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Dear Families,

As Sports Day approaches, we would like to share some important information to help the day run smoothly and be as enjoyable as possible for everyone involved.

While there are only a few changes from last year, many of the suggestions we've implemented have come directly from the children and staff.

What to Wear

On the day, children should arrive at school wearing their PE kits, including a t-shirt in the colour of their house:

Saint Francis of Assisi (green)

Saint Don Bosco (yellow)

Saint Mother Teresa (blue)

Blessed Carlo Acutis (red)

Our Approach

Throughout the summer, the children have been busy practising their events. While we will celebrate first, second and third places, we also place great value on participation, enjoyment and encouragement - reflecting the Catholic Social Teaching theme of Dignity of the Human Person that underpins our curriculum.

Sports Day Structure

Morning: Key Stage 2

KS2 Sports Day will begin with a welcome at 9.00am This will be followed by a carousel of activities. This format was chosen in response to pupils' feedback requesting a greater variety of events and less waiting time.

Before the children enter the field, we kindly ask parents to remain seated by the EYFS and KS1 outdoor classrooms. This will help staff and pupils access their starting points efficiently.

Once children are in place, parents may join their child's group. Children will remain in their designated groups and siblings will be grouped together.

Parents may follow their child around the events but should keep a safe distance from the competition areas.

Following the carousel, children will take part in a competitive 50m sprint, followed by an individual event of their choosing. These events will run one at a time. We ask that parents return to the seating area near the EYFS and KS1 classrooms to spectate during this part of the morning.

Lunchtime Picnic

- Parents are warmly invited to join their child for a picnic lunch.
- As it will be a normal OPAL lunchtime, you'll also have the chance to enjoy and experience the wonderful play that takes place each day.
- Collect your child from their classroom at 12.00.
- All children must have a packed lunch. If your child usually has a hot meal, the school will supply a packed alternative.
- The PTA will be selling refreshments during the picnic.
- Portaloo toilets will be available. Parents must not use the children's toilets in school.
- Parents will not be able to enter the school building.

If you are unable to attend, your child will eat lunch with their midday supervisor as usual.

If you would like your child to sit with another family, please inform their class teacher in advance, as we cannot release children without permission.

Afternoon: EYFS and Key Stage 1

In the afternoon, Foundation Stage and KS1 will begin at 1.10 with a welcome from Mrs O'Rourke.

Like KS2, they will then take part in a carousel of events, moving around in classes. Older siblings will be placed with younger siblings for this session.

Parents are asked to allow children to enter the field and get to their starting points before joining them.

As with the morning events, we ask that parents maintain a respectful distance from the activity areas.

Following the carousel, all children will take part in a competitive 50m sprint. Again, we ask that parents return to the seating area near the EYFS and KS1 classrooms to spectate during this part of the morning.

End of Day and Final Celebration

The day will conclude with the whole school gathering on the field to announce the winning house. The winning team will take a celebratory lap of honour around the track.

At the end of the day, we ask that parents remain seated while staff lead the children back to their classrooms. Children should be collected from their classrooms as usual.

Facilities and Wet Weather Plan

Portaloos will be available for parent use on the Foundation Stage playground.

In case of bad weather, Sports Day may have to be postponed. We will provide as much notice as possible. We have planned an alternative date on Friday 19th June.

If the weather deteriorates during the event, children will return to their classrooms and we will ask parents to leave the site. The rest of the school day will continue as normal.

Family Participation

Sports Day has always been a special event in our school calendar, and we are confident this year will be no exception. Children love seeing their families involved, and we are pleased to include a parent 'Tug of War' and a toddler race as part of the celebrations. We hope you'll be able to join in!

Thank you, as always, for your support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of the day, please feel free to speak with Miss Fallows, Mr Gerrish or Mr Emil.

Friends of St John's Colour Run

Finally, in addition to the fun of Sports Day we are so proud of the Friends of St John's Charity who have planned our first ever Colour Run experience – raising funds for our school and Dorothy House. The Friends will send details of the arrangements and timings – but we are excited to the end the day and Term 5 with laughter and fun!

Warm regards,

Miss K Fallows

PE Lead