
School Travel Coordinator Newsletter

Buckinghamshire County Council

Summer 2018

INTRODUCTION

Hi all and welcome to the Summer School Travel Coordinator Newsletter.

It's a really busy term as the weather (hopefully!) gets much nicer so good luck with all your events coming up in the next few weeks.

Things to note:

- BCC are launching an exciting new app in four towns across Buckinghamshire with the chance to win some brilliant prizes (p.4).

• Walk to School Week is 21st—25th May and we're launching a storyboard **competition** with the chance to win a Scooterpod for your school (p.3).

• The Summer Deadline for STARS Accreditation is the **30th June**. if you have any questions please email me (p.2).

Kathryn

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Footsteps Training

24th May High Wycombe

[Walk to School Week:](#)

21st May—25th May

JRSO Fun Day:

5th October

[Beep Beep Day:](#)

27th June

[STARS Accreditation
Summer Deadline:](#)

30th June

[Safe Drive Stay Alive:](#)

13th, 14th, 15th November

[The Big Pedal:](#)

23rd April—4th May



STARS ACCREDITATION

As the end of the year approaches many of you will be thinking about renewing or submitting for STARS accreditation.

The deadline to submit your plans to me for review and endorsement is

30th June 2018.

I will be able to review plans before the deadline to check what else you will need for submission. Please also send me an email to let me know that

your plan has been submitted.

As a reminder, Bronze accreditation lasts for 1 year, Silver for 2, and Gold for 3 years. You do not need to renew your Silver or Gold accreditation every year, although STARS do require you to submit a Hands Up Survey each year.

Changes for this year include:

- Sign off and Endorsement from SLT is required before plans can be submitted.
- Consultation actions now apply for all levels.



FOOTSTEPS ROAD SAFETY TRAINING

A 3 stage programme, [Footsteps](#) is run at school with the help of parent volunteers or teachers, building on the previous stage.

To run Footsteps you'll need:

- A *Coordinator* to arrange training, and to keep a register -

Volunteers to run the session. They will need a valid enhanced DBS

Certificate.

Training takes place at County Hall, Aylesbury and Wycombe Area Office, 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. An extra session this year has been arranged for May, Certificates are awarded once a stage is completed.

Please contact **Corinne Randall** to book or for more information.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This year, Walk to School Week takes place on the 21st –25th May.

Every year, [Living Streets](#) the UK charity for everyday walking runs [Happy Shoesday](#) to raise vital funds. Schools can register [here](#). All welcome !

For non-WOW schools there is always a themed challenge. For Walk to School Week 2017, 400,000 children joined in the challenge.

This year the fun activity explores the ecosystem of a tree with a '[Walking Roots Challenge](#)'. Pupils who walk to school each day add a sticker to the classroom tree, to bring it to life across the week. Full info [here](#)

Buckinghamshire County Council with Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking are running a *Walk to School Week Storyboard Competition* with the chance to win a Scooterpod for your school and **PRIZE**.

Create a storyboard comic strip that tells the story of your journey to school with ALLF and Strider. You could:

- Focus on getting active through walking, cycling, or scooting to school
- Look at how cars pollute the air outside your school gates



Rules and Prizes:


- Schools can submit two entries per key stage to the school travel planning team.
- **One winner from each key stage will win £25 vouchers.**
- An overall winner will receive a scooter pod for their school.

Please see [here](#) for [instructions](#) and a [Template](#).

A Walk to School **Sticker** for every primary school pupil will be sent to you before Walk to School Week begins so that they can be used throughout the event.


Walk to School Storyboard Competition

Walk to School Week 21—25 May 2018






Create a cartoon or storyboard of your journey to school with ALLF and Strider.

- What do you see as you travel?
- What adventures could you have if you walked, cycled, or scooted to school?
- If ALLF and Strider joined you on your journey to school, what difference would they make?



Win a Scooterpod for your school!



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HERITAGE APP

In order to promote our cultural assets and improve the county's physical activity levels, BCC has created physical activity and heritage trails throughout Buckinghamshire.

These will be available through a free downloadable app, *Mobile Adventures*.

The aim of the app is to discover sites around the county, based in four areas: Amersham, Aylesbury, Buckingham, and High Wycombe. The target audience is families with young children and after completing each trail, every participant will receive an *Active Bucks voucher* for an activity of their choice.

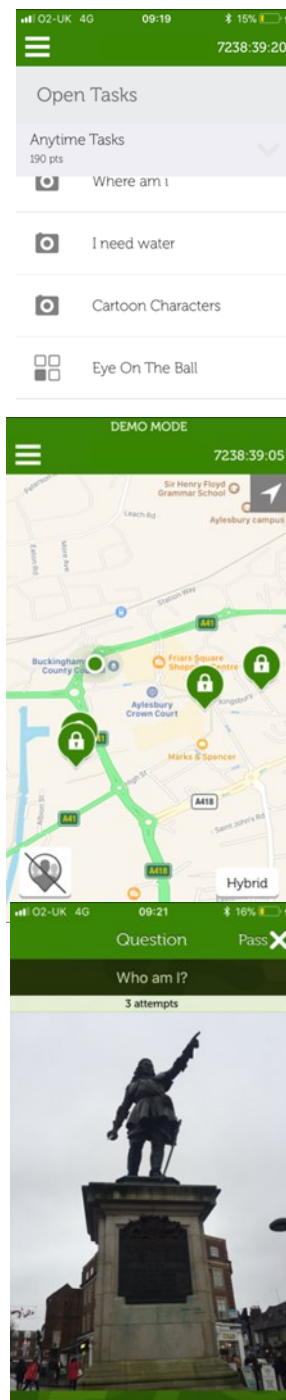
The game acts as a treasure hunt around Buckinghamshire, looking for cultural assets, places, and things. Questions pop up at certain locations where children can gain points. Additionally, some activities are available at all times. Some questions do take place inside venues. Locations where you have to enter to answer

questions are all free to enter for members of the public.

