

Friday 12th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Our very first Walkathon on **Friday 20th September** will see the entire school population put on their walking shoes to raise money to help support and fund school initiatives, both for Whitegate, and our link school in Nyakabungo.

We are aiming to raise £10,000, which means, ideally, each family raising between £50 and £100. So far, it has been great to hear all about the fundraising activities the children have been pursuing such as: cake sales, car washing and dog walking. Please continue with the great efforts!

On the day, the 'Walkathon' will officially begin with all children and adults gathering in the school hall to meet a special guest at 9am. The day's timetable is as follows:

- The first shuttle run, at 9:20am, will take Acorns, Maple and Elm classes to Oakmere Way.
- The second shuttle run, at 9:40am, will take Beech, Willow and Oak classes to Delamere Golf Club.
- The first return shuttle run back to school, will be at 2:15pm, with pick up at the Whitegate Station.
- The second shuttle run back to school, will be at 2:30pm, with pick up at the Whitegate Station.
- The KS1 route will be 6K, starting at the end of the Oakmere Way, along the Whitegate Way to finish at the Whitegate Station.
- The KS2 route will be 10K starting at the Delamere Golf Club, along the Oakmere Way, onto the Whitegate Way and finishing at the Whitegate Station.
- If you would like to join the children on their quest for the day and require transport, we have the following spaces per class. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Class	Volunteers
Acorns - Bus 1	6
Maple - Bus 1 & Bus 2	6
Elm - Bus 2	6
Beech - Bus 1	8
Willow – Bus 2	8
Oak – Bus 1 & 2	8

Children need to come to school wearing their outdoor PE kit, and a lightweight, easy to carry, waterproof coat. Sensible, strong trainers, must be worn – no wellies.

During the walk, we will be taking a well-deserved break to stop for a picnic lunch. For children in KS1, we will provide each child with a packed lunch. Prior to the event, we will ask the children for their sandwich preference (cheese, ham or tuna) and organise their packed lunch with Mrs Dakin. Children in KS2, who normally order hot dinners will need to either pre-order a packed lunch from Mrs Dakin, or bring their own packed lunch.

We are very much looking forward to this day, where we will all shine and embrace God's love and guidance. We will enjoy the splendour of his colours, which will shine through the best of nature, and every one of us, on what we hope to be a memorable autumnal walk.

We look forward to seeing you on the day and thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ross Mrs Challoner