



The Manor
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

10 September 2010

Dear Parents,

PE Department

As you know, Mrs Rhonda Forbes-Smith and Mrs Catherine Duff are jointly running the PE Department this academic year; their zeal and energy are such that they have been in school for much of the holiday preparing for their new rôle and running the pre-season netball training. The others in the department - Mrs Lorna McCulloch, Mr Tom Butler, and our new PE teacher Mr Neil Jackson - are also greatly looking forward to teaching your children.

PE and Extra-Curricular Activities Administrator

Over the past few years PE and all the other extra-curricular activities (music, ballet etc) have become a huge part of The Manor and the range of activities so enormous that we have decided to appoint a P.E. Administrator, Mrs Gill Mulford, who will also oversee all Extra-Curricular activities (including before school and lunch times). Mrs Mulford comes to us with immense experience of sports administration, having been a key member of the Vale of White Horse's Sport and Art Development team. She will be your point of contact for everything to do with arrangements for matches, any clubs or activities (whether PE-related clubs/activities or any others). She is based in the barn with the PE Department. If you wish to contact her, her email address is gmulford@manorprep.org and her direct dial telephone number is 01235 858491. Her hours will be 8.00am to 2.00pm every day; on Wednesdays she will work until 5pm. She will be at the Curriculum Evening with the P.E. Department for you to meet her. Obviously you will still be able to contact the individual P.E. staff on specific matters.

Other PE Matters

As part of the wider team, I welcome Mr Scott Farnell as Head Coach for the Squad swimmers. Scott has been a swimmer in the National Squad in Australia and has been coaching to a high competitive level in his native country before coming to Oxfordshire to take up the rôle of Head Coach for Abingdon Vale. Jade Shephard is also joining The Manor, as a Level 3 Gymnastics coach and will be taking the Year 3/4 club on a Friday after school with Mrs Forbes-Smith. Mrs. Lorna McCulloch is continuing to support the team in a part-time rôle and in particular, will be in charge of the Hockey.

A varied programme of sporting activities is available at The Manor and the team hope your children will become involved in as many as both you and they see fit. A new initiative, for Autumn 2010, is our Netball Squad for Year 5 and 6. This will run on Wednesday mornings and is on a selection basis. Saturday netball is

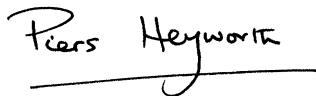
continuing and we hope that this will appeal to a wide range of abilities. It will be run as a recreational club for all. Sessions will be built around basic skills, game play and versatility, enabling children to be adaptable to play a variety of positions. You will have received a separate letter about this.

Some children are able to attend early morning clubs and weekend training sessions but we appreciate this is not possible for everyone. We would like to assure you, and your children, that selection for teams is not based on how many clubs they are able to attend. There are lunchtime clubs which everyone can attend and, along with their curriculum lessons, this is adequate for selection. Selection will be based upon ability, commitment and progression and, as a result, there will be room for movement. The PE staff are always delighted to see parents and if you have any concerns, please feel free to come and talk to them at any time.

I am looking forward to a most successful year with great sporting achievements for all your children.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Piers Heyworth". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Piers Heyworth
Headmaster