



June 2018

Dear Parent /Carer

Sports Day – Monday 16th July 2018 – 8.30am-2.00pm

Due to the success of previous years we are once again running Sports Day as a whole day event at Palmer Park. It is a strong tradition of the school to have Sports Day as a whole school event, and this year will be no different. Whether they are competing or not, all students are required to attend Sports Day, and should arrive at Palmer Park at the following times:

- all competitors should arrive and register with their form tutor at 8.30am
- events will start at 9.00am
- all spectators (students who are not competing) should arrive by 9.30am

If your child is unable to travel independently to Palmer Park they will be transported to the event in the school's mini-bus; competitors should arrive at the front of the school for 8.00am and spectators should arrive at the front of the school for 9.00am. If you require this service, please complete and return the attached reply slip to Mr Bradbury in the PE Office by Wednesday 11th July. Students who catch the Horseman bus service to school will be taken to Palmer Park, and students catching the 981 bus service to school should alight at Earley crossroads and walk down, or alternatively catch the number 17 bus; students on the 983 bus service will be dropped off at school as normal.

At the end of the day (approximately 2.00pm) the following transport arrangements have been made for those students who require bus transport home:

- the Horseman bus service will collect students from the Palmer Park Stadium car park at 2.30pm
- the 981 bus service will pick up the students from the layby on Wokingham Road adjacent to St. Bartholomew's Road at 2.05pm
- the 983 bus service will collect students from The Bulmershe School drop-off point by the Goals Centre at the usual time of 3.00pm - these students will be transported back to school at 2.30pm in time for this bus service

Registration will take place at 9.30am and again at approximately 1.30pm, for all students, before the presentation of trophies. Please remind your child that they are responsible for making themselves known to their form tutor during these two registration periods. If any students are absent at the 9.30am registration the normal attendance procedures of the school will operate, including telephoning home.

We ask that all students bring with them a packed lunch and drink for the day, together with suntan lotion and a hat; if your child is entitled to a free school meal the kitchen staff will provide a packed



lunch for them, to be collected at Palmer Park. Sports Day will run regardless of the weather unless there is thunder and lightning; please check the school website after 7.45am on Monday 16th July if you are in doubt as to whether it has been cancelled due to bad weather - if Sports Day is cancelled, school will operate as normal.

Competitors are required to wear correct school PE kit (black shorts, white socks, trainers) and the colour of their house for all events. Non-competitors are required to wear school PE kit and are encouraged to wear their house colours and design house banners to support those students competing. In previous years this has produced an extremely positive and encouraging atmosphere for all present and we would like this to continue.

Finally, owing to security and safety reasons, we have had to limit the number of visiting parents; passes are now available from the school office on a 'first come first served' basis. **We will be unable to admit any visitors to the stadium without a pass.**

Sports Day is a wonderful opportunity for all members of the school community to support their peers and enjoy the colourful atmosphere. We are very much looking forward to this event and the competitive and exciting day it promises to be.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bradbury
Subject Leader of PE

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Student Name: Tutor Group:

I confirm that my child, named above, will require the school's mini-bus service to and from Palmer Park Stadium for Sports Day on Monday 16th July 2018.

Please tick which time/s your child will require this service:

Competitors at 8.00am Non-competitors/spectators at 9.00am Return to school at 2.00pm

signed: (parent/carer) date:

Please return this slip to Mr Bradbury in the PE Office by Wednesday 11th July 2018

