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Upton Cross-Country Team (Open to all)

Entry Closes: 9th Feb

Event takes place: 25th Feb



16th January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

One of the most popular sports events in the school year open to all children is the Thanet Primary Schools Cross-Country. This event takes place just twice a year and attracts close to 1000 children on each occasion. **Our main focus is always on getting as many children involved from the school as possible, regardless of how good they are at running, to involve them in sport and in a school team.** The second and final event **takes place at Quex Park on Saturday 25th February 2017.** At the last event in October we had 230 Upton children entered - more than four times the entry of any other school.

The race itself is not long: 1km for Years 3 & 4; 1.5 km for Years 5 & 6, and runners will finish in under 10 mins. There are separate races for boys and girls in each year group. There is a fantastic feeling of accomplishment for children when they finish the race, regardless of position, and the event is always really exciting to watch with parents and schools cheering on their children. All runners receive a medal just for taking part.

The Cross-Country Race takes place at Quex Park on the morning of Saturday 25th February (see attached sheet for times) **but entries must be in by 9th February.** I appreciate that pupils may have other clubs or sports events on a Saturday morning, but all charter-standard or quality kite-marked clubs will make the effort to switch kick off times, training times, etc, to support children competing for their school - especially as this is a one-off event - as long as they know in advance.



To enter the event (and claim a free sports team t-shirt for first time runners) parents need to:

- 1) Return the attached form with the £2.50 entry fee in a clearly marked and sealed envelope before the **closing date of 9th February** (the sooner the better).

A race entry form is attached to this letter and we will send out a second letter with more details to those entered closer to the time. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes
Mr Tift
Sports Coordinator