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Dear Parent / Carer

Sporting News

As we approach the end of the first half of the Spring Term, I am writing to update you on recent sports fixtures and to inform you about future sporting events.

Curriculum News

All KS2 pupils continue to benefit from input and support provided by Mrs Lucy Godfrey in their Games lessons. The children's fitness levels and skills in a variety of outdoor sports are improving further under Mrs Godfrey's guidance. Please ensure your child has the correct warm P.E. kit in schools for their Games lessons outside during the current cold weather. Children may wear black or maroon jogging bottoms and a school sweatshirt or fleece; hockey / football socks should also be maroon or black. For extra-curricular sports that take place during school hours – such as Cross Country Club and Years 5 and 6 football, school P.E. kit should be worn. For extra-curricular sports that take place outside school hours, children may wear their own sports clothes if they wish. We are busy planning an exciting programme of activities for our Science and Sports Week beginning on 6 March. The children will learn about humans and other animals, the importance of exercise and also have the opportunity to take part in some new sporting activities.

Competition

We have competed in a number of sports fixtures since the beginning of this academic year. All of our school football teams had a fantastic first half of the season. The Year 5 boys won both of their qualification games and will play in the quarter final of their cup competition next month. The Year 6 boys were superb in winning a very competitive District Finals tournament and then reached the semi in the County Finals, before losing to the eventual winners. They also reached the final of the EFL Kids' Cup at Wycombe in December, where our Year 4 team also demonstrated great potential by reaching the semi-final. Our girls' team have been simply unbeatable. They recently qualified for the School Games County Finals in July, scoring twenty-eight goals and conceding none in their six matches. Like the boys' team, they also qualified for the County Finals last November and then won them in great style. A very excited and confident squad are now looking forward to 23 March, where they will represent Buckinghamshire in the Regional Finals at Greenwich.

The netball teams played against St Mary's and in a tournament at Dair House, and enjoyed success in a number of matches. Later this term we are looking forward to further netball fixtures including the Bucks schools netball tournament at High Wycombe on Saturday 18 March.

We also have hockey fixtures booked this term against St Mary's in Gerrards Cross.

On 18 January we participated in a swimming gala that was held at Wycombe Abbey. I am proud to report that for the third year in a row we came first in both the boys and girls competitions and were overall winners. The teams have once again qualified to represent our area of South Bucks at the county finals being held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on 7 July.

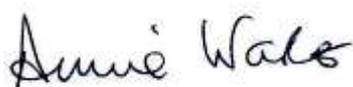
The cross country season is now well under way and we continue to enjoy good results. Approximately 45 children ran in the most recent competition which was held at Hervines Park in Amersham last weekend. Fortunately, the weather warmed up slightly and the conditions in the park were good for a cross country run. The children participated admirably and we achieved several medals, both for individual and team performances. The last cross country meet for this season takes place at Lowndes Park in Chesham on 4 March. We will also be entering our strongest runners from Years 5 & 6 into the Buckinghamshire Schools Athletics Association Cross Country Championships at Hughenden, Magnolia Park. This is a very demanding course and we wish the competitors lots of luck! Our annual Family and School Cross Country competition will take place on Friday 12 May on East Common in Gerrards Cross. This has proved to be a very popular event and the number of families participating has increased year on year. Please do put this date in your diaries!

Extra-curricular Sports

We continue to offer a varied extra-curricular sports programme. Lucy Godfrey runs the Cross Country Club for pupils in Year 3-6 on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. First Soccer coach the Years 5 and 6 girls' and boys' football teams at lunchtimes in school and currently also run indoor football for Key Stage 1 children in the hall after school on Tuesdays. Gymnastics takes place on Monday mornings before school for the girls and Wednesday mornings before school for the boys. Golf runs after school on Wednesdays at Stoke Park. Hockey Club for Years 4-6 runs on Tuesday after school. The Netball Club will resume after school as soon as the daylight hours allow.

We continue to be a busy sporting community; whilst we enjoy celebrating the dedication, skill and successes of our children, many of our proudest moments come from watching the way in which they compete with and against each other and against children from other schools. Their sporting attitude and the generous way in which they support and encourage, whatever the result, makes them a credit to our school and to you, their families.

Yours faithfully



Annie Ware
PE Subject Leader