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Dear Parent/Guardian

PE at Moggerhanger Primary School in the Summer Term

We are writing to inform you of our plans for PE and sports at Moggerhanger this Summer Term.

School Sports Games

We are pleased to inform you that we are re-joining the **School Sports Games** in the East Beds Area. This means that we can enter children into sports events involving other local schools, which provide an opportunity for them to put their learnt skills into action against other local primary school pupils. Sometimes these have a competitive element, but they are also a chance to for the children to develop their practical skills, teamwork, cohesion and communication.



The number of children who can attend each event is capped per school (often to around 10 children across two year groups e.g. Year 3 and 4). This means that, unfortunately, not all children can attend every event. However, we will endeavour to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to attend over the next year. At each event, different pupil groups are represented and given equal opportunities, for example, girls and boys, Special Educational Needs, Gifted and Talented, and Pupil Premium. Some events may have a specific criteria that we have to fulfil. It is also important to note that these events are not compulsory, and no child will be made to attend if they do not wish to.

If your child is selected to attend an event, you will be sent a consent form via ParentMail. For most of the events Miss Corke will drive the children on one of our school minibuses, and where Miss Corke is not available, another staff member from Sandy Secondary School will transport the children, when they will also be accompanied by a member of staff from Moggerhanger Primary School. We will usually ask that the children wear their Moggerhanger PE kit, but specific instructions would be included in the letter on ParentMail.

Football Club

We are very pleased to be looking to re-establish our after school Football Club this Spring/Summer. 4 Corners Coaching made the decision not to coach during the Spring Term, as they felt the weather and conditions would not be conducive to running the club. We are awaiting confirmation from 4 Corners Coaching as to when they are able to restart, which we hope will be after Easter, and will inform you of the dates as soon as we are aware.

In addition to the Football Club, Miss Corke is making arrangements for a football team to attend some fixtures, and we will inform you of any opportunities as soon as we have these confirmed.

Football Kits

We are very pleased that Friends of Moggerhanger Primary School decided, in a recent meeting, that they would like to fundraise for a set of football kits. These would be held in school and used for any matches or competitions that the football team would attend. We will be working closely with our pupils and Sports Captains to find out what they would like from a football kit, and we look forward to sharing updates in the near future. If you have any expertise you can offer in this area, please do get in touch.

Swimming

We are looking forward to our children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 starting their swimming lessons at the Trinity Arts & Leisure swimming pool in Bedford, in April. Their swimming lessons have come highly recommended by colleagues and we hope that the children will progress and feel a sense of achievement. There are fewer lessons than usual this year, due to the Bank Holidays, so we would encourage you to continue taking your child(ren) swimming to build their confidence, if you are able. By the end of Year 6, children should be able to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations



Adventurous Activities

Our PE curriculum also includes taking part in adventurous activities, both individually and within a team. Our children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to go the Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire, to take part in a three-day residential and adventurous activity programme in July. This is one of the highlights of the year for many of our pupils and we will be sharing more information about this nearer the time.

If you are able to volunteer your time to support any of the plans that we have detailed above, for example, by attending competitions regularly as a parent helper, please do get in contact with the office. You will be required to complete a volunteer form to undergo the relevant safeguarding checks which will be done via our HR department at Sandy Secondary School.

Yours faithfully,

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