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WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know about some of the activities that are taking place in school to celebrate 'Walk to School Week'.

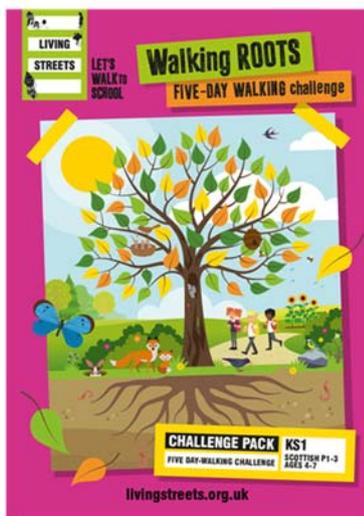


As we said when we launched our Walk to School Week a few years ago, we appreciate that finding an alternative to travelling to school by car is not possible for all of our families due to the nature of our catchment area.

Therefore, we have again aimed to offer plenty of different opportunities that pupils can take part in throughout the week - whether you live 50 yards from the school or 5 miles.

Please see below for some of the activities that are taking place.

5-day Walking Challenge – All Week



Every class will keep track of how many pupils manage to find an alternative to arriving by car each day and record this in their classroom. Obviously, it will not be possible for those pupils who don't live in the village to walk or cycle to school all week (if at all). If this is the case, we are making the suggestion that those families use their car for part of the journey, but park elsewhere in the village and walk the remaining distance into school. See next page for the 'Park and Stride' option on **Wednesday 25th** and **Thursday 26th May**. Again, we appreciate that this may not be compatible with work commitments or for other reasons, so please don't feel obliged. You are, of course, at liberty to make an adventurous walk/cycle from further afield if you have the time and inclination; in which case, we'd love to hear about your plans! This has been a huge success in previous years,

with walking groups setting out from different locations. House points and certificates will be available for impressive efforts.

Park and Stride – Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th May

To give those families who live outside the village an option to join in with the week, we are going to provide a 'Park and Stride' service from the Chesterton Community Centre on two days. All you need to do is drop your child/children off at **8.15am**, where they will be met by school staff. We will then organise them into a walking bus and make our way through the village to arrive for



the start of the school day. We would ask that parents leave their children with the school staff on these mornings to avoid confusion with supervision responsibilities. Please indicate on the slip below if your child/children would like to take part in this, as this will enable us to compile a register (and make sure that all children are accounted for!). Unfortunately, we won't be able to wait for late arrivals. You may want to do something similar on the other three days, or arrange to meet a family who live in the village and walk from their house.

Mr Horner's Big Walk – Day to be confirmed (when the weather looks nice!)

Unfortunately, after setting a precedent in past years with my walk into school, I think I should keep the tradition going. Therefore, I am planning to leave home in Cassington – approximately 14 miles – with the dawn chorus and make my way to Chesterton in time for the bell. With a one-year-old in the house, I might be escaping for some peace and quiet! I will record photographic evidence of my journey, with hopefully a glorious sunrise.



Daily Mile

As you know, our Daily Mile (well, weekly mile) is back on a Tuesday morning! For those of you who aren't familiar with the initiative, it involves starting the day with a fun jog/run/walk around the school field. This idea behind the Daily Mile initiative stems from using morning exercise to increase energy, concentration and fitness levels. We will obviously make allowances for younger children and there will be plenty of school staff on hand to support those who need a bit of encouragement. Children do not need special footwear or P.E.

kit to take part, unless they want to come to school in their P.E. trainers, with school shoes ready to change into straight afterwards. House points are on offer for the team that accumulates the most laps. Don't forget that 'Wake-up, Shake-Up' will also take place on Tuesday morning.

Video Competition

To celebrate our efforts, we are inviting the children to film some short videos of their interesting journeys to or from school throughout the week and submit them for a competition. Our video competition for World Book Day was a great success, so we're sure that you will come up with some fantastic entries this time too.



You could film anything: you and granny skateboarding to school; your dog getting into the spirit of the week and accompanying your journey, a film of your own walking bus with friends...the possibilities are endless.

Once you have chosen, you will need to film a short video clip (**approximately 30 seconds and filmed in landscape orientation**) and then send it to me head.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk by Friday 27th May. Winning entries will be announced after half-term. House points will be awarded to everyone who submits a video.

If you have any questions about Walk to School Week, please drop me an e-mail.

Kind regards, Mr I. Horner – Headteacher

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My child in Class

would like to 'Park and Stride' on:

Wednesday 25th May

Thursday 26th May

I understand that they will need to meet in the car park of the Chesterton Community Centre at 8.15am and that they will be accompanied by school staff and supervised until the start of the school day. We will not be able to wait for late arrivals.

Signed: Date:

Please return permission slip to the school office on Monday 23rd May.

