achievement. We are expecting another successful season as we have some very talented players being coached this year!

We are looking forward to another busy calendar of sporting fixtures in 2016-2017. The netball teams will play in mini-tournaments at Dair House on 11 and 18 October and also play against St Mary's on 9 November. The football season kicks off for Year 6 girls with matches against St Marys on 28 September. The Years 5 and 6 boys' teams begin their season with the ESFA (English Schools Football Association) district qualification tournament on 27 September. The Years 5/6 hockey teams will play matches against St Mary's on 6 October and the Year 4 hockey team also have a match at St Mary's on 8 December.

The first cross country competition takes place at RAF Halton on Saturday 15 October. There will be 2 further competitions on 28 January at Hervines in Amersham and 4 March at Lowndes Park in Chesham.

Curriculum News

Mrs Lucy Godfrey, a secondary school PE teacher and keen sportswoman, will continue to work alongside the KS2 staff this academic year. All children in Years 3-6 will benefit from her expertise in their Games lessons. Mrs Godfrey will also continue to run a lunchtime cross country club in the autumn and spring terms and an athletics club in the summer term, both of which will be funded through school.

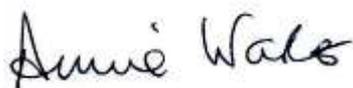
Swimming lessons began again last week and it was lovely to make the most of the warm weather we had. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have volunteered to help, your support is greatly appreciated.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit and footwear in school for outdoor PE lessons. School sweatshirts and jogging bottoms are advised for when the weather turns colder. We recommend trainers for children in Years 1 and 2 as these provide greater support and grip and are more weather proof than plimsolls. Key Stage 2 children will need football boots, shin pads and long maroon socks for games on the field and we strongly recommend gum shields for hockey.

Extra-curricular Sports

We continue to offer a wide and varied extra-curricular sports programme. This term, the following extra-curricular sports will be offered: football, netball, hockey, cross-country, gymnastics and golf. Details and contact numbers can be found on our website under Sports / Sports Diary.

Yours faithfully



Annie Ware
PE Subject Leader