

7th June 2018

Dear Parents.

With the Summer Term just around the corner, we wanted to share with you our plans for the upcoming Sports Day event and share with you the structure and organisation for the morning. The date is Monday June 18th and if required, the reserve date is Wednesday 20th June 2018.

Many of you will remember the changes that we implemented last year to the structure and organisation of this event and we are well aware of the reservations that some of you had with regards to this new event. The main concern focused on the difficulty of seeing your children, if you have more than one child, if they were participating simultaneously. Therefore, based on suggestions obtained, we will now run the events in the central area so that as parents, you will be able to see right across all events as they are running. Whilst we acknowledge that this may still prove difficult for one or two, this should address some of these concerns.

What is worth considering however, is the purpose for our Sport's Day event. The morning's activities are designed with children in mind as it is for the children's benefit. The pupils loved it last year and many classes are already asking if the event will be run in similar fashion because they enjoyed it. Children and parents wanted to see a far more inclusive event, one which would enable pupils with a wider range of skills to be able to display such talents and use them to good effect for the benefits of their collective house team. As a school, we wanted to ensure that the event will be rewarding for our children and ensure a far more enjoyable experience, especially for those children who are not necessarily blessed with the ability to just run quickly.

Therefore, the following events will continue in our Sports Morning: Please turn over for a map and starting points for each event:

- Year 1 start at the Bean Bag Throw
- Year 2 start at the Hockey shot
- Year 3 Start at the Javelin
- Year 4 Start at the Football shot
- Year 5 start at the Long jump
- Year 6 start at the Netball shot.
- Please note that the children will then rotate clockwise.

The children in our EYFS will also be competing in a carousel of activities and these will all be similar to the above with one or two exceptions.

However, we are keeping the sprint races for the event but it will be for children who wish to represent their team. Upon completion of the field events, we will use the track, as usual, for the running events. Upon completion of the field events, we anticipate having a break before moving the chairs and cones to enable all our parents who wish to remain, to watch the sprint and sack races for selected children. Therefore, we will have: 2 Sprint races per year group and 1 Sack race per year group. Of course it wouldn't be a Shobnall Sports Morning without the Toddler/Pre-school race and Parent's race also.

The final points which parents made last year and which we have considered are the timing of the event and the sound system. Therefore, you will notice that this year, for our parents who are fasting, we have ensured that this event is post Ramadan, allowing for a more comfortable experience. Additionally, many parents wanted to have a grasp of what was happening so we have ensured that we will have the sound system back in place to keep you all up to speed with everything.

We look forward to presenting our brand new Sports Day shield upon concluding the event.

Yours sincerely

Mr. R. Cruise







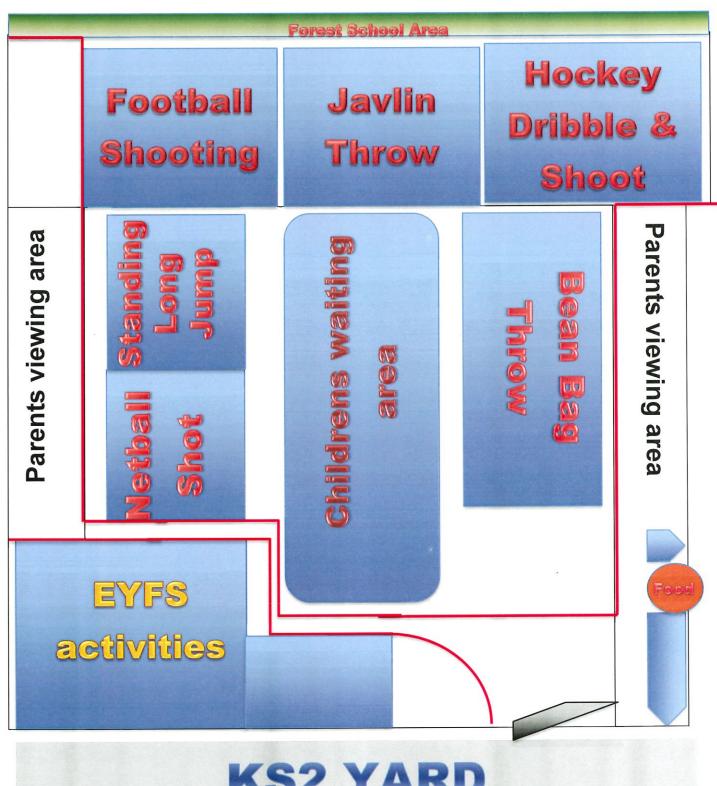
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