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Sports day Thursday 23rd May 2024

Dear parents / carers,

We hope you are able to join us on **23rd May** for our sports day. You are invited to join us from 11:45am for a picnic lunch outside and to then stay and watch the events for the afternoon. Following on from last year, we have organised the children into teams to include children from different year groups and classes. To help you support your children, siblings have been placed in the same team. Each team has been named after a country taking part in the Olympics and each team will have their own starting point. **Your child's team will be indicated on a paper copy of a map which shows the location of the stations. This has been given to your child today. Please could all visitors to sports day make a note of this so you know where to go at the start of the events.** This map is also included at the bottom of this letter. After the picnic, please make your way to this starting point straight after the children have gone inside to be registered.

General information is also shown below. Please ensure that all visitors have been made aware of these points as it will help the day run smoothly.

General Information

- We will operate a similar system to the one we have at the end of the day in order for you to meet your child for the picnic. The gates at the front of the school will open from 11:30am but parents / carers wishing to join their child for lunch can arrive at any point between 11:30 and 11:45.
- When these gates open, please make your way to one of the tables on the grass to your left where there will be several signing in sheets. **You can go to any table.**
- On the signing in sheet, please add your child's (children's) name, class and the number of visitors.
- Once signed in, please make your way to the playground and wait for your child as you would at the end of a normal school day.
- Y3 and Y5 will be coming out of class onto the playground first (approx. 11:45). Y4 and Y6 will come out shortly after approx. 11:50)
- Once you have collected your child, please find a place on the grass to enjoy your picnic. Shade is limited so please consider this if it is sunny. **Please do not use the astro pitch for your picnic.**
- Children will come back into class at **12:25** to be registered. All visitors must stay on the field / playground.
- Children will come out to take part in the activities at approx. **12:40pm**. Visitors will be able to follow the groups of children to the different stations as they take part in the events.
- Sorry but we are unable to allow alcohol on the site for sports day and nuts are not allowed on site.

- You are welcome to take photos but these must be for personal use only. Please do not post any photos on social media sites if the photo contains other children as you do not have the permission of those parents. Failure to adhere to this may mean that we have to stop all photos being taken at events in the future.
- to ensure the safety of the children, there will be a guided one way system in place to ensure children stay within their groups and with a member of JRJ staff at all times.
- We ask that parents do not repeatedly enter and exit the site for such reasons as cigarette or vape breaks.
- At the end of the activities (we anticipate this will be approx 2:50pm), children will go back to class to collect their belongings. Parents should wait on the playground as they would at the end of a usual school day. We will bring out the classes as soon as they are ready and children will be able to leave earlier than the usual pick up time if an adult is there. Children who have not been collected will go back to class and will be dismissed at the normal time in the normal way. Children who normally walk home alone will need to wait until the usual end of the school day.

Country	Starting point
France	Archery
Benin	Sack race
Congo	Top golf
Guinea	Rest 2
Monaco	Target challenge
Togo	Egg and spoon
Ivory Coast	Tennis
Gabon	Rest 1
Belgium	French boules
Canada	Water challenge
Senegal	Rest 4
Madagascar	Obstacle
Switzerland	Rest3

Please could all children come to school wearing their PE kit.

Please contact me should you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you on 23rd May.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Harrison

Headteacher

