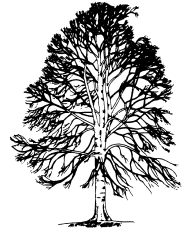


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Dear Parents / Carers,

SPORTS DAY 2019

I am writing to inform you about school Sports Day which will be held on Thursday, 11th July 2019. It will begin at 9.30am and last until approximately 12 noon and will involve children from Reception up to Year 6 competing in mixed ability House groups in a variety of team activities before competing individually in some running races.

For the team activities, each House team will try and work together in a series of sporting events to try and earn as many points as they can to become the winning House for the day. The children will get changed into their PE kit at school but in order to make it easy to see which Houses are competing, please can you send your child with a T-shirt/shorts/ribbons or suitable item of clothing in the colour of their House to change into.

The House colours are:

- Nightingale – Blue
- Shakespeare – Yellow
- Darwin – Green
- Mozart – Red

The team activities that the children will be doing are:

- Beat the goalie
- Hurdles
- Passing a ball around a circle
- Passing a bean bag on a tennis racket
- Target throwing
- Javelin throwing
- Hockey dribbling
- Basketball shooting
- Skipping
- Relay
- Football dribbling
- Hitting a tennis ball

Each activity will be located around the playing field and on the KS2 playground. Each session will last for 3 and a half minutes during which the children have to score as many points as they can in their team. The points will be counted at the end of the morning to establish a winning House. Please note that the length of activity, which was previously 3 minutes, has been increased this year to accommodate the growing number of children in each House. Parents may move around the carousel of activities to watch their children whilst they participate and cheer them on!

Concurrently to the carousel of activities, our Early Years staff will hold a series of races for Nursery children. The Nursery staff will bring the children out at 9.30 when they will be grouped and run their own race. The Nursery races will last around 20 minutes, giving each child the experience of a race. If you are also watching older siblings, we would like to offer you the chance of watching the Nursery race, before returning to watch other children in their rotation of activities.

Snacks and drinks

Mid-morning, we have allocated a snack break. The children will sit down with their group leaders. They can have a drink, go to the toilet and have a snack. There is no need to provide children with snacks for the day. We will arrange for all children to be offered a fresh snack (apple/ banana) on the day at no cost to the parents.

Following the carousel of activities, all the children will participate in sprint races for their year group and gender. The children will take part in heats prior to Sports Day. On Sports Day, the children who qualify will take part in the final for their year group. Certificates will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. When not competing, children will be watching the races from the far side of the running track, nearest to the trees, and parents will be seated at the opposite side of the running track until the races finish.

In addition, for pupils in KS2 there will be a slow bicycle race where the pupils must try and win the race by being the last person to cross the finishing line. If your child would like to enter the slow bicycle race, which is always good fun, they need to bring their bikes near to the running track before school starts and I will direct them where to put their bikes. Children can only compete in this if they have a helmet to wear so please ensure that they have this too.

Along with their House colours to wear during the morning, the children must have plenty of water to drink, a sunhat to wear and have applied sun cream before they come to school.

It would be lovely to have lots of parents supporting their children on the day. All siblings will be grouped together to make it easier for you to support them during the carousel of activities. Children must remain with the member of staff leading their group; this is to ensure every child's safety and enjoyment of the events. During the running races, parents will need to sit away from their children so please say goodbye after the carousel of activities and find a seat on the opposite side of the running track before the races begin.

Safeguarding

In order to meet our duty of care, member of staff will supervise children throughout the events. Only one gate will remain open during the morning to enter or leave the premises, this is the adventurers gate on the Key Stage 2 playground. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that you do not distract your child from remaining with their member of staff and group.

Use of toilets

Only teachers can take or send children to the toilet. Should your child need the toilet, please direct them to their group member of staff who will show them where to go and ensure they return to the correct group. We ask that parents do not enter the school building during the morning.

Photographs

You may take photographs of your child on this event. Please refrain from publishing any of the photographs taken at this event on any social media. They must be kept for your personal use only.

For your information, please see below the provisional timing for the day:

9.05- Morning gates locked as usual while children register and get ready

9.10- Children line up on the playground. The children must wear a t-shirt in their house colour and a sticker showing their correct group. The sticker will be given to them on the day by their teacher.

9.20- Mrs McGrath will open the Sports Day and show children to their activities

9.30- BVC Young Leaders take children to their respective activities

9.30- First activity begins

9.30- Nursery races

10.30- Mid-morning break

10.45- Activities are resumed

11.30- Running races

12.00- Closing of the event

As in the previous years, we are grateful to the the PTA who will be selling hot drinks at the beginning of the day so please come and enjoy this before being a spectator.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me or to your child's class teacher.

I look forward to seeing you there,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs McGrath
PE Leader