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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Sporting News**

I am writing to update you on recent sports events and to inform you about the sports programme for the Summer Term. We had a busy Spring Term, with a large number of our children representing the school in a variety of sporting fixtures and we have enjoyed numerous successes.

## **Cross Country**

We have had another very successful cross country season, with numerous medals being won. Our Years 3 and 6 girls' teams and Years 4 and 6 boys' teams have been particularly strong this season and have achieved team and individual medals at a number of the meets. Some of our strongest runners from Years 5 and 6 also entered the Buckinghamshire Schools Athletics Association Cross Country Championships at Hughenden, Magnolia Park. This is a very challenging course and I am proud to report that the girls' team came a brilliant 3rd and the boys achieved 6<sup>th</sup> place overall. One of our Year 6 girls – Rosa Williams came 2nd in her race and qualified to represent the County in a national competition. She achieved an amazing result, coming eighth in the country in her age group category!

On 12 May we held our annual school Cross Country Competition on East Common in Gerrards Cross. The family races were held in the morning, with children, parents and siblings running together. Approximately 200 people from 85 families participated in the family races. This event grows in popularity every year and it is lovely to see so many of our children participating in a sporting event with their parents. In the afternoon, all the children in Years 1-6 ran the 1km course through the woods. The weather was kind and the event was a great success: thank you to all those who supported it, either through running, marshalling or supporting.

## **Netball**

The girls' netball teams have enjoyed a successful season. The teams have played in numerous matches and tournaments. Both the A team and the B team participated in an area tournament held at Burnham Grammar School, the A team won the tournament and have now qualified to represent South Bucks in the county finals on 7 July.

## **Football**

All of our school football teams have enjoyed a fantastic season with unprecedented levels of success.

The Year 5 boys' were unlucky to lose in the semi-final of their six-a-side competition, but won their District Cup competition in great style, courtesy of a 5-0 win against a very good Butlers Court team. We are looking forward to seeing what this talented group of players can achieve in Year 6.

The Year 6 boys were superb in winning a very competitive ESFA 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 showed their great potential by reaching the semi-final. They followed this up by winning the district league at the end of the season, the highlight being an emphatic 7-0 win against a very tough Lent Rise team.

Our girls' team have scaled new heights this season. Having won the County Finals in November, they travelled to Greenwich in March to represent Buckinghamshire in the South East Regional Finals. Despite putting on a fine display and qualifying for the final stages, they eventually finished in third place, narrowly missing out (by the width of a post) on reaching the National Finals, which would have put us amongst the top ten girls' teams in the country. In the District competitions, the team was dominant and completed the league and cup double for the second successive year. The squad are now looking forward to 7 July, where they will compete in the School Games County Finals.

Mr Arnold and I would like to pass on our thanks to parents and carers for your fantastic support in transporting children, attending matches and, not least, washing and returning school football kit! Without your commitment, none of what the children achieve is possible, and your help is always very much appreciated.

## **Cricket**

Boys' and girls' cricket teams from Years 5 and 6 are due to participate in a Quik Cricket Competition to be held at Burnham Cricket Club later this month.

## **County Finals**

Following the success of our swimming team at a gala in January, we have been invited to represent the district at the county finals to be held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium in July. Our girls' football team, netball team, tag rugby team, Year 3 tennis team and Year 4 hockey team have also all qualified to represent Souths Bucks at the same competition.

## **Curriculum Physical Education Lessons**

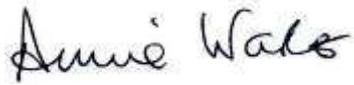
The children are currently participating in a summer sports programme consisting of athletics, cricket, rounders and swimming. We continue to benefit from the support of outside professionals during the summer term. Mrs Lucy Godfrey continues to team teach with all Key Stage 2 staff in their Games lessons. As last year, we are also participating in a Bucks County Council cricket programme called 'A Chance to Shine'. Year 3 are enjoying cricket lessons with Malcolm Roberts, a cricket coach this half term. We have opened our pool and I would like to thank all the parents who have kindly volunteered to help during swimming sessions.

## **Extra-Curricular PE**

We continue to offer a wide variety of extra-curricular sports for those children with seemingly boundless energy! Current sports on offer are: a lunchtime athletics club run by Mrs Godfrey; an after school athletics club which I run; football clubs run by First Soccer for children in Reception through to Year 6; hockey; gymnastics; 'Playball' for Reception and an after school golf club run by the Wexham Park Golf Centre.

Finally, our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day took place last Friday – thank you to all those who supported and encouraged the children in the wide range of sporting activities and fun. We look forward to the Key Stage 2 Sports Day which begins at 11am on Friday 30 June.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie Ware". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Annie" and the last name "Ware" clearly distinguishable.

Annie Ware  
PE Subject Leader