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Friday 16th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to invite you all to attend this year's Sports Day on **Wednesday 12th July 2023**. We have taken on board and reflected upon the feedback given after last year's event and as such, have made various changes – starting with the event now being split into Key Stages.

Reception and KS1 will have their sports day first between the hours of approximately **9:00am and approximately 10:45am**. KS2 will then follow suit, starting at approximately **11:00am** and ending at approximately **12:45pm**. By splitting the age groups, we have been able to offer more events to every child as well as tailoring the events to suit each age group. Each pupil has been given the choice as to which events they take part in. For this reason, some pupils may appear to be in more races than others. In addition to this, pupils are allowed to pull out of events on the day. Some pupils may have opted to not take part in any of the races. Where possible, these pupils will be given another responsibility on the day and will remain outside of the duration of event.

Reception and KS1 will be taking part in more traditional events which include – egg and spoon, space hoppers, hurdles, sprint, and the sack race. On the other hand, KS2 will take on a more 'Olympic' style approach, mimicking the event that selected pupils attend at AMVC in the later stages on the year. This includes – sprint, long distance, shuttle runs, sack race and hurdles. Due to this event being split, the pod activities are no longer happening on the day. These are still very much a part of Sports Day but will be carried out as part of National Sports Week. Reception and Key Stage 1 will be doing the football dribble and the target throw. On the other hand, Key stage 2 will be doing the Vortex throw and the long jump.

As we would with any academic subject, we want to recognise those pupils who excel in the world of sport as well as ensuring that the event is inclusive for all. We will therefore still hold the KS1 and KS2 relays to end both halves of the event. Pupils will take part in various heats during their PE lessons and the fastest four pupils in each house will then go on to compete against each other on the day.

Due to the splitting of year groups, this is no longer an event that is held in family groups. Instead, it will be completed in individual year groups. Pupils should however still come to school in a t-shirt of their house colour and points will still be collated with the house cup will be awarded to the winning house. Year 6 pupils will still be out to support their buddies in Reception for the duration of the morning. Unlike in previous years, the house cup will not be awarded on the day, instead it will be awarded in assembly on Friday 14th July once all of the points have been collated. Within this assembly, certificates will also be awarded for stand out performances and effort either on the day.

We recognise the implications that keeping pupils in year groups could cause for those with children in more than one class however we have done our utmost to ensure that where possible, races will not clash and in most instances, the set-up of the field will enable parents/carers to stand between the two year groups and therefore see all children take part.

Further to this, every family will be sent an overview of the day which will clearly show the races for each child. This will allow parents/carers to plan their day and watch all the events that include their child(ren). In addition, with the offering of more races, it should be possible to watch each child at some point.

Please note that due to safeguarding reasons, parents and carers must remain within their designated areas and are not permitted to approach their children during the event. Norwood staff will be on hand should there be the need.

More information regarding your child's races and the order of the day will be sent out as soon as they have been finalised.

Those planning on watching Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 should remain on site after dropping the pupils off at their classrooms and head to the designated area on the school field ready for the pupils to join and commence at approximately 9:00am.

Those watching Years 3,4,5 and 6, please arrive via the Coniston Road entrance and head to the school field for 10:45am. The event will then commence at 11:00am. Parents who are staying for both sessions will be required to move back to the designated area before the pupils enter the field.

Please can we remind visiting family members to ensure that for GDPR reasons they only take photos of their own children. If photographs happen to have other children in shot, due to the nature of the event, these **MUST NOT** be posted on social media without consent from the other child/ren's parent/carer.

If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to ask via admin@norwoodschool.co.uk

Many thanks

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