

Dear Parents,

Sorry for the delay in this weeks newsletter. At the moment it is a very busy time of the season. I am currently at games non stop and Matt has signed for Barnet on loan so his schedule is quite full.

Arranging games has been very hard at the current time. The bad weather has meant everyone has been thrown out in their schedule in terms of games they have to catch up and a reluctance to arrange new games as pitches are not great at the moment.

We have games arranged v Millwall on Friday 19th March, definitely for an under 8 team and maybe under 10. Southend are going to play us with their shadow squads and development squads and I am literally waiting for a call to advise when.

Gillingham away will be taking place in March. We will be having two four team tournaments at Plumberow Primary school. These will be on Saturday mornings as follows. Under 8 and under 10 players Saturday March 13th and under 9 and 11 groups Saturday 20th March. These will be a 9am meet and finish around midday. The age groups have been split as some players may play both weeks.

In Easter we will be playing games in Cambridge. I aim to make these week 2 of the holidays. I wasn't at the games 2 weeks ago but the performances were okay from the coaches point of view in terms of individuals. The scores went against us, obviously we want these to be the right way around BUT it is the same old thing that we don't play every week as a team. The sides we had in do and were of a good standard.

When we play pro clubs we try to get the mix right in terms of players and split age groups.

We will have training kit available to purchase at a subsidised rate with pro kit from February 20th. We have been able to do this thanks to the sponsorship we have received. All details to follow next week.

Training will take place Wednesday 10th and 24th at King Edmunds (5pm-6.15pm) and the 17th at Plumberow Primary School (3.15pm - 4.45pm).

Don't forget there is a soccer school on that week, Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th at Plumberow, 10am-3pm. This includes a tour of Chelsea on the Friday. Cost £47 to Academy members. Places are booking up, should you wish your child to attend could you let me know asap.

The selection evening is Wednesday 24th February at King Edmunds 5-6.30pm. We have had to change this date around for different reasons. All existing players will train as normal. We are looking for any quality players but particularly under 6,7 and 12 boys.

Thank you for your continued support, a good stream of players are constantly attending and these lads are obviously enjoying it as we are getting trialists through recommendation.

We have some good media coverage coming up, I can not say anything more at the moment but the Academy will only now further develop.

Sorry for the delay in finalising dates, believe me I am frustrated as anyone by it all. Please ensure all subs are up to date. These monies should only be given to Sam if possible at the start of the session and please make sure you register your child every week,. If you have yet to return your sons player profile please do so asap.

As ever if you have any further questions please contact me on 07768 581205 or info@matt-lockwood-football-academy.com.

Thank you

Kevin, Matt and the Academy coaches