

13th March 2024 Dear Parents/Carers,

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in the 15th year celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 18-22 March 2024. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

## What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

## Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

During the event, we will be running a **Walking Bus**, starting at Cod Fathers Fish and Chip Shop to school, everyday of the event, leaving at 8am sharp. There is no need to sign-up for this, please just make sure you/your child/ren are there by 7:55am.

## Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school grounds. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

## **Useful resources**

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have a hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge! Ms C Russell Primary P.E Coordinator