



## PE & Sports

Welcome back everyone!

We've already had a busy start to the new academic year, with many more events planned in the second half of autumn term and for the rest of the year.

We continue to be a part of the ACE Sports Partnership this year, along with two other local schools. To start, the partnership held a series of festivals for KS2 this term, focused around their game called 'Strike'.

These festival events allowed the children from our school to work alongside children from the other partnership schools, learning new skills and participating at a non-competitive level. Next term sees the re-introduction of competitive games, where the children will compete to win points at all events to add to our final total for overall winners for individual years, as well as overall winners of the entire partnership. For those of you who may not know, Our Lady of Lourdes are reigning Champions from 2021- 2022!

We no longer accept paper reply slips as consent, instead, we ask that you email the school PE email with all relevant details. This allows me to accurately keep track of responses and also allows for a system of fairness where events are offered on a first come, first serve basis.



We will also continue to take part in city-wide events, which will be a combination of both festivals and competitions/pathways.

Festival events allow children to participate in games at a non-competitive level and the focus is on participation only. It gives opportunities to children who are new to the sport or who would like to just give it a go.

Competitive events, or pathway events, are designed for children to be chosen to represent the school and understand that it's a competition event. Children are chosen because they've demonstrated particular skills during PE lessons or after school clubs or they may represent a club in this sport outside of school.

If your child is chosen for either a festival or competition, I will inform your child and you'll be notified of this via Ping. The letter will always include details as to how you can sign your child up to this event.

I hope that you all managed to have a read of my letter last week regarding the re-introduction of after school clubs. We still have space in our KS2 boys' and girls' football clubs. If you'd like your child to take part in this, please email me as soon as possible- [sports@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:sports@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

As always, thank you for your continued help and support.