



## St Matthew's Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **SPORTS UPDATE**

### **Sports Clubs at St. Matthew's**

During this term we have offered **19 different Sports clubs (including dance)** for children across the school. Hopefully your child has attended one or more of our clubs.

### **Club End Dates: Spring term 2016**

#### **These clubs will end on these dates:**

<b>Y4/5/6 Striking Games Club</b>	<b>ends MONDAY 21st MARCH</b>
<b>R-6 Premier Sport</b>	<b>ends MONDAY 21st MARCH</b>
<b>Y5/6 Girls Football club</b>	<b>ends TUESDAY 15th MARCH (continues next term)</b>
<b>Y1/2 Zumbatomic Dance</b>	<b>ends TUESDAY 22nd MARCH</b>
<b>KS2 Ballet/Lyrical Dance</b>	<b>ends TUESDAY 22nd MARCH</b>
<b>Y4/5/6 Invasion games</b>	<b>ends TUESDAY 22nd MARCH</b>
<b>Y5/6 Quick sticks Hockey club</b>	<b>ends TUESDAY 22nd MARCH</b>
<b>Y3/4 Cheerleading club</b>	<b>ends WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH</b>
<b>Y1/2/3 Multi sports</b>	<b>ends WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH</b>
<b>KS2 Glee Club</b>	<b>ends WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH</b>
<b>Y5/6 Netball Club</b>	<b>ends WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH (continues next term)</b>
<b>Y1/2 Cheerleading club</b>	<b>ends THURSDAY 24th MARCH</b>
<b>KS2 Popsteps club</b>	<b>ends THURSDAY 24th MARCH</b>
<b>Y5/6 Boys Football club</b>	<b>ends THURSDAY 17th MARCH</b>
<b>Y5 Badminton club</b>	<b>ends FRIDAY 11th MARCH (this Friday)</b>
<b>REC Multi skills club</b>	<b>ends FRIDAY 18th MARCH</b>
<b>KS2 Girls football (Kinnerz)</b>	<b>ends FRIDAY 18th MARCH</b>

### **Summer Term Sport and dance Clubs**

We will be offering **21 different sport** and dance clubs next term.

I have sent out the timetable for sports and dance clubs for the summer term. If you have not received it on e-schools or require a paper copy please see our school office. All sports clubs timetables for the whole school year can be found on the sports section of our website and also in our clubs and activities section.

Please look out for individual club sign up letters which are being sent out on e-schools in the next week.

## **Presentation of Silver Kite mark Award for School Games**

As you are probably aware, in October 2015, St. Matthew's was awarded a **Silver level Kite mark for School Games for 2014-15**. We received our pendant and certificate at a presentation at the Cambridge School Sports Partnership network event, held at Comberton Village College, at the start of February. See the information below from the CSSP website:



**Award Winning Schools:** Cambridge Schools being awarded the School Games Mark for 2014-15 in recognition of their commitment to the development of Physical Education, school sport and competition across their school and into the community. The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme where schools can gain a bronze, silver or gold level award.

## **Sporting Competitions**

Our **Y5/6 Tag Rugby** team took part in the CSSP Tag Rugby competition on February 29<sup>th</sup>, at Shelford Rugby Club. 23 teams entered the competition this year and our team won all of their group matches before losing in a close semi-final to Queen Edith's. They recovered quickly to win the third place match to claim the **bronze medals**. Well done to all who took part.



Further details and photographs of this event are available on the news page of the CSSP website: <http://www.cambridgessp.com/news/245/Tag-Rugby-Competition-2016>

Our **Year 5/6 Quick sticks Hockey Teams** took part in the CSSP Y5/6 Competition held on the Abbey Astro pitches, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Both of our teams performed really well and played some great hockey, with 17 Cambridgeshire schools taking part. Each team played five group matches.



Our A team managed to win their group and defeated Park Street in the Semi-Final. They lost 2-1 to St. Phillip's in a close final to finish up as **Silver Medal winners**. **This means that the team has qualified to represent Cambridge schools at the Cambridgeshire County finals (Level 3 games)**. The County finals will be held in St.Ives on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Well done to all of the children who played in the tournament and a big thankyou to Lisa Woolfe, who has been coaching the team in our Tuesday Hockey club.

Further details and photographs of this event are available on the news page of the CSSP website: <http://www.cambridgessp.com/news/247/Year-5-6-School-Games-QuickSticks-Competition->

## **Sports Noticeboard**

If you haven't yet discovered our **Sports Noticeboard**, it is situated in the corridor outside our sports hall. It contains details of the current terms clubs, photographs of a range of clubs and reports and photos of our sporting successes this year.

