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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 Becky Viner, who organises our extensive extra-curricular programme of sports.

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 5 sports – swimming, girls' football, netball, hockey and tennis. We were very proud of all the teams that represented our school on a swelteringly hot day and I am delighted to report that we are now the Buckinghamshire County Champions for Girls' football and were runners up in the hockey competition.

Competition

2017 – 2018 was another successful year of sport for our school. We enjoyed a busy calendar of fixtures with 64% of Key Stage 2 children representing the school in competitive sports. This academic year we are continuing to work with *First Soccer*, who run an after school football session for children in Years 1 and 2 after school on a Tuesday and for KS2 children on a Friday lunchtime. First Soccer also coach our hugely successful Years 5/6 girls' and boys' football teams, working alongside Mr Arnold. Last season, the girls' team had phenomenal success, reaching the National Finals at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry and finishing as national runners-up. The boys' team missed the National Finals by the narrowest of margins on penalties, but with several Year 5 players in last year's squad still being available, we are optimistic of another successful season.

We are looking forward to another busy calendar of sporting fixtures in 2018-2019. The netball team will begin the season with a tournament at St Mary's on 10 October. The Year 6 boys' teams successfully began their season last week with the ESFA (English Schools Football Association) district qualification tournament and the Year 5 boys' team and girls' team start their season in the next couple of weeks.

This year, we also have the opportunity for some of our pupils who take part in horse riding out of school to represent our school in some inter-school equestrian events.

The first Cross Country competition takes place at Gayhurst School in Gerrards Cross on Saturday 6 October. There will be 3 further competitions on Saturday 17th November at Lowndes Park, Chesham, Saturday 26 January at Hervines Park, Amersham and the final event will be held in Bulstrode Park, Gerrards Cross in conjunction with School Aid on 9 March. Do put these dates in your diary.

Curriculum News

Mrs Lucy Godfrey, a secondary school PE teacher and keen sportswoman, will continue to work alongside our staff this academic year. All children in Years 3-6 will benefit from her expertise in their PE lessons. Lucy 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 by the school's Sports Grant.

PE kit

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 weatherproof than plimsolls. For Key Stage 1 pupils, an extra pair of school socks in your child's PE bag is advisable as some Games lessons do take place on the field in wet weather. 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.

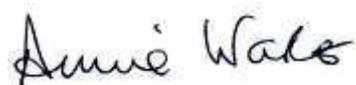
Extra-curricular sports

We continue to offer a wide and varied extra-curricular sports programme. This term, the following extra-curricular sports will be offered: football, netball, cross-country, gymnastics, golf, tennis and rugby tots. Our current extra-curricular timetable is available on our website.

Finally...

Our new school website will be launched shortly, and alongside we will be developing our social media presence. We are looking forward to being able to share sporting successes amongst many other pieces of school news via Twitter – do look out for details so you can hear our good sporting news as it happens!

Yours faithfully



Annie Ware
PE Subject Leader