

11<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

Dear Parents,

### **Infant Sports Day**

Sports Day for the infant classes will take place on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, in Court Park. This year, we have decided to change our usual format by having two separate events; one for Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) in the morning from 9.30 a.m. – 11.40 a.m. and one for Y1 & 2 in the afternoon from 1.00 – 3.30 p.m.

This means that all children will have more opportunity to take part in a variety of sporting events, rather than just running races. We will have six activity stations and the children will move from station to station in groups, so they will spend most of the time participating in sport rather than just watching. There will still be flat races and relay races as usual. We hope that this will be more enjoyable for both the children and the parents.

The arrangements will be as follows:

**Nursery & Reception children** should come to school in their Sports Day kits with tracksuit, and rainmac, if the weather dictates. School bags and reading books should be left at home. Please ensure that the correct kit is worn (note below). The children will return to school after their Sports Day event and stay in PE kits for the rest of the day. They should be collected at the usual time. Nursery children who attend half day only on Friday should be collected from their teachers on the sports field and taken home.

**Year 1 & 2 children** should come to school in their Sports Day kits with tracksuit, and rainmac, if the weather dictates. School bags and reading books should be left at home. If your child has packed lunch, please send it in a disposable bag. Please ensure that the correct kit is worn (note below). At the end of Sports Day the children should be collected from their teachers on the sports field and taken home. Funtasia children will be collected by the Funtasia staff and go to the Upper School in Parkway. Please note that the Y1 children will not return to the Lower School.

- There is no seating available in the park, so parents may wish to bring fold-up chairs.
- Parents are asked not to cross the line of flags, or to cross to the children's side of the track and keep the area behind and to the side of the finish line clear.
- If the weather is not suitable the event will be postponed until the following week. If this proves to be necessary we shall post a notice on the school website and give you as much notice as we can.
- If the weather is hot then please provide your child with a school sun hat, sun cream and water.
- There will be a toddlers' race and parents' race.

**Refreshments** Parents will be able to purchase refreshments provided by the Parents' Association.

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- Foundation Stage Sports Day – Tea/coffee and Danish pastries will be available in the garden of Windsor House from 8.30 a.m. before parents go to Court Park to watch their children from 9.30 a.m. Refreshments will not be available at the park.
- Year 1 & 2 Sports Day – Refreshments will be on sale in the park. If you are able to assist the PA with this, please speak to a member of the committee as soon as possible.
- The PA will also supply small bottles of water to the children free of charge.

**Sports Day kit**

Please ensure that high standards of turnout are maintained. Children should wear a white school polo-shirt with crest, black shorts (Pullens style only) with house stripes sewn on, plain white ankle socks, and white or black plimsolls (predominantly white trainers optional for Y2 only). Jewellery must not be worn. Religious bangles must be covered by sweatbands. Long hair must be tied back securely, preferably with ribbons in the House colour (Cambria – red; Windsor – green).

**Parking**

To prevent congestion and chaos it is most important that you follow this instruction:

**Do not park in Parkway.**

The bowls season has now started, and visitors to the bowls club use the car park. If the car park is full, then drive away and park elsewhere e.g. Court Drive (very convenient for the park) or Long Lane. If you do park in the car park, then do so in such a way as not to cause congestion.

**Do not park in any area shaded below.**

Court Park

Car Park

P A R K W A Y

Upper School

It should be a splendid event, and I look forward to seeing you on the day!

D.A. Crehan