

# **PARK WOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION**

## **SPORTS PREMIUM NEWS**

In April 2013 the Government announced a new funding source worth £150 million nationally to encourage and develop physical education and sport. The intention is for the grant to be used by schools to improve the quality and breadth of PE and Sport provision. At present the grant will continue until 2016.

Funding is allocated to all maintained and state funded schools in the primary phase. For us, this allocation amounts to approximately £18000 annually in total between the two schools.

As schools are free to determine how best to use this funding the schools are in the process of researching and implementing programmes to increase participation in PE and sport, so that all pupils develop healthy lifestyles and reach the performance levels they are capable of.

The Sports Premium will be an area inspected by Ofsted as it is recognised as an important area for development. It is vital that we utilise the funding effectively and will be looking for your support as we move forward.

At our school we have, and are planning to invest further into a sustainable development programme. At the end of the funding period our staff delivering PE will be more competent and confident, our pupils will have access to additional and extensive PE and Sport Opportunities and, as a whole school, we will offer healthy lifestyle programmes including opportunities for our least active pupils. In addition, our more able performers will be encouraged to extend their activity to achieve their full potential and have the opportunity to form links with 'out of school' clubs for more specialist coaching.

The schools have signed up to a partnership agreement with the Howard School to work collaboratively towards providing enhanced opportunities for pupils and staff alike to develop PE and School Sports in the following ways:-

- Pupil participation opportunities – Festivals, Events etc.,
- Pupil competition opportunities – Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming, Korfbal etc.,
- Staff professional development
- Curriculum support
- Young Leaders Training for children in Years 5 and 6 who provide additional activities to engage pupils during lunchtimes

We are keen to keep you up to date with our Sports Premium Development Plan.

Take a look at what we have planned and check back for further developments throughout the year.