

Dear Parents,

Apologies that there was no newsletter last Wednesday. The Academy has had a good flow of games now over the last month and we have found these very valuable in learning more about our players.

Tonight the older age groups will be playing Southend United. The results are not the important issue from our point of view. The development of each individual has the highest importance but the more games together helps the players to get to know each other better.

Well done to the boys that played against Academy 1 at Grays and Southend United last week.

December is always a tough month to get games as clubs slow down before Christmas and children have so many school commitments. We want players to remain dedicated though and our concentration will be on getting some good work done in training, there is a possibility of games on the last Wednesday the 16th.

On the 16th we will get mini reports out on each players progress and try to get around to each parent for a chat. The players and Parents Academy guide will be given out at this time.

January and February will see the age groups playing other games, the schedule should be complete to notify you before Christmas.

We feel we have real depth in the middle age groups of the Academy but would like to strengthen our tots section, under 6 and 7. Also the top end, under 12 group is very important to us and for the mentioned age groups we will hold selection evenings in January.

Long term we would like to take players on tours at the end of seasons to play in foreign tournaments.

The training kit idea continues to progress and will be in place for January.

Decembers training schedule is on the website, the last night at King Edmunds is the 16th but there is an additional session on the 21st at Plumberow Primary school, 2.15pm-4pm. Tonight we are giving out soccer school forms. This is taking place on the 21st and 22nd at Plumberow, 10-3pm. For Academy players attending they will have the choice of continuing the premier league tournament or Academy training from 2pm but they obviously can stay until 4pm that day (final Christmas shopping time mums or starting Christmas shopping time for dads!)

We will return to training on the 6th January at King Edmunds.

The interest in the Academy grows weekly and the numbers increase. In January we will divide groups clearly to advanced and development sections. The website has seen us improve our advertising but thank you to parents who help to promote us

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