

PE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER EDITION

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Dear Parents,

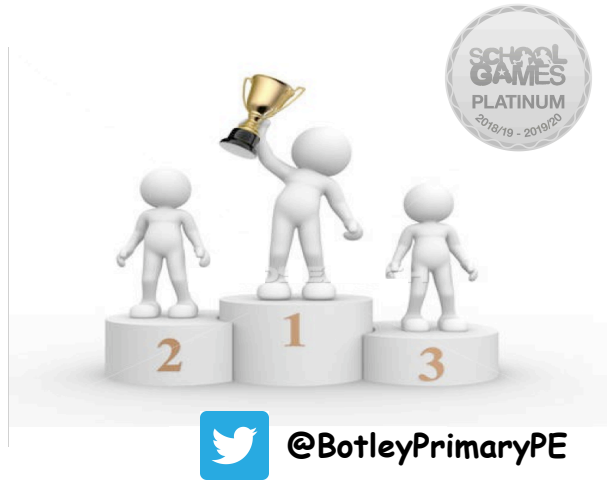
Firstly, and of paramount importance, we hope you are all safe, well and keeping positive whilst the battle against this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic continues.

From a school perspective, the provision of PESSPA (Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity) throughout the summer terms has clearly been dramatically impacted as not only have Government guidelines only seen select cohorts return to school, but the parameters by which AfPE (Association for Physical Education) have laid out surrounding its delivery has meant for a new approach across the board.

We have continued to make efforts throughout this period to enable both those at home and in school, to access as much realistic PESSPA as possible.

YouTube

A school YouTube channel (Botley C of E Primary School) was set up upon the Government advice to close in March and has hosted a wealth of content encompassing our curriculum. This includes challenges around physical activity/physical education and is something everyone can continue to access.



Eastleigh Sports Awards

On Monday 18th May, Eastleigh Borough Council held the annual Sports Awards. As a shortlist nominee for the School of the Year category, we waited in anticipation as the ceremony, hosted via Twitter, progressed. To our delight, we were awarded the

coveted School of the Year award for our efforts throughout the past year. A huge thank you and congratulations must go to everyone involved (teachers, governors, support staff, parents and pupils) as without their dedication, enthusiasm and support, such an achievement would not have been possible.



National School Sport Week

Throughout the week of Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June, we participated in National School Sport Week (NSSW), a nationwide celebration of sport. This manifested itself as daily challenges for those in school, all based on the Youth Sport Trust's Activity pack - which was provided by teachers for home participation.

Kit appeal

I would like to make an appeal for any PE kit that children are no longer using (**especially House tops from our Year 6 leavers**). We now have a shortage of spare PE kit within school and would gratefully receive any kit that children have grown out of.

**** Could any kit currently borrowed please be returned, washed, as soon as possible. Despite previous requests, multiple items of school sport kit remain outstanding - as a school, we simply cannot function with such losses, as we do not have the funds to replace them. ****

FIXTURES AND EVENTS

During the pandemic, all sporting fixtures and events were cancelled. No date has yet been set for the re-commencement of such activities. Rest assured, we will look to action all opportunities as and when it is deemed safe to do so.

House Sports

The House Sports programme for this year was forcibly terminated early - this means that several children missed out on the opportunity to participate in these events as we finished only two thirds of the way through it. The final results represent the standings at point of termination.

These are as follows:

1 st place	Earth	56 points
2 nd place	Water	42 points
3 rd place	Fire	27 points
4 th place	Air	26 points

Congratulations to Earth who win the House Sports cup for a second time!

SPORTS DAYS

Year 6

As a final send off to our 2020 cohort, we hosted a socially distanced sports day with children in each pod having their scores for various track and field events collated virtually. Following some close run events; Earth claimed the 2020 title with a score of 312, only 3 more than Runners up Water. Fire and Air came in respective 3rd and 4th.



To those in Year 6 who are leaving us, I wish you every success in your future lives, both sporting and academic. To everyone else, I look forward seeing everyone safe and well in September and to kicking off another fantastic year of PESSPA.

Yours sincerely,
Andy Rowles
Primary PE Specialist

Heavenly Father,

We pray that you keep your hand over our children during their sporting activities. Shield them from injury and support them throughout their development. Their abilities are a blessing from you, God. We pray that they play fair and strong, and remember to thank you when victory is theirs.

- Amen