



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our Summer Sports Newsletter. It has been a busy term with very mixed weather from grey drizzly days back in May to scorching hot summer days in July. Throughout the children have enjoyed their weekly PE lessons, taken part in after school clubs, enjoyed active outdoor learning with Nature Ninjas, participated in our whole school all day sports day and been out and about competing in tournaments and experiencing sports festivals. We hope to give you a snapshot of this in this newsletter.

### **NEARS Athletics**

Just last week children who excel in running, throwing and jumping were chosen from Y3 – 6 to represent the school at the NEARS Athletics competition. Everyone was brilliant on the day striving to do their very best and gain points for the school. We did exceptionally well to come second overall – only beaten by Handcross Primary, who are a larger school than us. We were given the award for best sporting achievement and demonstrating good sporting behaviour. As you can see we were thrilled with this trophy....



### **Cricket**

We do enjoy playing cricket at school and the children are so lucky to have an active club in the village that does so much to engage them - both improving their skills and as they develop providing opportunities for competitive matches. We are also fortunate that Sussex Country

Cricket Club is very active and have organised tournaments and festivals this year. This term we competed in a tournament for boys in Y5/6 and a mixed boys and girls cricket tournament for Y4/5. In both tournaments our teams increased in confidence as they completed their matches and produced some super moments of bowling, fielding and batting. Well done to everyone that took part.

## Sports Day

We enjoyed a fabulous return to our whole school Sports Day with activities in both the morning and afternoon. During the morning the Y6 children led eight activities for the children from reception to Y5 to try, earning points for their teams. The activities stretched our throwing, catching, kicking, aiming, jumping and running skills.



During the afternoon we had our more traditional races. Everyone tried their best for their team and competed in individual races and relays. The effort in the longer distance races was great to see with lots of potential for future cross-country runners seen. Congratulations to the Bees who came out as winners of the whole event.



## Sports festivals

As well as competitive activities Mid Sussex Active also organise festivals which give the children opportunities to try a range of sports and practise their skills. These are often run by sports leaders from local secondary schools. This term we have attended festivals for both KS1 and KS2 children in cricket and tri-golf. All the festivals were superbly organised and the children had great fun.



## School sport

As well as all the opportunities to be active in these special events we have also been busy during our sports clubs after school. We have offered a range of sports this year in after school sessions including football, netball, tag rugby, basketball, tennis, athletics, gymnastics, cross country, stoolball, cricket and martial arts. These clubs provide opportunities for the children to participate in smaller group sessions and prepare for competitions. We look forward to more children joining

them next year.

We offer a similar range of sports during our PE sessions and are always looking to develop our curriculum to stretch and engage the children in upper Key Stage 2. This year saw Ultimate Frisbee and seated volleyball added to the lessons in Mill. In Key Stage 1 we aim to make sure that the key physical skills required to enjoy these sports are embedded. The skills are practised in isolation and then in small development games. We hope that this will see improvements in the number of children accessing the competitive events we take part in further up the school.



Thank you to all the parents who have helped with transport to and from events this year and stayed support the children. Without your help we really could not enjoy as many wonderful opportunities as we currently manage. We really appreciate your time and effort.

Wishing you happy and active summer.  
Lucy Dunsby

