



16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents

## **IAPS Mini-Hockey National Finals**

We are most looking forward to participating in the IAPS mini-hockey national finals. Please find below information regarding the tournament, which I hope you find useful.

### **Before the Tournament**

We were unable to secure a fixture this weekend for training, as Dereham HC have their own Alex Hill memorial tournament and most of the boys will be playing in that. Therefore, we will have an attacking short corner practice at GOALS after school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We will leave school as close to 4.10pm as possible, so the children involved will need to change into their games kit at lunch time. They can either be collected from the Astro at 4.50pm or back at school at 5.00pm. Please note that any children who have not been collected will be taken back to school for 5.00pm. The children involved are: Blade Earley, Charlie Hutchinson, Sam Kassulke, Monty da Cunha Patel and Johnny Shaw.

### **National Final Hoodies**

I will have the boys' prized national finals hoodies next week. The squad can collect them from me, on Monday morning from outside the sports office. Please note that I will not be able to hand anything over without a cheque made payable to Town Close School, or cash, for £19.

### **Medical Forms**

Please could you complete and sign the attached medical consent forms and the trip consent form and return these to the front office before Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We need these to be completed in order to be able to take children on the overnight trip.

### **During the Tournament**

The boys should be truly proud of reaching this national final and if you are able to come and support them, it would be greatly appreciated. Should you decide to travel down and stay overnight on the Tuesday, possibly in the same Premier Inn, do come and say hello. Please be aware, though, that the children will be expected to eat together and stay in their pairings for the accommodation. In the same vein please do not take a child home with you on the Wednesday without making Mr Phoenix or I aware.

With this being a national tournament, there is a definite 'starting team' in order that we be as competitive as possible. As with the Regionals, those not in the starting team will be used to rest legs and cover injuries. This is even more important as this tournament has a

Plate competition too. Please be aware, therefore, that everyone is not guaranteed pitch time during every game, though everyone should have had a good amount of pitch time by the end of the day. Do speak to me if you have any concerns about this or would rather your child did not come along if they are not likely to play in every match.

Finally, this event is a reward for all the hard work that these young players have put into their game, not just this year, but over the last 4 or 5 years. They will value your support and will wish to impress you. Please refrain from criticising or coaching from the sides as per the attached IAPS 'Code of Conduct' for spectators. I like to think that we will all support each other both on and off the pitch!

If you have any questions, please, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Colman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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