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SPORTS DAY 2021

Dear Parents,

As I hope you are aware, our whole school sports day will be taking place on **Wednesday 23rd June**. Mrs Rotherham (PE co-ordinator) and I are currently discussing the exact schedule and format of the day, but it will be broadly similar to previous years. Hopefully, the following will answer any questions that you may have and give you important information about the day.

SPECTATORS

Given the ongoing COVID restrictions, we are unfortunately unable to hold our Sports Day with a full capacity of parent spectators. However, as with May Day, we feel that it is possible to invite a limited number of you to watch, which we can do according to our risk assessment, whilst maintaining distancing and avoiding overcrowding. As our **Maple** and **Year 1** parents will never have seen their child participate in a Sports Day, and as our **Year 6** children will be taking part in their final Chesterton Sports Day, we thought it would be appropriate and fair to offer **one adult per family** in those year groups to attend. If you have children in more than one of those year groups, or more than one child in the same year group, we must still restrict you to one 'ticket'. Please indicate whether or not you are able to attend, including the name of the adult, on the slip below. This list will be checked at the school gate, so please don't attempt to turn up on the day without returning the slip. We will put chairs out for our spectators, so that the events can be watched from the opposite side of the track. These chairs will be grouped according to year groups, as we are not allowed single groups of more than 30 people and we would ask you not to move them on the afternoon. For those of you not able to attend this year, we hope to return with our full crowd for Sports Day 2022.



WHAT PUPILS SHOULD WEAR

As previously, the children will be competing in their house teams, so we would ask that they wear a t-shirt/polo shirt in their house colours. If you have purchased a school house-coloured PE shirt, then that would obviously be ideal. Children should come to school in their PE kit on the day and will not be required to change into their school uniform at any point. It is extremely important that the children are wearing trainers suitable for running (i.e. not plimsolls, hi-tops or regular school shoes). If the weather is a bit chilly, extra layers will, of course, be useful. Conversely, sun hats/sun cream should we worn if we are blessed with warm weather and blue skies. If spectators want to get into the spirit of friendly competition, we are more than happy for you to 'show your colours' in the crowd by wearing something in the colour of your children's house!

MORNING ACTIVITIES

Our activities will actually begin before lunch, when the children will be taking part in an opening ceremony, some ‘field’ events and a long distance jog/run. During this time, they will earn points to be added to the house team totals ready for the afternoon session. We will explain the morning events to the children nearer the time. Unfortunately, it is not logistically possible for any parents to spectate for this part of the day.



AFTERNOON RACES

Subject to the weather (see below), our ‘track’ events will be taking place throughout the afternoon and finishing before the normal end to the school day. For those parents able to join us, we suggest that you arrive at approximately 1.00pm for events to begin at approximately 1.15 p.m. During the afternoon, every child will take part in three races, which will be selected in advance with the help of their class teachers. Points will be awarded for these races and added to the house team totals. We will finish with inter-house relays (teams to be chosen by teacher house captains), before the announcement of the scores and presentation to the winning team.

WEATHER

We are hoping to be fortunate with the weather and will certainly aim to avoid postponements. However, I still think it is useful to provide the following clarification.



1. If rain is heavy at the start of the day, and the forecast is not good, we will try to make an early decision to enable parents to change their arrangements and in some cases stay at work. Any notification will be made via e-mail and also posted on the school website.
2. If the track is unsafe at the start of the day, due to overnight or earlier rain, we may wait until later in the morning to see if it dries out, but if it is not safe we may have to postpone. As I’m sure you’ll understand, a damp, slippery track can be particularly dangerous for our older and faster pupils.
3. In the event of a cancellation due to bad weather and/or unsafe track, there will be no indoor alternative for the pupils to take part in, or parents to spectate. We will then review the weather forecasts and the calendar of other school or partnership events and will inform parents if we can arrange a new date, if possible with plenty of notice.

Thank you for your understanding of the adapted arrangements for this year’s Sports Day. We look forward to sharing plenty of photos and videos with those of you not able to attend in person.

Yours, Mr. I Horner (Headteacher)

Maple, Year 1 or Year 6 Child/ren’s Name/s:

An adult would like to attend Sports Day. Name of adult attending:

I/we are unable to attend Sports Day.

Signed: Date: