

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Dovedale vs St Paschal Baylons**

Another game with a downpour! There was nothing going to stop the children though they were really up for the game. This match turned out to be a scrappy one with very little football being played in terms of the ball being transferred. Although there were plenty of tackles and running with the ball. Something that this game did not lack though was shots at goal. Consequently both goalkeepers were brilliant! We hit the crossbar and kept their goalkeeper busy who kept their team goal safe.

The boys seemed frustrated with themselves and that can be understood because they were working hard and pushing for goals. Their effort and commitment was brilliant therefore being beat must be accepted with pride. This game also provided development points for the children to learn from and move forward which is a huge positive.

As mentioned about goalkeepers there needs to be a mention for Taha our goalkeeper who brilliant and there was a point in the game when he made a double save from close range and it left all watching with a jaw dropping moment. Well done to Taha as he was courageous throughout the whole game.

Oliver had a good game on the wing, a position he prefers to play, and in this game he was given the chance to show why he enjoys playing on the wing. He made some promising runs with and without the ball. He managed to grab a few shots at goal also. Oliver can strike a ball very well and if it may have been another goalkeeper in goal he may have managed to score, but all the right things were done. You will get this goal you deserve in one game keep working hard in the games.

Jack had a good game in defence and it was pleasing to watch how well jack can read the game and he made several interceptions of the ball just by having good awareness. Jack was substituted towards the end of the game and it was the hardest decision to make as he deserved to stay on however a rest was needed. Coming on was Yaseen who always delivers a confident performance Yaseen has been made aware of what his individual development point is and hopefully he can work on this.

Overall everyone well done. You may have felt down about the loss and that's a natural feeling to have however you have managed to give your greatest effort and that is all you can do. As a team we must develop our positional awareness and learn when to close the ball down and when to hold back. The good news is if you put the effort in to develop this you can improve.

Well done

Dovedale Primary School.