



Dear All.

Thank you very much for your help so far. From the newly formed committee to the coaches and everyone who is chipping in to help.

It has been an awful lot of work, but something that we have been planning to do for years. I know its going to be a great project and hopefully all our players will benefit from being part of the club.

I am writing this to update everyone on what has happened so far.

Welcome on board.

Rossendale Hospice have become our first charity and I am going to organise a tournament on Sat 15th June at Haslingden St Marys. Obviously I need as much help as possible. If anyone on here can help by Reffig, collating scores, putting nets up, collecting rubbish, doing a BBQ, face painting, bouncy castle, Ice cream van and donating Raffle Prizes I would be really grateful. Please private message me and I will start a What's app group for it. All our U6 will have a team in it and Tom can take a Reception 6.

On that note, I have always collected boots to give to new starters, its quite nice when you hear that players that are now established and doing great started off in a pair of borrowed boots. I will keep 2 pairs of 10, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2 and 3 and one pair of 4, 5, 6 7 and 8. The rest I will clean up and sent to the Hospice shop where kids can buy them for a couple of quid. We will also donate all old hoodys, kits and anything football. I will have a box in my car and every time it is full I will drop it off.

If anyone has any charities close to their heart that you would like us to support, then please bring it up at the next meeting.

The teams will play and train at Haslingden Sports Centre.

The next seasons U14 and U16 will play at Haslingden St Marys.

We originally wanted all the teams to be Saturday but now I'm conceding that it may not be possible. I would like where ever possible for the teams to play Saturday but Its ultimately down to the coach.

We will grade our players and they will be called

- A Saints
 - B Bears
 - C Cobras
 - D Dragons
 - E Eagles
 - F Falcons
 - G Gnomes
- Development centre

Only joking about the Gnomes, thought I'd liven it up a bit.

All age groups will train together for the first 6-8 weeks and then the person in charge of the Saints will pick their team.

The Bears manager will then pick their team and so on. Any children left out will be looked after by Josh M, Joe Smith, Rob T, Steve B, Foggy and me in the development and we will do what we have done for years. Get them games and find them a coach. Once the children have gone into teams they will still be able to come to our development groups.

We need a coaches meeting soon to discuss players playing up a year and what happens if there is a clash. Who gets priority. I have quite strong opinions on it but foremost it must be child led we need to discuss it in detail as with moving players between teams. If done right it is an amazing thing to do but it must be done right.

Parent coaches: We are desperately trying to get the most suitable people to coach the teams but we are very aware that it is often hard to coach your own kid. We are trying to sort it so there are three coaches for every two teams. will be two other people there if a parent coaches kid is playing up. Also Foggy and I will be there as much as possible to help out. It is a regular occurrence that even the nicest kids rebel against dad coaching and then dad coach gets stick off kid's mum

Starting from Pre school.

We are looking at doing two hours a week Pre-school training. The coaches at that age we have Andy Leyland and Archie, Any pre-school kids we have will go to those two. Whilst the reception are not yet playing matches and Archie and Andys lads are strong enough to play with the reception age, they will coach. As soon as Tom Edmonson is ready he will take over the Reception age group with a group of 8 or 9 and he will be in charge of that age group.

Year one

Year one is a popular age group, we have going on 50 kids and we need to separate them into 4 groups of . We will band them into four groups:

15 or 16 Saints and Bears to go with Dean Mcfadden, Chris Cook Martin and James Gregson.

15 or 16 Cobras and Dragons to go with Simon Biggs *AN Other plus AN Other.*

Eagles and Falcons to go with Me and Foggy and cole travers until two people step forward.

Any Children left over will join me and Foggy and with Eagles and we will endeavour to find a coach.

Year two

Year two is going to be ran by

Mark and Jack Chalinor, carl moores and

Year three

Year Three is going to be ran by Andy Williams. Ryan Felton and Steven Berry are qualified to help out if needed. Steven has kindly volunteered to help out by overseeing games throughout the summer for the Bears. When Andy picks his squad for September it will be urgent that we find a suitable person to run the Bears full time but until we know who in the team then we can't.

Year four

This is a huge year group.

The Saints will be ran by Foggy and Mark Hpyle

The Bears ran by Ste Navitski and helped

The Cobras and Dragons will be ran by Paul Stannard, Mark Scaif, Me
Eagles will be ran by me and Foggy.

Year five

Year five will be Ryan Feltons team and Rob Tomlinson will be helping out. Rob will take the Bears throughout the summer then when the Saints, Bears and Cobras are sorted by all concerned we will assess who takes who and definitely require another coach for that age group.

Year six

I have passed on four teams to Rossendale Valley and they are ran well at that age. They are trying to do A, B C etc so I will support them at that age but always leave the door open for them to join us. Steven Hall has agreed to help with a beginners group at this age so that is great but we need to work out what to do with players that come in who are really good. we will assess it during the summer but we need to remember that although we want to progress as a club with numbers , we also have a responsibility written in our own constitution to never hold players back. I will liase with RVJFC at this age. We will have a lot in the development centre this age group so we will play lots of games.

Year seven

Year seven is similar to year 6. We do not yet have a coach to run a team but any quality players we get can play a year up in the Year Eight Bears. Any players not ready to step up can mix with year six and play friendlies.

Year eight

Our year eight team is already on the go, we have Jamie C overseeing this age group and I will coach them. We are looking at forming two teams and also having a development group. Kev Baird and Nick Butler are sending their players training and we will ask Martin Mason. We will need another two coaches at this age group to assist me with the Saints and to manage the Bears Full time. It could well be a coach who has a quality Year 7 child.

Year nine

Year nine will be one of only 2 year groups that is over seen by a non-parent. This project is going to be overseen by Danny Jones. He has a lot of experience in coaching and I can't wait to see what he can do with this age group. RVJFC do not have a Saturday team this age group so he has a blank canvass.

Year ten

Dave Vickers and I will oversee the Year 10 teams.

If anyone has any questions, please private message me on 07840 446799

Yours in Sport

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