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Dear Parent / Carer

Sporting News

I am writing to update you about recent sports fixtures and to inform you about future sports 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 winter 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. Please ensure that children in Years 1 and 2 have trainers for the Games lessons, these provide better support and grip for outdoor PE than plimsolls.

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. Our U10 boys' team eased through the group stage of their cup competition and will play their quarter final next month; and the U11 boys' team have also progressed to the quarter finals.

In the ESFA competitions, the U11 boys' team put on a great performance to defend the District Finals Cup that they won last year and qualify for the County Finals. Our girls' team saw five players making their school debut this year, but they have quickly gelled into a formidable team, also qualifying for the County Finals alongside our boys' team.

At the County Finals in November, the girls' team were emphatic winners, scoring 17 goals and conceding none on their way to defending the title they won last year. The boys' competition was a tighter affair and after a very tense final, they edged a nerve-wracking penalty shoot-out 9-8, meaning both girls' and boys' teams became Buckinghamshire County Champions, a feat which is unprecedented. We are immensely proud and excited that our two teams will now represent the county at the Regional Finals in Greenwich in March.

The netball teams played against St Marys and in a tournament at Dair House and enjoyed success in a number of matches.

We are looking forward to participating in a swimming gala at Wycombe Abbey on 17 January. Historically, we have performed extremely well at this competition having won for the past 3 years. I look forward to reporting the results to you in the near future.

We have also been invited to a Sports Festival at Chesham Preparatory School on 23 February from 3-5pm. We will be entering Years 5 & 6 football and netball teams and are looking forward to this new event in our sporting calendar.

The cross country season is now well under way and we continue to enjoy good results. Our cross country runners have participated in 2 meets so far this season, the first at RAF Halton and the second at Lowndes Park in Chesham. Record numbers of children represented our school admirably and we achieved several medals, both for individual and team performances. We were particularly proud of the children's performances at Lowndes Park as the weather was particularly inclement! The next cross country meet is on Saturday 27 January at Hervines Park, Amersham and the final event for this season will be held on Saturday 10 March at Gayhurst School in Gerrards Cross – a new venue this year.

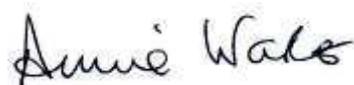
We will also be entering our strongest runners from Years 5 & 6 into the Buckinghamshire Schools Athletics Association Cross Country Championships. This year, the event will be held at Cottesloe School in Wing on Wednesday 7 February. The first 10 finishers in each race will be invited to represent Buckinghamshire in the National Schools Cross Country Championships in Loughborough, on Saturday 24 March 2018. We wish the competitors lots of luck!

Our annual Family and School Cross Country competition will take place on Friday 18 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 Years 3-6 on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. First Soccer coach the Key Stage 2 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 girls in Years 2-6, on Wednesday mornings before school for the boys in Years 2-6 and on Friday morning before school for children in Reception and Year 1. Hockey Club for Years 4-6 runs on Monday after school. Tennis runs on Friday after school at the Gerrards Cross Lawn Tennis Club in Bull Lane. The Netball Club will resume after school as soon as the daylight hours allow and I am pleased to announce that Lucy Godfrey will also be lending her expertise at this extra-curricular club.

Yours faithfully



Annie Ware
PE Subject Leader