



Grove School

Travel Plan Newsletter

15th January 2016

Dear Parents,

Next week is Road Safety Week. The children will be participating in a range of activities designed to develop the children's understanding of how to be safe when using the roads.

Activities include:

Nursery:

Nursery children will be using animals to role play crossing the road. The children will also be going on a welly walk around the local area identifying things which can help us cross the road safely and practising safe crossing. The children will be learning a road safety song which they will perform in Friday assembly.

Reception:

Reception topic this half term is 'on the move'. Next week children will read fiction and non-fiction books linked to emergency vehicles and will be learning about road safety. Throughout the week children in reception will carry out road safety role-play activities in the outdoor area and visit the zebra crossing on Dawson Road.

Year 1:

Children in year 1 will be researching, preparing and filming road safety adverts. Look out for these on our school website.

Year 2:

The children in year 2 will be creating information posters in literacy reminding children how to cross the road safely. The children will be making large scale road signs to remind drivers that '20 is plenty' and other key messages to encourage responsible driving.

Year 3:

The year 3 children will be watching the 'Think!' resource and creating the front page of a newspaper.

Year 4:

Year 4 children will be conducting a traffic survey of Dawson Road present the data collected in a variety of ways. The children will also be writing to our local MP with ideas to improve the congestion and traffic around school.

Year 5:

Year 5 pupils will be writing an explanation text about road safety. They will explore the potential hazards faced when crossing the road and create posters for display about their findings.

Year 6:

Linked to science, year 6 pupils will be exploring which materials are most visible for drivers and then design a new school uniform with road safety in mind. They will be writing Benjamin Zephaniah style poems about road safety and also writing to the council to persuade them that the zig zag lines outside the school are in need of re-painting.



Competition time!

We are also running a competition for children to design a banner to be displayed outside the school gates reminding drivers not to stop or park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gates. As parents are aware, it is illegal to stop on these road markings and creates a hazard for pedestrians. All competition entries need to be in by 22nd January and the winning designs will receive a prize. Please see competition details below.



Grove School Big Zig-Zag Banner Competition

Use a blank sheet of A4 paper to do your banner design. Use the whole sheet – work right up to the edges of the paper and use the paper ‘Landscape’- (so the sheet of paper is widest from left to right).

Remember what it is we want to tell drivers. Your design could contain any of these messages.

- It is better for our **air quality** and our **health** to ‘park and walk’ (park at least 500 metres away from the school)
- Walking is good exercise - it keeps us healthy and is good for our hearts
- It is not safe to park in the street outside the school gates as this means its difficult for pupils to cross the road
- they must not stop their car on the zig-zag lines
- It is illegal to park or ‘stop and drop’ on the zigzags

- Use **clear messages** and **bold** clear colours and design to make it easier for people to read and understand our message.

- Include your name and class in pencil on the back of your poster

COMPETITION DEADLINE: HAND YOUR BANNER DESIGN IN BY 22.1.16

PCSO links

Our local Police Community Support Officers will be outside school next week at the start and end of the school day enforcing road traffic safety. PCSO Alex Hickman will also be presenting road safety assemblies to the children in Key Stage 2.

Next week promises to be a very exciting week. Examples of the children’s work will be put on the school website and the competition winners will be announced by the end of January.

For more information about Grove’s travel plan, please visit the school website or www.modeshiftSTARS.org

Yours sincerely,

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