

## Primary School Sports Funding

Since 2013 the Government has provided additional funding for primary sports. This funding goes directly to primary school Head teachers to spend on improving the quality of sport and PE for children.

For the past few years all schools have received a lump sum of £8000 plus a premium of £5 per pupil. However in 2017 the amount of sports funding increased to a lump sum of £16,000 plus £10 per pupil.

Amounts received are as follows:

April 2016 - £3629

October 2016- £5092

April 2017- £3637

October 2017- £10,203

Expected April 2018- £7287(this may vary according to pupil numbers)

### Purpose of the funding

Schools have to spend the funding on improving their provision of PE and sport but they have the freedom to choose how they will do this.

### How are Burwash CEP School using the funding?

In 2016/17 Burwash CEP School the school used the funding to benefit the children in the following ways:-

- **Professional development of staff**

One of the key strands of the sports funding is to develop the skills of our teaching staff so that the quality of PE and sport that is delivered is enhanced. We have facilitated this, by employing a local sports coach who works alongside the class teachers, in order to deliver PE sessions together, focussing on areas of PE that teachers feel less confident delivering. This initiative is giving class teachers the opportunity to develop their skills and confidence. It also gives the children the opportunity to benefit from the skills of a specialist PE teacher, whichever year group they are in.

- **Purchasing PE and sport equipment**

Funding was allocated to ensure that all lessons are adequately resourced.

- **Providing opportunities for children to compete in locally organised competitions.**

The school already takes part in a number of local competitions. We feel it is important to provide opportunities for children to represent their school and to experience competitive sport. There is a significant amount of organisation required to enable such opportunities to take place, so a small proportion of funding has gone to Heathfield Community College to allow the PE teacher at the college time to organise primary inter school competitions and events. All schools in the Heathfield Area have contributed a small sum to ensure that this valuable work can continue.

- **Forest School work**

The Forest School initiative has been a huge success within the school and many children especially enjoy the outdoor and adventurous elements of the PE curriculum that can be developed at Forest School. The extra funding has allowed us to allocate some money to help pay for this.

**Measuring the impact of the funding**

Pupil attainment data for PE showed that the vast majority of pupils at Burwash CEP were at, or above, the National expected standard in PE by July 2017- see table below:

	<b>Percentage of pupils at or above National expectations, July 2017</b>					
<b>Year group</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	83%	92%	81%	96%	100%	96%

A significant amount of the funding went to improve the PE skills of class teachers. In July 2017 all staff felt they had benefited significantly from the support making comments such as: "the professional standard of coaching has increased children's skills"

"Very useful to observe someone else teaching your class and then apply those techniques yourself"

"The observations helped to develop my pedagogy."

A school cricket tournament was arranged by the PE co-ordinator and the local sports coach for the first time in the summer of 2015. This involved parent helpers and even an ex England cricketer. This was a huge success and helped to raise the profile of cricket at school. This has now become an annual event.

**Funding for 2017-2018**

The success of the funding and its allocation last year has resulted in the decision to extend and build upon last year's work in the following ways:-

- **Professional development of staff**

We will continue to employ a local sports coach to work alongside class teachers, in order to deliver PE sessions together. The employment of the coach will continue to be managed by the co-ordinator who will liaise with staff to make the most of this opportunity.

- **Providing opportunities for children to compete in locally organised competitions.**

Once again the school will allocate a small proportion of funding to Heathfield Community College to allow the PE and Dance teachers at the college, time to organise primary inter school competitions and events.

- **Forest School work**

Once again some of the funding will be allocated to help to pay for Forest Schools in order to provide increased opportunities for outdoor adventurous activities.

- **Purchasing PE and sport equipment**

Funding is to be allocated to ensure that all lessons are adequately resourced.

- **First aid qualifications**

Funding to pay for an emergency first aid course for the two EYFS teachers. This was felt to be essential as both teachers utilise the mud kitchen for outdoor and adventurous activities. This area is a little distance from the main school so it was felt that a first aid qualification was required.

- **EYFS outdoor play**

A small amount of funding has been allocated to the EYFS so that they have been able to update some of their outdoor play activities.

- **Increase provision for Outdoor and Adventurous Activities**

In the summer terms of 2017/18 the PE co-ordinator intends to devise some additional permanent outdoor and adventurous activities for the school to utilise. The exact details of this work is yet to be determined but money will be allocated for supply cover and resources.

- **Supply cover to allow the PE co-ordinator time to go on training, attend sports events and sports meetings**

- **Repair of the school MUGA**

The increase in Sports funding has come at a fortuitous time for the school. School PE at Burwash relies heavily on use of our Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) partly because it is the only level area of the school grounds and also because we have a fairly small Victorian school hall. In October 2017 we discovered a major drainage issue with the MUGA which put the pitch out of use. Since then a solution has been sought from contractors who have all agreed that the drainage needs addressing and a new surface needs to be laid. This will cost in the region of £10,500. The sports funding will allow us to carry out this vital work and should give the school a pitch that can be used for the next 20 years.

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