## **Intra-class competitions**

This year we have continued to have **termly intra-class competitions**, where the children in each year group have competitive matches/activities with the other classes in their year groups, at the end of a unit of PE. These have been very popular with the children and have given them a stepping stone into some of our clubs, teams and competitions against other schools.

## **Inter-School Competitions**

This year we have already had great sporting successes in some of the competitions we entered, through the **Cambridge School sports Partnership (CSSP)** and the **Parkside Federation events**.

***The remaining events & dates:***

### **CSSP/Sainsbury's School Games Events (Level 3 County Finals- qualification required)**

<b>Y5/6 QUICKSTICKS HOCKEY</b>	County Finals	30/6/16	at ST.IVES
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### **CSSP/Sainsbury's School Games Events (Level2 games):**

<b>Y5/6 NETBALL (B)</b>	High Fives Netball	19/4/16	at NETHERHALL
<b>Y5/6 NETBALL (A)</b>	High Fives Netball	26/4/16	at NETHERHALL
<b>Y3/4 TENNIS</b>	School Games Mini Red	17/5/15	at CAMBRIDGE LTC
<b>Y3/4 KWIK CRICKET</b>	CSSP Competition	21/6/15	at SAWSTON CC

### **Parkside Federation Events:**

<b>Y5/6 TAG RUGBY COMP</b>	Parkside Federation	19/10/15	at COLERIDGE
<b>Y5/6 BOYS FOOTBALL (Round 1)</b>	Parkside Federation	14/3/16	at COLERIDGE
<b>Y5/6 BOYS FOOTBALL (Round 2)</b>	Parkside Federation	18/4/16	at COLERIFGE
<b>Y5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL COMP.</b>	Parkside Federation	25/4/16	at COLERIDGE
<b>Y5/6 BOYS FOOTBALL Finals</b>	Parkside Federation	9/5/16	at COLERIDGE
<b>Y3/4 QUICK STICKS HOCKEY</b>	Parkside Federation	23/5/16	at COLERIDGE
<b>Y5/6 ROUNDERS</b>	Parkside Federation	27/6/15	at COLERIDGE

### **Cambs Cricket Board:**

<b>Y5/6 KWIK CRICKET FESTIVAL</b>	Cambs Cricket Board	14/6/16	PARKER'S PIECE
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Your child will receive a letter if they are chosen to represent the school at these events.

## **Parkside Federation Sports Festivals**

Each year group (Y1-5) has taken or will take part in one or more **Sports Festivals** this year, competing in events with other local schools, organised by Parkside Federation Sports Leaders.

<b><u>Year Group</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Who?</u></b>	<b><u>When?</u></b>	<b><u>Where?</u></b>
<b>Year 1</b> classes	Tennis festival	Parkside Schools	28/6/16	at Cambridge LTC
<b>Year 2</b> classes	Multi Sports festival	Parkside Schools	7/10/15	at Parker's Piece
	& Multi Sports festival	Parkside Schools	27/4/16	at Parker's Piece
<b>Year 3</b> classes	Multi Sports festival	Parkside Schools	21/10/15	at Parker's Piece
	& Multi Sports festival	Parkside Schools	11/5/16	at Parker's Piece
<b>Year 4</b> classes	Multi Sports festival	Parkside Schools	11/11/15	at Parker's Piece
	& Multi Sports festival	Parkside Schools	25/5/16	at Parker's Piece
<b>Year 5</b> classes	Multi Sports festival	Parkside Schools	15/6/15	at Parker's Piece

You will receive information about these festivals from class teachers.

## **High Level Coaching at St. Matthew's**

This year many of our children will benefit from high level sports coaching from CSSP coaches: our **Year 1 classes** will receive **Tennis coaching** from Neil O'Donohue in the Summer term; **Year 2** will have **Multi sports coaching** from Steve Taylor in the Summer term; **Year 3** classes will have **Gymnastics coaching** in the summer term ; **Year 4** classes have had Netball coaching from Lisa Woolfe last term and Cricket coaching from Steve Taylor this term: **Year 5** will have **Cricket coaching** from Steve Taylor next term and **Year 6** have had **Tag Rugby** coaching from Neil O'Donohue.

