

Dear Parents

I would like to update you on our expenditure of the extra PE funding which is being made available to schools over the next 2 years.

The money is intended to provide a legacy, (from the 2012 Olympics), to ensure there is an impact on standards achieved in PE and participation in sport. It is important that provision and participation in sporting events needs to be sustainable once the funding has come to an end.

We want to ensure **every** child in our school benefits from this funding by increasing rates of participation by our children in a variety of sporting activities and encouraging our children to enjoy healthier lifestyles.

### **Bury Schools' Partnership.**

As a partnership of schools we actively work together to provide skills and share expertise. As a partnership we decided to use the PE funding to employ a sports specialist who will:

- Liaise with all partnership schools to develop a programme training and coordinate a programme of inter school tournaments.
- Make links with community based sports clubs and utilise their expertise and coaches within schools.
- Set up professional development events and twilight courses for teachers and staff within schools.
- Coordinate equipment loans between schools
- Track each schools engagement with school sport and provide Headteachers with a termly report on their school's access to the partnership (hours of coaching received/number of children attending events etc)
- Build relationships between schools across the partnership to impact on sustainability and transition
- Lead a core group of Primary PE co-ordinators who are funded to meet with the co-ordinator and work on central development and steering roles

### **Increase skills of teaching staff.**

Along with Great Whelnetham, with whom we have a collaboration, we will be working alongside a specialist teacher who will work with each class and each teacher, to ensure the very best provision. This training will be ongoing and will become a sustainable model in both schools.

As part of this work our children will participate in a KS1 mini tournament between both schools that our newly trained Year Four Sports Leaders will organise and run in the summer term. We would like this event to become annual.

### **Training for MDSA and Playtime Buddies**

Our midday supervisors will receive training in the Autumn Term, to help our children engage in purposeful games and activities during lunch breaks. Some of our older pupils will receive training to

become Playtime Buddies to lead games and activities and to be a support for our younger children.

### **Increased Leadership in PE**

We will also be working with the Local Authority who will focus on PE leadership. This work will enable Mrs Bolton, our PE Coordinator to access additional training in order to support the further development of PE in our school. There will be an audit of the schools skills and needs so that we can monitor current and future provision for PE. Mrs Bolton will be supported by Mrs Plummer who is our designated PE Governor and teaching assistant with responsibility for coordinating after school provision, interschool tournaments and supporting PE provision across the school.

### **Purchase of equipment**

Through our audit we will be able to recognise equipment that we need to purchase and also look at the needs of the school into the future. This will be done through working with specialist staff within our partnerships.

### **How will the impact be measured?**

- Greater confidence of staff in planning and delivering challenging and exciting gymnastics. Through upskilling of PE leaders the impact will be judged by lesson observations, pupil and staff feedback.
- Children will become excited and enthusiastic about competitive sports and will have planned opportunities to learn new skills and to compete against other Partnership schools.
- We can strengthen our collaboration with Great Whelnetham, being the 2 smallest schools in the Partnership, through our midday supervisors working together , sharing expertise between both schools and through establishing a multi-skills festival.
- We will ensure all our equipment is updated and fit for purpose so that it can be effectively used to deliver high quality lessons.
- Through termly monitoring of involvement, pupil perceptions through the school council and pupil questionnaire.

I do hope you find this information helpful so that you are able to understand how the money is being used for the benefit of your child. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

Yours sincerely

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