



St Matthew's Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

SPORTS UPDATE: JULY 2017

Sports Clubs at St. Matthew's

During this term we have offered **20 different Sports clubs (including dance)** for children across the school. Hopefully your child has attended one or more of our clubs.

Club End Dates: Summer term 2017

These clubs will end on these dates:

Change for Life Club	ends MONDAY 17th JULY 2017
Premier Sport Club	ends MONDAY 17th JULY 2017
Olympic Athletics Club	ends MONDAY 17th JULY 2017
KS1 Yoga Club	ends MONDAY 17th JULY 2017
KS1 Cheerleading Club	ends TUESDAY 18th JULY 2017
KS2 Street Dance Club	ends TUESDAY 18th JULY 2017
Invasion Games Club	ends TUESDAY 18th JULY 2017
KS2 Glee Club	ends TUESDAY 18th JULY 2017
KS2 Yoga Club	ends TUESDAY 18th JULY 2017
Y1/2 Multi sports club	ends WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2017
Y3/4 tennis club	ends WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2017
Y5/6 Cricket Club	ends THURSDAY 20th JULY 2017
Y3/4 Cricket Club	ends THURSDAY 20th JULY 2017
KS1 Glee club	ends THURSDAY 20th JULY 2017
Y4,5 & 6 Handball Club	ends THURSDAY 20th JULY 2017
Reception Multi skills	ends FRIDAY 21st JULY 2017
Kinnerz Girls Soccer	ends FRIDAY 14th JULY 2017 (check with Kinnerz)
Y5/6 Rounders club	ends FRIDAY 21st JULY 2017

NOTE: There will be no Rounders or Kinnerz soccer clubs on FRIDAY 7th JULY, due to the Summer Extravaganza. The reception sports club will run as usual but will take place on the roof of the sports hall. Chris will collect and return children to usual place at 4.00.

AutumnTerm 2017 Sport and dance Clubs

I am currently finalising the timetable of clubs for next term. **I will send out the timetable on e-comms before the end of term. Please look out for individual sign up letters from each club (in September).** In addition to the existing wide range of clubs and sports we offer during the year, **we will be adding new sports next year, including archery and fencing.** Our clubs will be run by Premier Sport, CG Sports, Stardust Dance Academy and Steve Taylor.

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 (Parkside Federation)

This year, St. Matthew's has entered 4 competitions run by the **Parkside Federation**, featuring other local primary schools. Our Y5/6 teams competed in Tag Rugby, Boys & girls football, and Rounders competitions this year. Our Boys team retained the league championship and won the Champions League competition for the first time. Our other teams finished in second place in their respective competitions. All of the children were a credit to the school, not only in their achievements but in the sporting manner that they played. Thank you to the Parkside Federation who organise these fantastic competitions, and also to our sports coaches, Chris Germon, Steve Taylor & Lisa Woolfe, who coach and prepare our teams for these competitions. ***This year St. Matthew's finished second in the overall league table across all of these sporting competitions:***

Position	School	Competitions Entered	Total Points
1st	Newnham Croft	5	68
2nd	St Matthew's	4	51
3rd	Morley	4	38
4th	Sancton Wood	5	33
5th	St Phillips	4	28
6th	Abbey Meadows	2	20
7th	St Albans	3	17
8th	St Pauls	1	5

Inter School Competitions (Cambridge School Sports partnership)

This year St. Matthew's entered 3 of the CSSP competitions. We entered 78 of our Year 3,4, 5 & 6 children in the **Cambridge Cross Country championships**, retaining the overall team championship. We qualified for the County Finals at Milton Country Park, as a result, and our teams performed really well, with some excellent individual performances as well.

Our Y5/6 **Tag Rugby teams** played in the Cambridge tournament, with one of teams achieving third place. Our **Y5/6 Quick sticks hockey** teams took part in a tournament on Coldham's Common, again performing really competitively. Well done to all our participants.

