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Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of the Summer Term, Alsager Community Trust's (ACT) Sport's Activities Programme is drawing to a close. We would like to congratulate the great many children who have participated in these activities and to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play your children have shown throughout. We also hope they have had huge amounts of fun.

Inevitably, in a good number of the activities there has been an element of individual and school-based competition but all schools would like to stress that real achievement comes from your child taking part and doing her/his best.

Each year, the final event in our sporting calendar has been the 'Town Sports', traditionally held at Highfields Primary School. A huge number of children, of different ages, participate, in a wide range of athletics events and the school with the greatest number of points at the end, is awarded the John Girbow Cup.

An event such as this takes a good deal of planning and teaching staff have given up a great deal of time, voluntarily, not only to plan and prepare for this event but to support the sports programme throughout the entire year. As Heads, we would like to express our sincere thanks to these staff for their tireless work.

Unfortunately, for the last two years, we have been disappointed by the attitude of a small number of parents, particularly at this Town Sports event. This concern relates to the 'excessively competitive' attitude of some parents who persist in making 'uncomfortable' and sometimes abusive comments within earshot of staff and parents who have even questioned the impartiality of decisions by judges. As a result of the latter, this year, the Youth Sports Leaders from Alsager School will not be helping officiate, instead the PE staff from Alsager School have kindly agreed to act as judges and their decisions will be final.

The Town Sports is intended to be a 'fun' event in which everyone - children, parents and staff - enjoy a few hours together on a Summer's evening. It is not a highly competitive festival of elite athletes and we hope that parents come and enjoy the evening for what it really is and respect the underlying ethos of the event. We look forward to seeing you all there, watching with pride, as your children participate and thank you for your understanding.

Best wishes

Alsager Primary Heads

