

PE and Sport Funding 2013-2014

Primary school PE and sport funding, also referred to as Sport Premium, was introduced in the 2013-14 year and is an annual lump sum paid to schools which must be spent on improving PE and Sport. Initially, it was guaranteed for 2 years but it has now been extended to 2020. Each school gets £8000 plus £5 for each pupil in key stages 1 and 2.

We have chosen to spend our first year's money on 3 main things: a PE consultant, a PE and Sport Apprentice and tennis lessons for Year 3.

PE Consultant, Pat Callaghan.

Pat worked with the school previously via the now defunct School Sports Partnership so we were aware of his talents and expertise. His main task is to provide CPD (Continuous Professional Development) so that all our staff have the skills and confidence necessary to deliver high quality PE lessons. He will also help to improve our lunchtime provision by training children and staff as activity leaders. Equally important will be his input into our ongoing self-review process.

PE and School Sport Apprentice, Jordan Simpson

Jordan joined us through the National Schools Apprentice (NSA) programme. He will be gaining NVQ level qualifications in school sport and activity leadership. Jordan will work alongside the class teacher to assist in setting up for lessons then work with groups during lessons to encourage or stretch children as needed. He will also help out at several after school clubs

Tennis lessons

Following a trial with years 1, 2 and 3, it was decided that year 3 would be the optimum year to benefit from an exciting partnership with the Albert Tennis Club on Old Lansdowne Road. They have fantastic facilities and coaches who are enthusiastic and highly skilled. They will be learning Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS): agility, balance and coordination (ABC), not just tennis specific exercise. Early reports are very encouraging and we're delighted that lots of the children are also playing tennis at the Albert after school.