PE Newsletter – February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

As I'm sure you are all aware P.E., sport and healthy lifestyles are important to all of us at Fritwell School. The staff and I work hard to ensure that all the children are encouraged to be as active as possible and take the opportunity to participate in as many different sporting activities as possible. Some of these activities are competitive with winners progressing further, whilst others are festivals which allow children to participate in events with other schools in a less competitive environment. The government too, are keen to ensure that healthy active lifestyles are promoted in school. It has promised to ensure that schools have the appropriate funding to enable them to provide the necessary opportunities and education to all primary aged children.

Noticeboard



Hopefully you will have all of noticed the smart new P.E. noticeboard which has been put up outside Class 3. This noticeboard is packed with information about all the sporting activities which we at Fritwell participate in. Please take a close look next time you are in the playground. I would particularly ask that you read the Codes of Conduct and the information about the school games values. These underpin participation in all sporting events whether they are competitions or festivals and we would ask that all parents make themselves familiar with the spectator code of conduct.

Sport Relief



As you may be aware the national charity that the school council have chosen to support this year is Sport Relief. Therefore on Friday18th March we will be holding various fundraising events to raise as much money as possible for this excellent cause.

We are proposing that all the children and staff take part in the Sport Relief Mile. This will take place during the course of the day, as obviously all the children can't run at the same time. We would like to invite parents/ grandparents/ other family members to come and run or walk with their children and will be sending a timetable of approximate times as soon as possible. Rather than asking the children to collect sponsorship money we have decided to set ourselves the target of collecting enough pennies (or other small value coins) to complete a mile of pennies. It apparently takes 84,480 pennies to cover the distance of a mile, so our fundraising target is £844.80. The children can bring in as many pennies as they like as their entry fee. With this target in mind I am asking you to start saving your small change so that we can achieve our aim. I will put a bucket in reception so feel free to drop off any pennies/coppers you have whenever you like - you don't have to wait until 18th March.

We will send out more details of other fund raising activities that will be going on during the day, but so far they include a cake sale, selling sport relief bands and balls (£1 each) and collecting pennies and coppers.

Competitions, Festivals and Fixtures

Events coming up before Easter are:

Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Festival Wednesday 27th January

Year 1/2 Multiskills Festival Wednesday 10th February

Year 6 Football Matches – Southwold (A) Thursday 25th February

Charlton - on - Otmoor (H) Monday 29th February

Bure Park (H) Thursday 10th March

Year 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey Tournament Wednesday 2nd March

Year 5/6 In2 Hockey North Oxfordshire Finals Thursday 3rd March

If your child is invited to participate in any of these events, please make sure you respond promptly to any letters you receive as this really helps us to make the necessary arrangements so that these events are enjoyable for everyone.

Parents are always welcome to come and watch these events, but please make sure that you refer to the spectator's code of conduct and come along ready to cheer and encourage whatever happens. As we say to the children, the referee's and manager's (in this case the member of staff organising the event) decision is final - a good sportsman learns how to respect those decisions and play to the whistle! Thank you for all your continued support, without which it would not be possible for the children to take part in so many events.

School Sports Week - W/C 20th June

This is another date for your diaries. As it is an Olympic Year, we are intending to hold an 'Opening Ceremony' for our School Sports' Week this year on Monday 20th June and Sports' Week will finish with our annual Sports' Day on Friday 24th June. Following the success of last year, EYFS and KS1 will have their competitions and races in the morning. There will be a whole school picnic at lunch time to which parents will be invited. The KS2 events will be held in the afternoon, with races being commentated on by our very own sporting legend, Mr Sear!

I look forward to seeing you at as many of the above events as possible. Start training now for the Sport Relief Mile and if that seems a little too active, just collect as many coppers as you can!

Regards

Kathryn Churchill

PE Subject Leader.

P.S Don't forget to collect the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and drop them in the box at reception