



What a fantastic start to the year we have had. The children have been very busy taking part in festivals and competition events and I've been so incredibly impressed by the children's efforts and attitudes so far.

Once again this year, we are working with the ACE Partnership, run by Mr Hoad and Dan and we're competing against Rudyard Kipling, Saltdean and Woodingdean Primary Schools this year. We started back in September with our Longball festivals for KS2, which was a brilliant opportunity for the children to meet lots of new people, try a new sport and have lots of fun.



A special mention is well deserved

here for some of our children in year 3 and 4 who were brave enough to step up and represent our year 5 team. We were 'short' on year 5 boys and so I asked these children if they'd be willing to play for the older team and, without hesitation, they said yes! Brilliant attitude boys, thank you.

We have lots more events planned for next year – please look out on Ping for messages regarding all sporting events.

All information regarding after-school clubs has been communicated to you via ping – please see here for details on how to book.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! **Mrs Golawska**

Following this, we had our annual cross country event, where over 30 children from years 5 and 6 took part in a 2km race. It's one of our toughest events and so I was very proud that so many children put themselves forward for this event. There was approximately 250 children per race and just finishing the course is a huge achievement, so well done to all who took part. I also wanted to share with you some amazing feedback that we received from a teacher of another school present at the event. She passed on to Mr Barber that that our children had gathered by the finish line to clap in those who'd finished after them and then, congratulate those that had finished in front of them – Wow! How amazing are our children!

We kicked off the second part of the autumn term with a cricket festival followed by cricket competitions and, once again, our children were phenomenal. Our year 3/4, 5 and 6 teams all finished 3rd in their events, with some games having only one point between them! All teachers fed back just how brilliant our children were at these events, working together as team, supporting one another and keeping spirits high throughout.



