

## Sports Day Survey Responses

Thank you to all of you who responded to our Sports Day Survey. We had 66 responses and lots of positive comments and suggestions on how we can improve our Sports Day to cater for the older children.

As a result, we have decided to split the Sports Day into a morning and afternoon event. The morning will be for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and the afternoon for Years 3 and 4. This still allows us to hold our family picnic at lunchtime for all children.

From the responses it was felt that there needed to be a more competitive element for our older children. The carousel model works for children and spectators but the children will be competing as a team in events, and in their houses. We will also hold heats for our running races. This allows all children to be included in our Sports Day but allow some competition.

We understand that we will not be able to please everyone but will be encouraging all children to be involved and enjoy our Sports Day. It will be reviewed again as after this year's, and reflect on how it went.

### **Here are some of your responses**

#### **What makes our sports day successful?**

'The 'house' element allows me to watch both children together (very helpful) the rotation of activities means children are not bored and waiting around. The range of events allows all children to participate regardless of their abilities. The picnic is also a nice way of ending the day.'

#### **How can we improve our sports day?**

'Two different ones - split the ages.'

'A more competitive element for older children / team relays/ not sure if 'house' teams would work if the mix of abilities isn't even! Heats and finals? Mix of competitive/fun races so there's something for everyone.'

#### **How can we make it more competitive?**

'A mix of relay event and some individual events within their houses would allow the children to compete but focus them on overall team work. The event should be inclusive as possible to allow all to enjoy the event regardless of individual ability.'

### **Other feedback**

'You can't please everyone! If a child is sporty they probably welcome more competition.... but I liked the team /games stations approach used last year... and my daughter is quite sporty. It's not just about being first!!'

'I loved being able to see my son take part and then to sit with him and enjoy lunch together. That was really special for both of us. I'm already looking forward to this year's sports day.'