

Dear Parents,

It has been an excellent week for the Academy. Last week the under 7/8/9 boys played against another academy and did very well. Wayne and Gregg were pleased with the boys and their performances.

We followed this up by a group of under 8/9 boys playing against West Ham United. Thank you to Neil Harris who helped run the team. The lads put in a magnificent effort, only losing 4-2 over 4 quarters. The result is not the most significant factor. West Ham said how impressed they were with the football we played against what they consider a very strong group. We have been invited back.

On Monday the older players 10/11/12 played Spurs development in Grays. We arranged 2 teams and rotated the sides. Again I was pleased with the new players and how players from last season have developed. The games are of great value. The boys listened very well and took new ideas in well. Spurs have invited us back for the end of January.

Photos from the games v Spurs are on Nicky Hayes website and will be on ours from Friday.

Thank you to all parents in getting the players to the different venues and the emails and chats on how much the boys enjoyed these games.

Next Wednesday the younger players 7/8/9 play Southend United at King Edmunds, and the week after 10/11/12 boys play Southends older groups. Please make every effort to get to King Edmunds by 4.45pm as it helps us arrange teams quickly and then make use of the hour for games.

Thank you tonight to Boca Juniors under 11 for bringing a team over.

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.

Also on Monday 23rd November (next Monday) we have been invited to play Academy one at Palmers college, Grays. This academy is run by a Charlton scout and we have had good games in the past. One team of under 9 and one under 10 team will play. This will be 5.45pm meet and finish at 7pm. We will select teams tonight as we can only take a limited number. The map for the venue will then be on our Website.

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.

The goalkeeper section is starting to gain more interest. Well done to all keepers who have played recently, we have a good base to work from , Alex is enjoying the coaching with these boys.

I am just in the process of completing parent and player guides which will have coaches details within them. In December we will talk to each player and parent regarding the progress of each player and how they can develop further.

You will see on our website the training schedule and the time table for December.

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