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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Improvement

Each year we look at how to make Blue Coat Primary School even better. We use information from assessments, including SATs and other published data, information from our internal monitoring as well as listening to parents and pupils views of the school. This year we have the following targets:

- Incorporate 21st Century Skills into our teaching and curriculum
- Improve our summative assessments to help deepen understanding in all subjects
- Improve staff workload
- Improve the school's offer in competitive sport and enrichment

Throughout the year, we shall be working on developing these areas. This will ensure that Blue Coat continues to go from strength to strength.

Good Sports

Speaking of taking part in more sports, children have taken part in a number of events and have further experiences coming up.

Earlier this week, our team were triumphant at the annual swimming gala. Both groups worked brilliantly together to come first overall against our local schools. The children were very proud to be wearing new sports kit which was provided by our fantastic PTA. Well done Team Blue Coat!

Children have also enjoyed a mini football tournament. Mr Bickle ran the event, where our children were organised into teams to play each other. As well as being a fun experience in itself, this is also great experience for the children to prepare for the upcoming matches against other schools. The season kicked off with a resounding 12-2 victory away to Charfield Primary School!

We look to provide a range of sports for the children to take part in, as we know that everyone excels in something. As such, we have coaches coming to school to demonstrate rugby and cheerleading in the coming weeks. Our goal is to provide events for everyone in school to thoroughly enjoy.

As previously communicated, we are also looking for any parent volunteers to help with our sports provision. If any of you have expertise in coaching that you would be able to share, we would love to have your help in helping with our after school clubs. Please, let us know if you are able to help.

A New Start

This year, we have started school a little earlier with our day starting at 8:45am. This was as a result of the Department for Education instructing all schools to have a minimum number of hours to be open. This time could not be addressed by adjusting break or lunch times. I wanted to thank you all for adjusting to this new time with an earlier drop off. May we politely remind parents and children to keep to the pavements during drop off and pick up.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead of us at Blue Coat Primary School.

Glyn Jones
Headteacher

