

School Travel Coordinator Newsletter

Buckinghamshire County Council

Spring 2018

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Spring School Travel Coordinator Newsletter.

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are well-rested for the coming term. It's a busy one with lots of events to get involved with. Check out the Dates for your Diary section below to see what's coming up and get booked in now for coordinator meetings and STARS Surgeries.

As a reminder, Hands Up Surveys were due last term—if you still haven't completed these please do so as soon as possible. STARS requires an 80% pupil response rate and 50% staff.

And don't forget to check out www.schooltravelplanning.com to get ideas for initiatives across the year.

Kathryn

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Footsteps Training:

7th February—High Wycombe
9th February—Aylesbury

18th April—High Wycombe

20th April—Aylesbury

STC Meeting

'Spring into Action':
[2nd March—Aylesbury](#)
[6th March—High Wycombe](#)

STARS Surgery:

[25th April—Aylesbury](#)
[26th April—High Wycombe](#)

[Beep Beep Day:](#)

7th March

[The Big Pedal:](#)

23rd April—4th May

[Walk to School Week:](#)

21st May—25th May

STARS Accreditation:

Spring Deadline: 15th March



STARS

Thank you to all who attended the School Travel Conference and STARS Surgeries last term. Both were great opportunities to get some ideas about how to run your travel plans and keep them up to date and interesting!

More opportunities will take place next term through additional Surgeries and School Travel Coordinator Meetings.

Accreditation opportunities are now available three times a year.

The Spring Accreditation window will close on the 15th March 2018.

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR—HIGH MARCH

Congratulations to *High March School* who won the Buckinghamshire Local Authority School of the Year 2017 at the Modeshift Regional Awards.

High March were nominated for their focus on walking initiatives, particularly active breakfasts during Walk to School Week, Happy Shoes Day, and Park and Stride. Additionally, High March's

focus on including the whole school in travel planning through JRSOs in both Year 2 and Year 6 enables active travel to become a sustained part of the school culture.

Special mention goes to *Hughenden Primary School* and *St Josephs Catholic Infant School* who were also nominated this year.



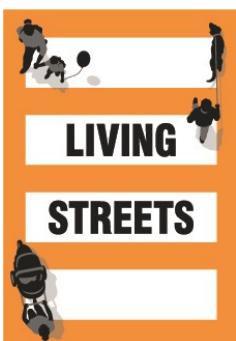
MAP LAUNCH

Congratulations to *Wendover CE Juniors* and *John Hampden Infants Schools* who launched their walking map on Friday 12th January.

The campus had a fantastic launch with both press and local councillors in attendance—as well as ALLF and Strider.

Showing not only 10 and 15 minute walking zones but an 'Active Travel Zone' as well, the Wendover campus map aims to encourage their children to walk, cycle, and scooter to school more often.

If you are interested in creating a map for your school please get in touch.



Join everyday walking charity **Living Streets** in getting children excited about walking to school in 2018! This year's badge design competition kicks off in January and runs until 16th March 2018.

Every year over 100,000 children put pen to paper and design their very own WOW badge as part of one the UK's biggest art competitions. Of all the designs received, just 11 are turned into monthly badges; rewarding pupils around the country for travelling actively to school at least once per week.

Walk the Seasons with WOW

The year-round walk to school challenge

Walk the Seasons will take pupils on a year-round journey through Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer, bringing to life what pupils see across the year on their journey to school.

Alongside entry forms, Living Streets provides helpful guidance for entrants on the key seasonal moments across the year. From serene snowy scenes to a picturesque picnic on the beach, there are tonnes of potential ideas for your pupils to reflect on paper!

The creators of the 11 winning badges are awarded free resources for WOW, the year-round walk to school challenge for their school as well as the

prestigious accolade of their designs featuring on reward badges around the country.

To get your school involved visit:

www.livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2018

For more information on WOW the year round walk to school challenge visit

www.livingstreets.org.uk/wow

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SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLERS

We are currently looking for Patrollers and Relief's. Do you know anyone who can help?

Patrollers have an important role within the community helping children and their parents/carers to cross busy roads on their journeys to and from school.

For more information on current vacancies please log on to www.buckscc.gov.uk/scp

Corinne Randall—Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe (West):

01296 383432

Georgina Longley—

Chiltern & South Bucks
and Wycombe (East):

01494 586639.

Starting rate £8.76.

Job share welcome.



A three stage programme, Footsteps is run at school with the help of parent volunteers or teachers, building on the previous stage.

To run Footsteps you will need:

- A Coordinator to arrange training, and to keep a register of children.
- Volunteers to run the session. They will need a valid enhanced DBS Certificate.

FOOTSTEPS TRAINING

Training takes place at County Hall, Aylesbury and Wycombe Area Office, High Wycombe, and lasts for around 1.5 hours.

Each volunteer will be provided with a training guide, and once trained, volunteers are able to train the children.

Children will need to be taken out of class, in pairs, at least twice per stage. Each session

lasts around 10 minutes.

Certificates are awarded once a stage is completed.

Please contact Corinne Randall for more information or to book onto a course.

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