Parkside Federation Sports Festivals

Each year group (Y1-5) has taken part in one or more **Sports Festivals** this year, competing in events with other local schools, organised by Parkside Federation Sports Leaders. This year we have sent 630 of our children to participate in these festivals out of a total number of 2114 pupils across 8 local primary schools. Thanks as always to the Parkside Federation for organising these fantastic events for our children.

High Level Coaching at St.Matthew's

This year many of our children have benefitted from high level sports coaching from CSSP coaches: our **Reception classes** are currently having Multi skills coaching from Chris Germon; **Year 1 classes** have received **Tennis coaching** from Alex McLaren ; **Year 2** have had **Multi sports coaching** from Steve Taylor ; **Year 3** classes have had **Tag Rugby coaching** from Harry Reynolds ; **Year 4** classes have had **Cricket coaching** from Steve Taylor; **Year 5** have had **Football coaching** from Chris Germon and **Cricket coaching** from Steve Taylor and **Year 6** have had **Athletics coaching** from the Coleridge Sports Leaders.

Our Y5 and 6 children also experienced some **Fencing** Taster sessions earlier in the year.

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 visit the **Cambridge School Sports Partnership Website**:

<http://www.cambridgessp.com/clubs.php> which has a comprehensive list of local clubs, with contact details.

Swimming at Parkside Pools

This year we have once again been able to send **all of our children, in Years1-5, for swimming lessons at Parkside Pools**, for a whole term. We have always shown a massive commitment into providing lessons for our children, above and beyond the minimum required. **We are the only school in the city who offer children below Year 3 swimming lessons on a regular basis.** We are also funding **three swimming teachers** at Parkside for every class lesson, to enable your children to be taught in small groups, suitable to their individual needs. By starting swimming

lessons in Year 1 we are seeing a big increase in the number of our children who meet the National Curriculum target of being able to swim at least 25m by the end of Year 6. Our commitment to swimming is really providing our children with the best possible opportunity to learn to swim, develop different strokes and for our more competent swimmers, to develop deep water skills and water safety skills. Year 3 & 4 children swim in the Autumn Term, Year 5 children swim in the Spring Term and Y1 & 2 children swim in the Summer Term.

End dates for Y1/2 swimming this term: THURSDAY 13th JULY Miss Willson/Mrs. Collard
FRIDAY 14th JULY all other Y1 & 2 classes

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 have once again benefitted from this scheme, and **Steve Taylor**, an excellent Cambs Cricket coach, has been teaching our Year 5 classes Kwik Cricket in the summer term. He has also been running our popular Year 5 and 6 Kwik Cricket club after school. 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.

We now teach Cricket as part of our PE curriculum to all children from Y2 upwards.

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

Young Sports Leaders

Our **42 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 did a fantastic job on Sports day, assisting with running activities for our Reception, Year 1 & 2 children on Parker's Piece.

A big thank you to all of our Y6 Sports Leaders, who will shortly be leaving us to move on to their Secondary Schools. They have all done a fantastic job over the past two years!

We will be inviting new Year 5 children in September (current Year 4), to apply to become a Young Sports Leader.

Please contact Mr. Collard for further details: mwellington@stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk

Sports Day 2017

A big thank you to everyone who played a part in making our Sports days such a wonderful event.

My particular thanks to all of you who helped set up from 6 a.m, and everybody who gave up their time during the day to help set up, pack up, give out programmes, run our PTA stall or donated bunting. It really cannot happen without all of your support.

Thank you to our PTA for running our snacks and drinks stall. Thanks also to Mr. Dixon and Mr. Thornley and the fantastic Year 7 Sports Leaders from the Parkside Federation, who helped run activities in the afternoon and to our 42 wonderful St. Matthew's Young Sports Leaders, who helped in the morning activities. A final thank you to all of our teaching Assistants who spent a very long day on Parker's Piece setting up, running activities and packing up equipment.

Photos of both Sports Days will be on the sports section of the school website shortly.

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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