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Dear Parents and carers,

Spring Term Sports Newsletter

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

February		
Wednesday 22 nd 2017	Tag Rugby Festival Yr 5/6 @ North Petherton RFC	
Friday 24 th 2017	Girls Football Vs St John & St Francis Yr 5/6 @ Hamp Academy	
Monday 27 th 2017	Futsal (Not Football!) Festival Yr 4/5 @ RBSC	
March		
Monday 20 th 2017	Inter-house Hockey Yr 5	
Tuesday 21 st 2017	Inter-house Hockey Yr 4	
Wednesday 22 nd 2017	Inter-house Hockey Yr 3	
Wednesday 22 nd 2017	Net/Wall Festival Yr4 @ RBSC	

Table Tennis Table

We have recently purchased an outdoor table tennis table for the use of our pupils at playtimes. It's a very exciting piece of equipment for the children to use and play with instead of the more traditional sports. It's been very popular so far and hopefully it will continue, as well as develop some of our budding, talented table tennis players!

Inter-house games

We are going to start to introduce some inter-house games in order to promote friendly competition for the children throughout their time at Hamp Academy. 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 have been 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.



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Inter School Competition

So far this term we have competed in many competitions against other schools in the local area. I would like to thank all the parents who have come and supported their children in these events, whether it be by transporting their children or cheering on from the sideline.

The competitions we have participated in are:

- **Boys Yr 5/6 Football Vs Westover Green** – The boys played in the right spirit and portrayed a great attitude throughout the game and were a real credit to themselves and the school. Westover managed to win the game 7-3, but it was nice to see a smile on all of the children's faces. The 'Star Player Award' went to Finlay in year 6, Well done Fin!!
- **Cross Country @ Brymore** – Many of our pupils across the school competed in the recent cross country event before half term. Fun was had by all and we are currently awaiting the results.

We have lots of scheduled fixtures and activities up until Easter and we will be arranging some more in the coming weeks.



Festivals

Our Year 3 pupils completed an Indoor Athletics Festival at Robert Blake Science College on 17th January. It was a good experience for all of our year 3's to compete in activities such as long jump, Javelin and hurdle races.

PE Cup

We have introduced a 'PE Cup' for both upper and lower phase. The children gain points within their lessons during each half term. The scores are then tallied up and the highest score from each phase wins the PE cup. This cup is presented in assembly and then displayed in the winning class's classroom. So far this year we have had 4CB, 3JW & 3GB win the lower phase, with 6PM & 5KK winning the upper phase.

Curriculum PE

Last half term children were taking part in Gymnastic lessons, as well as some 'Real PE', which is a scheme of work the school has invested in to ensure sport is accessible for all. The scheme of work looks at many alternative games/sports for the children to play and focusses on fundamental co-ordination and movement skills which are transferable across many sports. The children appear to be enjoying themselves in these lessons, as well as the Teachers!



This coming half term the children will be taking part in Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) during PE lessons, which focusses on teamwork and communication skills. The children will finish with some orienteering in a fun 'treasure hunt' theme.

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.

Thank you for your continued support,



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