



Merridale Primary School

Aspen Way Wolverhampton WV3 0UP
Telephone: 01902 558760
E Mail: office@merridaleprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs Laura Towle
www.merridaleprimary.co.uk

Date: Tuesday 5th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports for Champions CIC Athlete Visit Sponsored Event (Years 1-6)

We are very excited to announce that, on **Thursday 28th September**, we will be visited by the footballer, Martha Harris. You can find out more about Martha, here:

<https://sportsforchampions.com/athletes/martha-harris/>

This event has been arranged through Sports for Champions who raise funds for schools but also help unsponsored athletes and established athletes in need of funding. Sports for Champion's mission is to EDUCATE, ENABLE and EMPOWER all participants in an exciting sponsored fitness circuit, facilitated by an Olympic athlete. Martha will also share her story, life lessons and personal insight through an interactive assembly, inspiring our children and promoting healthier, active lifestyles. Physical fitness is vital for young people's overall well-being and it is proven to boost learning potential and cognitive abilities.

All children will be encouraged to take part, regardless of athletic ability and 60% of the proceeds of the event will be used by school to support our pupils' educational experiences. The remaining 40% supports dedicated professional athletes. Sports for Champions is a not-for-profit, government audited organisation.

Children in Years 1-6 will today be bringing home a sponsor form which will give further information about this exciting event. We have set a fund raising target of £500 for our school. If each child raises just £3 each in sponsorship, we will easily reach our target! We hope that parents and carers can support this exciting event. All children will get to take part in the event, regardless of how much sponsorship money they raise. All sponsorship forms and money (in a named, sealed envelope) must be sent into school no later than:

Wednesday 27th September.

If you wish, you can also send your child's sponsorship money online via:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/merridale>

All children who take part will receive a free sticker, whether they are sponsored or not.

Children raising £5- £14.99 will receive an A6 postcard of Martha (bronze award)

Children raising £15 - £34.99 will receive an autographed photo poster with biography (silver award)

Children raising £35 or more will receive an instant photo of themselves with Martha, presented in a keepsake wallet (gold award)

We feel that this event embodies our focus school value this half term – **ASPIRATION** (aim high, have ambition, be motivated). We can't wait to meet Martha and take part in this event, inspiring our children to become the champions of tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Towle
Headteacher