

21st November 2022

Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, the Football World Cup started yesterday with England beginning their campaign today. I know that our children will be excited for this festival of sport due to England's previous endeavours in men's European championship in 2020 and the Lionesses' victory at the women's European championship in 2022.

You will be pleased to note that as well as organising an assembly to highlight the endeavours of sporting determination and resilience, we have also balanced this with our school of sanctuary themes and discussed the human rights concerns and the discrimination associated with this event. We work tirelessly to promote the values of inclusion, equality and respect for all. These are the values that we teach our children.

We will continue with our learning as usual. As you are aware, we did not show any of the women's football during the 2022 European championship and in line with other local primary schools, we will not be screening the men's football. Please note, I will not be authorising absence on the days/ afternoons when England's games are broadcast on television: medical evidence for illness will be required on these days. Fines will be issued for unauthorised absences.

Our children will be able to join their families to watch any recordings made after school. We thank you for your continued support.

With regards

Mrs Montague

**Executive Headteacher**