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Dear Parent / Carer

Our annual sponsored walk to raise funds for the P.T.A. will take place on Friday 22nd September 2017. As you will appreciate a 'whole school' event of this nature takes a great deal of organisation, *consequently the walk will take place unless the weather is so severe that it would be unsafe*. Should the weather be extreme the reserve date for this event is Friday 29th September. The walk is approximately 10 kilometres and follows a sign-posted and marshalled route around Crowthorne Wood.

This is the only event in the school year where everybody connected with the school takes part; teachers, pupils, caretakers, office staff, Learning Support Assistants and parents. **On the day of the walk pupils are not required to wear school uniform but must wear clothes and footwear suitable for walking and appropriate to the weather conditions.** Unfortunately we are not permitted, as part of our Forestry Commission license, to allow parents and family dogs to join us on the walk.

Last year in excess of £14,000 was raised! In past years the P.T.A. has used money raised to finance projects such as the school minibus, library furnishings, specialist equipment, cycle racks, lockers, the dark room, the bike shed and school computers. Whilst pupils have been warned not to approach strangers for sponsorship, it is hoped that all pupils will gain as many sponsors as possible from family and friends. Parents are also encouraged to support their children in securing sponsorship for this event. A copy of the sponsor form is attached for those who want to raise money over the summer. A paper copy will be issued in September.

We have also set up the event via our JustGiving page, if you would like to raise funds through this site please use this link and follow the instructions:

<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-page/creation/?cid=54287&eid=3884459>

We would be grateful if you could declare the sum raised through JustGiving on the paper copy of the sponsor form.

We ask that all students return a signed copy of the sponsor form to their form tutor no later than Monday 18th September. We use the form as consent for participation and re-issue the form once the walk is complete – it allows us to make sure everyone has returned safely!

An event of this kind requires a lot of support and we would appreciate assistance from parents. In particular, help is needed to register pupils at the half-way point of the walk, you need to be able to walk about 1km from Hutt Hill (where the kebab van parks) or to collate and issue sponsor forms in the school hall. This will allow us to monitor the progress of all sponsored walk participants and to confirm the return of pupils to school.

If you are able to offer any support on Friday 22nd September, please indicate your preference on the reply slip below and return this to the school reception.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Bibby
Assistant Headteacher

REPLY SLIP - SPONSORED WALK

– **If you are able to help with the Sponsored Walk** - please return the completed slip to Caroline Stevenson in the school office by Wednesday 20th September.

Name _____ Email: _____

Name of Pupil _____ Form _____

I am able to assist with the sponsored walk and would prefer to:

Check off pupils at Hut Hill

Add up sponsor forms