



PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
OXENHOPE

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Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who has returned their sponsored walk permission slips. Please could anyone who has not done so, make sure their slip is back in school by Monday 22nd June. If we do not have the relevant slip, children will not be able to take part.

A route map is enclosed, for your information. This is only intended to give you a rough idea of the route we will be taking – this is not an Ordnance Survey map and does not show every footpath. As the walk is on paths and tracks, there will be some uneven walking. It will be important that children understand the importance of being sensible and, in particular listening to the instructions of adults walking with their group. Additionally, the footpaths pass right through the gardens of some properties; obviously we will expect the children to behave with respect at that time.

It is a little early for an accurate weather forecast but we are hopeful for a good day. Please make sure on the day that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather (e.g. waterproofs if rain is forecast, sun cream and hat if it is going to be very hot). Regardless of the weather, we would ask ALL children to come in long trousers. We will be walking on paths and tracks and there are nettles and brambles about, so this will help reduce the possibility of scratches and stings. Tracksuit trousers or other lightweight trousers are preferable to jeans, which are uncomfortable when wet. Footwear is the other key to comfortable walking. Correctly fitting walking boots or old trainers with grip are preferable – wellies are probably best avoided if possible. Particularly in case of bad weather, it would be sensible for children to have a change of clothes in school in case they are very wet on return. P.E. kit would be fine for this. Please provide an empty plastic bag for children to sit on when we stop for our picnic.

A separate letter is going out to parents who have offered to help and/or walk with their children. Please let us know if you wish to come and walk with your child. Unfortunately, we cannot allow dogs or younger children to accompany us.

For your information, first aiders will be walking with both groups and the local police have offered a PCSO to keep an eye on us.

To make donating money easier, a webpage has been set up via Justgiving. This allows sponsors to donate money to Epilepsy Research UK online. Donating through Justgiving is quick, easy and totally secure. It's also the most efficient way to sponsor us: Epilepsy Research UK gets your money faster and, if you're a UK taxpayer, Justgiving makes sure 25% in Gift Aid, plus a 3% supplement, are added to your donation.

Further details about Justgiving and the walk are available at:
www.justgiving.com/oxenhope_sponsored_walk

There may be last minute points to bring to your attention next week but in the meantime, thank you for your support.

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