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### Autumn Sports letter.

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow, what a first term we have had at Hollyfast! The children have worked incredibly hard over the last term learning new skills and improving each day. We have had some fantastic sporting achievements that we would like to highlight to you.

#### Boys football

Our season kicked off in fine style with a cup match which we were clear winners and through to the next round. We have a very strong team this year and I am excited for what the season will bring in the new year.



Throughout the year we will also have non-competitive matches for children to be able to wear the Hollyfast shirt and represent their school. This has already proved very successful, and the children have loved every minute!



#### Year 4 Girls Football

Our Year 4 girls took part in their very first competitive match for Hollyfast and they made us proud! They showed amazing skills and school values and managed to score some amazing goals! Through this event our girls were rewarded with 2 free tickets to watch the England Lionesses at the CBS Arena!



AIM high, GROW within and REACH beyond the stars



### Year 5/6 Girls Football

Our very talented Year 5/6 Girls football team kicked off their season in the cup and came out 6-2 winners against a very tough opponent! The girls have worked incredibly hard in training and in games and have improved so much! I am so excited to see how far we can go as a team this season.



### Mixed year 6 tournament team

We had the opportunity to take part in a tournament against teams across Warwickshire and the team were amazing and showed some great football skills. The team managed to be group winners and went all the way through to the quarter finals. Unfortunately, losing on penalties after not conceding a single goal the whole tournament from open play. The team should be incredibly proud of themselves and on a different day could have quite easily lifted the trophy.



### Year 5 Dodgeball

Our Year 5 Dodgeball team competed against many different schools from across Coventry in a values dodgeball tournament. We were very successful at this event finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place. The team then moved onto the county finals and competed against all the other winning schools from across Warwickshire. The team made us incredibly proud and one of the team said it was "The best experience ever".



### Year 4 Dodgeball team

Our Year 4 dodgeball team went to a values dodgeball event and were amazing! they all worked so hard as a team to show honesty, teamwork and respect and came out as overall winners! The children were amazed to come out as winners which was thoroughly deserved.



### Sports hall Athletics

Our Year 6 children have been working hard learning all about the different event in Athletics and they had the chance to show these skills against other schools. The team had to take on events such as triple jump and relay races and they made us all proud! The teamwork and sportsmanship were clear to see and many staff from other schools complimented our team on this.

### Hado

What a great event this was! for those who don't know, HADO is an Augmented reality gaming experience which involves playing a game like dodgeball whilst wearing headsets and is a really unique experience! The team came away from this event as big fans of the sport and would love to go back and experience more!

### Aston Villa training

We were very lucky to have Aston Villa coaches come into school and deliver a football session to all of year 6 and all of Year 4. The children took part in a range of different football drills, and I am ecstatic to announce that 14 of our children were picked to go and have a 3-week trial at a development academy which is amazing, and they all should be incredibly proud of themselves for such a great achievement. With the success of this day Aston Villa will be back in the new year to deliver to different year groups to look for talent there!



### School Clubs

School clubs have really taken off at Hollyfast. We have worked hard to broaden our offer to include Arts, Crafts, Performing Arts, outdoor fun as well as sport. Each half term, we offer and rotate a wide range of different activities, and we really hope there is something for every child. Across the Autumn term, 46.5% of children attended a Hollyfast club which is a fantastic number, thank you for all those who did attend. For those who would like to sign up please use the MCAS app or speak to a member of staff if you are unsure. Our aim is for all children to take part in at least one club each academic year.

Finally, a little note from myself and Mr Shaw. We are only able to do these amazing events with the support of you as parents/carers. Your dedication to your children is second to none and you have supported with every single event we have been to this year. Your help with getting children to football matches or sending your child with a packed lunch has made the world of difference and enabled us to give the children some great enrichment opportunities on which we hope to build on in the new year. I hope you have a lovely Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2025 for some more sporting success!

Your sincerely

Mr Ashby and Mr Shaw

