

ABINGDON SCHOOL CHARITY WALK 2014

Lower School and Middle School

The biennial school sponsored walk will be taking place on Thursday 25 September. The aim is to raise as much money as possible and get the year's charity fundraising off to an excellent start.

THE CHARITIES:

All proceeds from the walk will be split between three charities:

Blue Sky Thinking- is a charity which supports research so that all children diagnosed with brain tumours will have a better chance of survival and a better quality of life post treatment. The Charity is run by volunteers and all money donated goes directly to the forefront of Research and Treatment.

Emmaus Oxford- is a local homeless charity that provides a home for as long as someone needs it, as well as meaningful work in their social enterprise. This works to help to restore feeling of self-esteem and give these people the opportunity to regain control of their lives, and therefore overcome the homelessness.

AGAPE- works with young people in Moldova, the poorest country in Europe. Abingdon School has been working with this charity since 2000. For the last ten years sixth formers from Abingdon have helped to run summer camps for under-privileged children there.

ARRANGEMENTS ON THE DAY:

Baileys, Blusdons, Whites and Plastows coaches are generously transporting pupils to Dorchester free of charge. Full details will be published nearer the time. Pupils will be told by their tutors which lessons they will be attending. From Dorchester you will follow the Thames Path along the river back to Abingdon - about 10 miles. A picnic lunch will be provided at about the halfway point (if you wish to make any donation, all proceeds will go to the above-mentioned charities) and further refreshments will be on sale along the route - so please bring a couple of pounds. On getting back to school **you will need to register your return in the tent by Park Lodge (old Bursary)**. School buses will then leave at the normal time.

CLOTHING:

You may travel to school and go to lessons in home clothes, as long as they are sensible and good for walking. Wear good footwear and make sure you have the right sort of clothing for the day's weather (check the forecast the night before). If it is going to be rainy, a change of clothes at school might be a good idea - bear in mind that the riverside path can get muddy in wet conditions.

COLLECTING MONEY:

You have just under two weeks to collect as much money as possible from relatives, friends and neighbours (do not approach complete strangers) and could perhaps even persuade your parents to take your form to their workplace and collect on your behalf. Please try to raise at least £40 so that we can make a big donation to all the charities.

If the person sponsoring you is a UK taxpayer, please fill in their full name, address (with postcode) and get them to sign the final column so that their donation is gift-aided – this means we can claim back an extra 25p per £1 donated.

Your money and sponsor form (**which we will need to be able to claim back the Gift Aid**) should be returned to your tutor in an envelope with your name on it by Friday 10 October with any cheques made out to "Abingdon School".

Thank you in advance for all the money you are going to raise.

If you have any questions, please see me.