



Bitterne Park Primary School

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SPORTS DAY Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents

With the summer term in full swing, I thought it would be a perfect opportunity to write to tell you about this year's Sports Day. Our Sports Day this year will take place on **Friday 19th May** at 10am, with house team events, followed by sprints and relay finals. The gates to the field will be unlocked at 9.50 to allow parents to find their child's rotation group(s).

All the children will be active and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports activities. Please note that they will need to wear their usual school PE kit of House colour t-shirt and black shorts to school on this day, plus a sunhat would be useful too. Please ensure sun cream has been applied before you drop your child(ren) off to school. Water will be provided by the school throughout the event. This event will celebrate cooperation, effort and team work and final races - the awarding of points will reflect this emphasis.

The field will be set up with a circle of activities, see overleaf. The children will rotate around these activities until all are completed. This is a timed event to ensure that a good pace is established and maintained. Parents will follow their family teams around the outside of the circuit of activities, children will be within. We thank you in advance for supporting the children from a distance in order for our staff team to ensure safety for all throughout the activities. Children's safeguarding is paramount.

After the house team events, we will move to class groups for the track finals of our race programme. The children will have been participating in heats before sports day and the **finalists** will race for places and points for their house. The children will sit in class groups on one side of the track and parents will be able to cheer and wave from the other side. This helps us keep all the children safe. We politely request that parents and children stay within their relevant zones, which helps us keep all the children safe.

Following the final races and the announcement of the winning house, the children will be gathered on the field in class groups. You will then be able to 'sign out' your child from their class teacher and enjoy a family picnic on the field (weather permitting). This needs to be done carefully so that all children are signed out safely. We do hope you will be able to come along and bring a picnic to enjoy with your child(ren) over the lunch period.

The school kitchen can provide a packed lunch for all children, including those registered for free school meals, as well as the infants. Please complete the google form below, by Friday 12th May, if your child would like a packed lunch. Hot dinners will **not** be available on Sports Day.

<https://forms.gle/MQJCTAhfNRGwrkhBA>



Children can be signed back in to their teacher's care after the family picnic, **or** you are free to take them home after the family picnic. Please ensure that you have communicated your plans with the class teacher before taking them off for a picnic lunch.

Photos are not encouraged on the school field, but we accept that it is impossible to police an official 'ban'. In order to safeguard our vulnerable children and families, please do not publish photographs ONLINE which contain images of other children or adults. Thank you for your considered approach to this and continued support.

May I kindly remind parents that we encourage this to be a family school event and, as such, there continues to be no dogs, scooters or bikes on site. We continue to model a polite and positive environment for our children during such events.

If it is raining or the field is deemed to be too wet or slippery, Sports Day will not go ahead and the school day will be as normal including cooked school meals.

Thank you for your continued support



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All activities to face out
 – Children rotate around activities clockwise

Sports day set up

PARENTS VIEWING AREA

