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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Foundation and Year 1,

We are very excited to share the plans for our Sports Days this year. Sports Days can be a busy event for both children and adults so we have outlined what to expect below.

When is Sports Day for each year group?
Foundation and Year 1: Thursday 25th June starting at 1.30pm
When and where should I arrive to watch this event on the day?
The playground gate on Greenways will be open from 1.15pm – 1.35pm. After that time, please come to the main office.
Where do I go when I first arrive?
On arrival you will be directed to seating for your child's first event, which will be a running race. You will not need to bring additional seating. There will be staff and signage to direct you to the best place to see your child's race. Please can I ask parents to stay in the seating areas provided for the start of the afternoon's events.
What is the order of events?
Each child will have the opportunity to run in a 'flat' race. Children will be placed into groups of runners of similar ability by their teachers so that they experience a competitive race without feeling overwhelmed. Once all of the children in both Foundation and Year 1 have run a race, you will then have some time to support your child to complete a variety of different fun activities, there will be lots to choose from. Children will collect a sticker for each completed activity. 5 activities will earn them a House point for their team, which will be counted and added to their House total.
What sort of activities can I expect to see?
The aim of the afternoon is to give all children an equal opportunity to take part in a variety of athletics based and fun events. The children will be encouraged to have fun and be as active as possible, whilst practising key skills which support athletics in later years. The children will have had an opportunity to practise the events in PE lessons.
Can I take photographs at this event?
You are welcome to take photographs; please can I ask that these be directed at your child as much as possible. We would also ask you not to place photos or videos, which may have other identifiable children in the background on any social media sites.
Will there be refreshments?



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The children will have their water bottles with them. There will not be refreshments available, please bring drinks with you.

What will happen if I can't attend?

If you cannot attend the Sports Activity Day, you can ask a family friend or relative to come and support your child. However, it is helpful for staff to know this, so please email the office. Our staff will support all children to take part so if no one can make it on the day, please don't worry, they will still enjoy the afternoon.

Do I need to send my child with anything special on the day?

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit, they will need to have sun cream applied and have a sunhat and water bottle in school.

Will I be able to sit with my child and talk to them during the activities?

After all the running events have been completed, we will ask you to come over to collect your child. It is safer and easier for us to manage the children during the races if parents wait until all of the running races are over before approaching their child.

Can I go into the school building and what if I need to leave early?

Please do not enter the school buildings unless you have been directed through to leave early. A toilet is available for you to use in the changing room block.

What happens at the end of Sports Day?

Sports Day will finish at 3pm. A bell will be rung just before. We ask you to take your child back to their class teacher (where they sat for their running races). This gives us enough time to take the children inside and get their home time belongings. You will need to pick your child up at their classroom gate as normal. After school club will still be running as normal.

If you can't find the answer to a question in the information above, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are really looking forward to enjoying this event with you and your children!

Very best wishes,



Claire Barker