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Dear parents/carers,

Once again we have had an amazing and active Spring Term. This term has seen children of all ages throughout our school take part in numerous sporting events and activities, including inter house competitions on St Joseph's Day!

St Joseph's Day

To celebrate our school's patron saint, the whole school from reception to Year 6 took part in races outside. Every child competed in a specific race for their year group and ran in their houses. These races included running with a bean bag on your head, throwing and catching and even jumping through a hula hoop before running back to their team. The houses were all given scores depending on where they came and these scores were tallied to find the overall winning house of our St Joseph's day celebrations. Even the teachers and TAs got involved by running in their own race! As always both the children, and staff, thoroughly enjoyed the races. **Well done Luke house!**

Sporting Competitions

This term we have competed in Netball, Hockey, Swimming Galas and even more Football competitions. Both our Netball and Girls Football teams won their matches and got through to the next round of the competitions, the area finals. Massive congratulations to our netball team that came 3rd at the Netball Area Final.

Eight children from Yr5 and Yr6 represented our school fantastically in the Swimming Gala. The children who took part in the event all came in either 1st or 2nd position in their races, which is fantastic. This was a brilliant opportunity for some amazingly skilled swimmers who would not normally represent the school in a sporting competition. You were all brilliant, massive well done!

In February, our Under 11s Girls Football team played the regional area finals in York. They played against girls who were a lot older and twice as tall, but showed what great players they were by coming 4th overall and narrowly missing out on the next round. What a brilliant way to end a half term!

Sports Festivals

This term children from Yr3 were invited to take part in an Active Clubs Link Day organised by SSSP. This provided the children with the opportunity to play new sports such as archery, and dodgeball, and meet local coaches and clubs.

Sports Leaders

In January, six Yr5 pupils spent the day training to become sports leaders. They are now trained to run competitions, organise personal challenges and help out at after school clubs, as well as many other things that can keep St Joseph's healthy. The Summer Personal Challenge will be jumping. How many different jumps can you do in one minute?!

Destination Judo

For two days at the end of March, Destination Judo took over our school hall to introduce the children to Judo; what it is and how it must be done in a safe and sensible way. Destination judo visit our school every year and we always look forward to Judo Man's visits as he always teaches the children something new. This is a great sport where children learn to focus and use their strength sensibly. It is also really fun too!

Next Term

Next term the children will be taking part in a range of sports and competitions, including:

- Yoga Mike
- Yr6 Cricket Competitions
- Final swimming block
- Yr1/2 Athletics festival
- Yr6 vs Parents cricket match
- Active Kids club
- HUFC after school clubs
- St Joseph's Sports Day.

Thank you to all the parents who have attended competitions in and outside of school time and to everyone who helps keep St Joseph's healthy and active!

Miss Bradley (PE coordinator)