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Dear Parents and carers,

## **Autumn Term Sports Newsletter 2**

It's been a great first term, where we have offered many sporting opportunities to the children in our school.

### **Key Stage 2 Inter-house games**

Inter-house creates a great opportunity for the children to experience various sports in a competitive nature, as well as being accessible for all 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.

Pupils will be assisting the games for other classes, 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. We shall be competing in Netball and Hockey competitions in the coming weeks.

### **SASP Early Years and Foundation Stage Physical Activity Accreditation**

I am excited to announce that we are one of five settings to achieve the physical activity accreditation for physical activity in Somerset. This is in recognition of the provisions we have in place for physical activity within our foundation stage. It has also allowed us to make improvements to our offer of physical activity. The accreditation is valid for two years.



### **Somerset County Cricket Club 'School of the month'**

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the 'school of the month' award from the Somerset Cricket Board. The winning prize is a training session and stadium tour for some of our Year 5 pupils on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We achieved the award in recognition of our continued commitment to improving the profile of cricket within the school.

### **Inter School Competition**

We have been very busy this half term competing in many sporting competitions organised by Holyrood School, Yeovil Town FC and SASP:

**Yr 5/6 Girls Football** – The Girls football team took part in the Chard schools' competition, winning every game, apart from the final, when we ended up losing on penalties. This ensured that we qualified for the South Somerset finals on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The girls progressed through the group stages and eventually finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall; a fantastic achievement.

**Yr 5/6 Football on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November @ Bucklers Mead, Yeovil** - We took a group of Yr 5/6 boys to a football competition in Yeovil. It was really great to compete against other schools further afield and the children ended up finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 12 teams that attended. Top work!



**Yr 5/6 Football on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November @ Yeovil Town FC** – A separate group of children attended the competition on this occasion. The children unfortunately didn't progress out of the group stages, however played some really attractive football.

**Yr 3/4 Hockey on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ Holyrood** – Our Yr 3/4 children were knocked out in the semi-final of the competition during added time. For some of the children it was their first time representing the school and the children were great ambassadors for the school.

**Yr 4 Boccia on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November @ Westfield, Yeovil** – Three of our children attended this competition. After a loss in the first game, the children then went unbeaten for the remainder of the competition, thus qualifying for the Somerset finals in February.

### **Can you help?**

Any help parents would like to give regarding transporting or officiating fixtures would be greatly appreciated. All support for the children whilst playing is also beneficial so it would be nice to see as many relatives as possible supporting the children of our school.

### **SASP Sports Awards**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November Mr Talmage, Mr Glentworth, Miss Nadeau and I attended the Somerset sports awards. We were nominated for the Primary PE and Sport premium award. The school was awarded the runners-up award on the night which shows real recognition of our increased sports and physical activity offer that has been developed over the last three academic years.

### **Rugby World Cup Day**

This was a massive success and was a great celebration that all our children took part in throughout the day. The winning country for the day was Italy and it was great to see some of our amazing Yr 5 Sports leaders flourishing in the running of the day.



### **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. Pupils in Key Stage 2 have been applying these skills to many different sports that fall in the Multi-skills category, such as netball, basketball and hockey.

I hope that you have found this newsletter informative and worthwhile and hopefully in the coming months we will see even more success and improvement in PE provision, both in and out of school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr L Jackson  
PE Coach