



Bathampton Primary School
Together on a learning adventure

Head teacher: Mr Paul Falkus B.A. (Hons)

4th May 2017

Walk to School Week 15th-19th May and Safer Routes to School Update

Dear Parents,

Next week, we are once again supporting Living Streets Walk to School Week between 15th and 19th May when we encourage families to leave the car at home wherever practical and travel to school actively.

This year's theme is 'from city to seaside' and each child will be given an activity diary to use across the five days. At school children will be able to track their progress on a wallchart in each classroom.

On Friday 19th, please join us on the school field to celebrate the end of walk to school week with a snack from 8.30 a.m. and before the school day starts. Known dietary requirements will be catered for. We would be really grateful for contributions of fruit towards this snack and will leave a box out by the fish tank on Thursday to collect donations. All active travelers welcome - including those who have parked and walked from the George car park.

Should you like to walk to the picnic as a group on Friday 19th, we will be leading walks from Batheaston car park (BA1 7NB by the new bridge) and Bathampton shops. Please meet Cheryl Cook for an 08:10 departure from Batheaston and Mike Powell for an 08:20 departure from Bathampton. For those cycling on the towpath, Wendy will cycle from where Meadow Lane meets the towpath at 08:20 and a group will meet at 08:00 at Watership Farm, Claverton. Please note parents will need to accompany their children at least as far as the school gate if they are usually accompanied.

Meanwhile behind the scenes, the Safer Routes to School group continues to work to make active travel to school easier and safer. We are really pleased that due to our road safety campaign a £40k grant has been set aside in the most recent Council budget to improve safety on the roads around the school. We expect to be able to comment on what the Council road safety team proposes in due course.

We are also delighted that parent Stephen Melville has stepped forward to offer his company's expertise to bring to life some ideas for a footbridge crossing over the canal. See their work at <http://formatengineers.com/>. More to follow as this exciting new project starts up.



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A parting gift from Mike Ball has been to install the new scooter racks we have been given as a result of earning our Bronze Modeshift Stars accreditation. These are now to be found by the main (fish tank) entrance to the school. Please park scooters here and

ask younger siblings not to use them as a seat or slide! For safety reasons children need to walk rather than scoot or cycle once in the school grounds. Planning permission is also in the pipeline for the bike shelter.

Finally, thank you so much to the children that sent in drawings for us to use in and around our Safe Zone. There are some lovely ones and we will find the way to display them for the children to see as well as put them to use in our materials.

Best wishes,

The Safer Routes to School Team

Fiona Powell (Class 2), Pnina Moscovici (Class 2), Katie Cutting (Class 1) and Cheryl Cook (Class 2 and Class 4)