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Dear Parent/Carers,

Autumn Term Sports Newsletter

As I am sure many of you are already aware from previous school letters this year PE is going to be delivered by myself, Mr Jackson. It's a new role within the school and I am very excited to be a part of the team at Manor Court. I hope over the years to come we can work together to create a positive, sustainable environment within the community for our children to be active in sport.

As part of our effort to increase the participation and value of sport within the school we have decided to introduce a 'Sports Newsletter', to keep you up to date with all things active in school. As some of you may be aware we currently hold the 'Bronze' kite mark for sport in the school and are striving towards achieving Silver. In order to do this, many positive changes are being made to improve your child's PE provision, all of which you will find in this letter.

Key Sports Dates

September	
Tuesday 19 th 2017	Yr 5/6 Mixed Football: 1:00pm-4:00pm @ Holyrood
Tuesday 26 th 2017	Yr 5/6 Girls Football: 1:00pm-4:00pm @ Holyrood
October	
Tuesday 3 rd 2017	Yr 3/4 Mixed Football: 1:00pm-4:00pm @ Holyrood
November	
Tuesday 7 th 2017	Yr 3/4/5/6 Cross Country: 2:00pm -3:30pm @ Holyrood
Tuesday 21 st 2017	Yr 5/6 Mixed Futsal: 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Holyrood
December	
Tuesday 5 th 2017	Yr 5/6 Mixed Hockey: 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Holyrood

Inter-house Games

We will be introducing some inter-house games for years 3-5 in order to promote friendly competition for the children throughout their time at Manor Court. It is a great opportunity for the children to experience various sports in a competitive nature, as well as being accessible for all of our pupils.

The houses which children will be divided into are the 'Sport Houses' named after national Knights & Dames; Bradley Wiggins, Steve Redgrave, Kelly Holmes & Sarah Storey.

Our year 6 pupils will not be competing in the games, however they will be assisting the games for our younger year groups, which is a brilliant way for our pupils to develop leadership skills, as well as give our pupils some ownership over how things are run for the games. The first games will be based around Hockey and it will be interesting to see which house comes out on top after all the points from each year group are added up.

Inter School Competition

Interschool competition this year is something as a school I would like to really push and increase for our pupils. I believe at primary school all children should be given opportunities to represent their school and so along with the scheduled dates at the start of the newsletter, I am trying to arrange some friendly fixtures for various year groups and various sports with some of the schools in the local area.

Any help parents would like to give regarding fixtures would be greatly appreciated. In most cases this can help ease behind the scenes arrangements such as transporting, officiating and running of the fixtures. All support for the children whilst playing is also as beneficial so would nice to see as many relatives as possible supporting the children of our school.

Festivals

For our KS1 children I will be arranging and running some in-house 'festivals' during normal PE lessons which are going to be designed and led by our Year 5 & 6 children. The festivals shall be themed around the topic we are looking at in PE and I will be trying to run a festival every half-term.

PE Cup

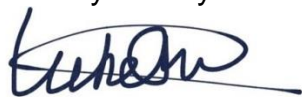
We have introduced friendly competition between classes with the 'PE Cup' for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The children gain points for their class within their lessons. The scores are then tallied up every half-term and the highest score from each Key Stage wins the PE cup. This cup is presented in assembly and then displayed in the winner's classroom for the following half-term. We have had a great first week, with the children earning lots of points for their classes.

Curriculum PE

Every year group will be taking part in Multi-skills lessons for the whole of the Autumn term. For our pupils in Key Stage 1, children will be learning many skills that are transferable throughout most 'traditional' games as well as co-ordination, agility and balance. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will be applying these skills to many different sports that fall in the Multi-skills category, such as football, netball, basketball, tag rugby and hockey.

I hope that you have found this newsletter informative and worthwhile and hopefully in the coming months we will see a big improvement in PE provision across the school. If you would like to offer support to the school then please come into the office to arrange a time to come and speak with myself either over the phone or during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr L Jackson
PE Coach