Schools can sign up to enter a free competition that will run until the end of the Summer Holidays. Prizes will be given to schools whose pupils have visited the most sites and gained the most points through questions and activities.

For more information and to sign up, please contact siwebb@buckscc.gov.uk

Use of this app will also count towards your STARS accreditation (**W17 Other Walking/ Scooting Initiative**).



1 st Prize	Bucks County Museum & Roald Dahl Children's Gallery School Visit Including Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Workshops (Whole Day Activity) Up to 45 Children
2 nd Prize	£500 Voucher for PE School Equipment
3 rd Prize	£250 Voucher for Books through the Library Service

WALKING ZONE MAPS

You may have already heard about our Walking Zone Maps, which aim to use simple mapping technology to improve pupil and parent knowledge of the local area surrounding your schools.

The maps highlight how much easier it might well be to walk, cycle, scoot, or park and stride to school, rather than trying to park within 5, 10, or 15 minutes of the school gates.

We have launched these maps in a number of schools who have reported increased interest

from parents and children in walking to school. This has been reflected in increased numbers of children recording that they have walked to school on the *Living Streets Travel Tracker* for schools who are also taking advantage of our partnership with Living Streets.

We now have the option of producing these maps very quickly using an *online mapping portal* and BCC created templates for primary and secondary schools across the county (top right and bottom left respectively).



All schools in the county are encouraged to get in touch to set up a map. These will be particularly helpful for new parents and induction packs, and can be used to fulfill multiple initiatives on your STARS action plans:

- **W8 5/10/15 Minute Walking Zone in Place**
- **PR17 New Parent Pack**
- **PR21 Travel to School Information Maps Created**

If you would like to get involved to create your school a map, using either method, please contact me at knewton@buckscs.gov.uk so that I can have your map set up as soon as possible.





JRSO SIGN UP

Registration for 2018-19 Junior Road Safety Officers will open after the May Half Term.

Forms will be available to download from the website and can be sent to either glongley@buckscc.gov.uk or the mailbox.

You can also register on this form to attend the JRSO Fun Day Conference. Please read the accompanying information carefully in order to get full details.

More information about the scheme can be found on the [website](#).

BANNERS

New Parking Banners are available to be borrowed from County Hall for a half term, alongside our walk to school banners.



BIKEABILITY

The Bikeability funding portal will open **mid-June**, when all schools can submit their applications for training courses booked for the **Autumn term**.

All schools will be notified of the date in due course.

However, we have a limited amount of funding available for the below courses, if a school is looking to run a cycling course this summer and their nominated provider can accommodate them.

- Level 1
- Level 3 (Senior schools only)
- Transition

Full details on all courses can be found [here](#)

Please contact Georgina Longley for more details.



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.bucksc.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.



Cycle or scooter around the world in 10 days!

'Sustrans Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge

BIG PEDAL

inspiring pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

Sustrans Big Pedal will run for 10 days from **23rd April to 4th May 2018** and is open to individual classes as well as whole schools.'

Sustrans

Get involved in the Big Pedal and have the chance to win daily and overall prizes!

Compete against neighbouring schools, take part in a Fundraising Superhero Day, and take advantage of a great set of [resources](#) including posters, templates, and presentations.

Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) is produced by a road safety partnership including the Police, local councils, and the emergency services. Each partner has been working to reduce the number of young people dying on our roads for many years.

This is the 13th year that SDSA, an innovative theatre education project exploring circumstances and consequences of a road traffic collision, has been brought to schools and colleges in the Thames Valley.

The SDSA production includes a filmed scenario which shows a group of young people on a night out whose car is involved in a collision. As the on-screen drama unfolds, members of the emergency services that are featured in the film step out onto the stage.

The film is then paused while emergency service workers, parents and affected individuals talk to the audience about:

- Their real-life experiences of road collision scenes.
- What action they would take if the film collision was a real-life experience.
- The reactions of the driver and passengers.
- The medical implications.
- How the trauma of a road collision affects them personally.



Young drivers are much more likely to be involved in a crash on the roads, often due to inexperience and a lack of knowledge of the risks. Around one in four deaths on the road are drivers aged 17-24.

The SDSA campaign will reach new and pre-drivers in an emotive and hard-hitting way, influencing behaviour and attitude on the roads and I would like to invite all secondary schools and colleges to attend.

Bookings for SDSA 2018 will be opening after Easter,

so if your school would like to attend then please book early to avoid disappointment.

If your school hasn't been before and you would like to send a representative to see what's involved, then please contact June Howlett.

Listed below are this year's dates and venues for The Swan at High Wycombe. There are two shows each day at 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. each show lasts approximately 1 hour 15 minutes.

November 13th, 14th and 15th -
High Wycombe: Swan Theatre

The booking site is open after Easter; to book your place log onto; www.safedrive.org.uk

The cost is £1 per student, to cover a small part of the administration costs, but Thames Valley Police will pay for your transport to and from the event.

For more information please contact:

June Howlett,
Road Safety Officer.
E mail: t.jhowlett@buckscc.org
Tel No: 01296 382338

CONTACT THE SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANNING TEAM

Kathryn Newton
knewton@buckscc.gov.uk
School Travel Advisor

Corinne Randall
crandall@buckscc.gov.uk
Footsteps Training

School Crossing Patroller Supervisor
Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe (West)

Georgina Longley
glongley@buckscc.gov.uk
Bikeability Training
School Crossing Patroller Supervisor
Chiltern & South Bucks & Wycombe (East)

schooltravelplanning@buckscc.gov.uk