

# St. James' Sports Survey Results 2014-2015

## **Question 1: What are your opinions regarding the quality of PE provisions in our school?**

- *Good for the time available due to busy curriculum*
- *Wide variety of activities provided*
- *School clubs sometimes cancelled*
- *Better provisions for the older year groups*
- *Pleased to see swimming is strongly embedded in the curriculum*
- *Excellent gymnastics curriculum*
- *Quality of teaching is good*
- *After school clubs vary*
- *Limited amount of PE in Reception*
- *Ideally school would have an extra hall for indoor sports*
- *Changing facilities for Junior limited*
- *Provisions very good and constantly improving*
- *Concern that sport can sometimes be dropped due to hall out of use or wet weather*
- *Staff training needs to increase*
- *Wider variety of sports could be covered*
- *KS1 dropping many PE lessons due to Christmas Production*
- *Disappointed parents have to pay for some after school sports clubs*

## **Question 2: What sports clubs would you like to see on offer after school?**

- *Badminton*
- *Lots already on offer*
- *Basketball*
- *Horse-riding*
- *Football all year*
- *Martial Arts*
- *Rounders*
- *Archery*
- *Swimming club*
- *Tennis*
- *Boccia*
- *New Age Curling*
- *More teacher led clubs*
- *Healthy Eating club – linked to healthy lifestyles*
- *Football*
- *Running*
- *Hockey KS1*
- *Netball KS1*
- *Table Tennis*
- *Juggling*
- *Ultimate Frisbee*
- *Fitness class for parents and Children*
- *Soft play KS1*

## **Question 3: How do you feel the current provisions could be improved? Are there any areas the sports funding could benefit?**

- *More competitive opportunities during lessons*
- *Increased use of equipment during lessons*
- *Provisions for low income families*
- *More specialist coaches used*
- *Focus on specific sports - quality not quantity*
- *Increase the ratio of adults to children – particularly after school clubs*
- *Purchase a school trampoline*

- *Really pleased how it is being used*
- *Swimming provision improvement – longer in the water*
- *More after school clubs ran by external coaches*
- *Circus skills equipment purchased*
- *Climbing wall outdoors*
- *More athletics equipment*
- *More Infant after school sports clubs*
- *Sports clubs to run till 6pm*

**Question 4: How would you like to be kept informed about PE and sports activities in the school?**

- *Email*
- *Text*
- *Communication is improving*
- *Online sports calendar*
- *Newsletters*
- *Email link online to Sports Coordinators*
- *Very happy with communication*
- *Noticeboard*

**Any other comments or points relating to PE and sport?**

- *Not wanting children to go swimming*
- *Very happy with the mix of internal and external clubs*
- *What happens when it is wet and children cannot go outside?*
- *Really pleased to see Girls Football offered*
- *More participation in local sports events*
- *Competitiveness in KS1 sports day as seen in KS2*
- *More notice for competitions*
- *Focus on key sports in order to win more trophies*
- *Highlight Sports achievers in school*
- *Assess the impact of the funding*
- *End of year sports shields for excelling children*
- *Lunchtime clubs*
- *Useful to know club timetable before the end of the previous term*
- *Ask the children what they would like*
- *Could we have daily Mini PE sessions?*
- *Kinball has been excellent this term*
- *Encourage parent involvement*
- *Bring back 'Wake and Shake'*
- *Investigate the use of Bournside facilities*
- *Payment Via Parent Pay*
- *Clubs repeated during the week in case children cannot to particular days*
- *Really happy with all the work the school do*
- *Great opportunities in a wide variety of sports given*

Thank you very much to all of the parents that completed and returned the recent sports questionnaire. The results will enable us to continue to develop and provide your children with the best possible PE provisions. I have summarised the responses on the attached sheet.

Many of the suggestions are already being looked at.

For example:

- A new website with updated fixtures etc. is being set up
- A community link fun run is being organised
- A parent and child after school club to run next term
- More KS1 clubs being looked into
- Clubs time tables to go out at the end of terms

There were however a few areas that I thought parents needed more information about and have broken these down below.

### **Swimming**

At St James' we are committed to developing a wide range of skills and enabling the students to develop these during their time with us. As part of this we offer ten week swim sessions to all children in the juniors once a year. This complies with the ASA (Amateur Swimming Association) and afPE (Association for Physical education) recommendations. Swimming is also a statutory requirement of the New National Curriculum, with the aim that by the age of 11 (the end of key stage 2) all pupils should be taught to:

- pace themselves in floating and swimming challenges related to speed, distance and personal survival
- swim unaided for a sustained period of time over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use recognised arm and leg actions, lying on their front and back
- use a range of recognised stroke and personal survival skills (such as front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, sculling, floating and surface dives)

Currently, the school takes the children to Leisure@ to swim. We understand that this may not be our closest pool but the standard of teaching at this pool is excellent, providing the children with the use of both the large and the small pool. Three fully qualified swimming coaches are also provided, giving the children the opportunity to split into more specialised groups. Pool safety is also excellent.

### **After School Clubs**

From the questionnaire responses it is clear that this is a very important topic. St James' endeavours to provide the children with a range of after school sports clubs, although this is limited by the availability of staff. Staff are not required to run after school clubs and those who do, do this voluntarily in their own time. Due to staff being very busy and often unable to give up their time we supplement the teacher led clubs with those that are run by outside agencies, although this can sometimes mean a cost has to be imposed.

At St James' we aim to vary the clubs as much as possible to allow the children to experience a range of sports. This is however strongly dictated by the competitive inter school leagues that are running each term.

The number of sports clubs available each term was also an important issue raised in the questionnaires. This term St James' has 10 sports clubs on offer, with an additional range of non-sports clubs. This is one of the highest number of sports clubs ran by schools in the local area and due to the school funding we are also able to offer children termly experience days and put them in touch with local clubs.

We are unfortunately limited with space to run sports clubs and so it is not always possible to have more than two running on any particular day. Availability of specialist coaches and staff is also an issue. However, we are more than happy to hear from any parents that are able to run or help support after school clubs!

### **Specialist Coaches**

As part of the School Sports network buy in each year St James' has a range of specialist coaches come into school to help support staff and teach the children. Last year we had specialists in Tennis, Multi-skills, Rugby, Gym and Athletics.

Once again thank you for your continued support and if you have any suggestions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.