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Road Safety Awareness - Walk, Bike, Scoot!

Dear Parents,

We continue to work with members of the community, including local residents Governors and the PCSO, to help improve the congestion around Cooper Lane at school pick up and drop off times in particular. We have a Road Safety Awareness Week planned for week beginning Monday 21st November and Dave Cullam, NEL Road Safety officer will be leading assemblies for each key stage on that day.

In addition, we aim to continue our school 'Sticker Days' which focus on the the importance of walking, biking or coming to school on your scooter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Smith for their continued commitment to this project along with members of the Parish Council and community. Pupils will receive a reward sticker if they choose to walk, bike or scoot to school. The next Sticker days coming up are Friday 21st October 2016 and then Monday 21st November 2016.

***The highest figure for stickers handed out last year was 222 out of 237!
We hope to increase the number of stickers handed out this year! Please help us!***

It's Fun! -Walking, biking or using a scooter can bring a sense of joy!

Healthier Habits -The trip to school is a chance for children (and adults!) to get the physical activity they need.

Cleaner Environment -Replacing car trips to school with walking, bicycling or using a scooter can reduce congestion and air-polluting emissions.

Promoting Safety -Encouraging walking, bicycling and using your scooter to come to school can help build support for infrastructure improvements in the broader community.

Community Benefits -Reducing traffic congestion, boosting a sense of community, and improving neighborhood connections benefit the community (from Walk to School website).

There are a number of parking spots in the village which could be used by cars so as to alleviate the congestion on Cooper Lane during the peak times when school starts and finishes:-

- Pub car park – approx 40 spaces
- Butt Lane Sports – approx 15 spaces
- Victoria Park/Pit – approx 10 spaces
- The Stanford Centre – approx 15 spaces

As one of our pupils says, 'It only takes 5 minutes to walk from there!'

Many thanks for your support with this project,
LJ Hackfath
Headteacher