## **ARU Sports Students**

Our three Year 2 classes have had their PE lessons this half term planned and taught by a group of Sports students from ARU, along with their tutor, Bob Challis. The students have to gain practical coaching experience as part of their courses and as they are already Level 1 or level 2 qualified, our children have benefitted from having high quality coaches to deliver the Games units this term. Each class will have had four lessons taught by 8 sports students this term, alongside their tutor and their class teachers. We intend to continue to develop this valuable link with our close neighbours. Bob Challis and his team will also be providing all of our children with some introductory Judo taster sessions in the summer term.

## **Community Club links**

We have developed links with a number of outside school community sports clubs, across a range of sports, so if your child is interested in joining a club or team for a particular sport, please see Mr. Collard or Mr. Wellington or visit the **Cambridge School Sports Partnership Website**: <http://www.cambridgessp.com/clubs.php> which has a comprehensive list of local clubs, with contact details.

## **Cricket at St. Matthew's**

We have been very fortunate that during the last ten years the England Cricket Board (ECB) have, through their '**Chance to Shine**' initiative, provided free Cricket coaching to our Year 5 children, in PE Curriculum lessons in the summer term. Further information: <http://www.chancetoshine.org/> and <http://www.cambscricket.org.uk/page/youth-cricket/schools/chance-to-shine-4643/>

This year we will once again benefit from this scheme, and **Steve Taylor**, an excellent Cambs Cricket coach, will be teaching our Year 5 classes Kwik Cricket in the summer term. He will also be running our popular Year 5 and 6 Kwik Cricket club after school. Although our curriculum cricket lessons are free we do have to pay for the after school club, however we are using some of our Sports Premium grant to enable this club to remain free to the children. This initiative and the clubs have allowed our children to perform really well at the **Year 5 & 6 cricket festivals**, on Parker's Piece, each June.

Several parents have enquired as to whether Steve will be running a cricket club for younger children, as he did before school last year, but at the moment this will not be possible next term. Our three Year 4 classes also received 6 Curriculum Cricket lessons earlier this term, from Steve, and our current Year 3 children will be taught cricket in year 4 next year.

If there is sufficient demand for additional cricket clubs for our Year 3 & 4 children I will look into whether this can be scheduled (in our busy clubs timetable) and costs involved. Please email me (see below) if your child would be interested in attending a cricket club (£2.00 per session)

Please look at this link to Cambs Cricket Board which gives details of local cricket clubs which accept Primary age children: [http://cyca.playcricket.com/website/web\\_pages/208608](http://cyca.playcricket.com/website/web_pages/208608)

## **Young Sports Leaders**

Our **36 Year 5 & 6 Young sports Leaders** have been doing a fantastic job, planning and leading sporting activities for our younger children, during lunchtimes.

They have also been assisting class teachers in running **intra class competitions** and will be helping with other sporting events throughout the school year.

Please contact Mr. Wellington for further details: [mwellington@stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:mwellington@stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk)

## **School Sports Council**

Our Year 5/6 Sports Council meets each week to organise and plan sporting activities across the school and to publicise clubs and activities to the younger children. The council is chaired by our **Bronze Sports ambassadors**: Keir Harper, Serena Blackwood, Luca

McTaggart and Jasmine Pellegrini. Imogen Ransome has been creating the council's agenda and minuting our meetings to ensure everyone knows what has been agreed. The council have been planning and running sporting activities in Golden Time, for Year 3 and 4 children who wish to take part. This has been very popular and the sports vary each week to give the children the opportunity to try different sports. The Sports Council are currently helping to plan our School Sports day in June (see below for details) and organising a big sponsored fundraising event in the Summer Term. Some of our sports council members will be helping Chris Germon next term, at his after school Reception and Year 1-3 multi skills Club.

## **Sports Day 2016**

Our Sports Day will take place on ***Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016, on Parker's Piece***. I have been busy gaining permission to hold our event there once again and have been in consultation with the City Council. There will be two events, as in recent years, with our **Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes having their sports day in the morning (9.30 a.m- 11.00 a.m.)** and our **KS2 (Y3-6) classes having their sports day in the afternoon (1.30 p.m.- 3.00 p.m.)**.

Please put this date on your calendar. I will write nearer the time giving more details and asking for volunteers to help with the huge task of setting up this event.

Our Year 5 & 6 sports leaders will be helping run the morning event and we will once again have the help of **Parkside Federation Young Leaders** throughout the day. Thank you, once again to Mr. Dixon and Mr.Thornley at Parkside Federation for allowing us to use their track area and also supporting us in our sports day.

If you have any **comments, feedback or questions regarding any aspect of PE or Sport at St. Matthew's please contact me by email**. If you have any suggestions for new clubs you or your children would like us to offer please let me know and if you can offer coaching expertise in a sport and would like to discuss this further please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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