

Dear Parents,

Thank you first of all to Shane Bird for bringing a selection of players over tonight from his academy to play some of our younger boys. Any games are enjoyed by the players but also valuable from our point of view to see how the boys are developing. The other key issue is the players are getting to know each other better.

Next week we are having games for under 10/11/12 boys

Could players bring boots and trainers every week as we may train on grass outside of the astro at times . It would be helpful if all players could get in the habit of wearing white shorts and socks for training as part of their kit.

Game v Spurs for under 10/11/12 boys will take place next Monday 16th November. At Gable Hall school, Thurrock. Meet 6.45pm. We will meet with all boys of these age groups at the end of tonights training. A map of how to get to Gable Hall will be on our web site Thursday.

You will also see a training and games schedule is now on there for you to double check at any time when events are taking place.

We will be taking a selection of under 8/9/10 boys to West Ham training ground this Friday evening. We can only take 10 so if your child is not included this time they maybe in the future. If selected the meet will be 6.50pm at Saville Road, Chadwell Heath.

Also on Monday 23rd November we have been invited to play Academy one at Palmers college, Grays. One team of under 9 and one under 10 team will play. This will be 5.45pm meet and finish at 7pm. This will then be followed up by an under 11 and 12 game to take place on a Saturday morning.

Wednesday 25th November the under 7/8/9 boys will play Southend at King Edmunds and the 2nd December will be the under 10/11/12 boys playing the same opponents.

WE WILL PROVIDE KIT FOR GAMES BUT IT IS ALWAYS AN IDEA FOR BOYS TO BRING WHITE SHORTS AND SOCKS ALONG. THEY WILL ALSO NEED SHIN PADS, TRAINERS AND BOOTS, TRACKSUIT AND DRINKS.

A reminder that it is vital we have all players details, especially contact numbers (mobiles and home) and correct email addresses. Subs are also due for November, thank you as most of you paid last week.

The goalkeeper section still needs new keepers. Please, if you know of a keeper, maybe in your sons team, ask if they would like to come along for the specialist coaching and have a free week as a taster.

As you can see we are getting very busy providing games for the boys. We appreciate the positive feedback and enthusiasm of players old and new.

We will be issuing a new player and parent guide on the Academy next week. If you want to ask any questions to coaches after training or games it can be difficult as we have many things going on at this time. From next week I will give you more contact details of each coach. Please feel free then to ask them questions if you want to know how your son is developing in training and games when they have more time.

Thank you for your continued support, as ever if you have any questions please contact Kevin on 07768 581205.

Regards

Kevin, Matt and all the Academy Staff