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and Every Gift Unlocked'*

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Dear Parents / Carers,

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – 15th – 19th MAY 2017

Walk to School Week 2017 takes place as part of National Walking Month each May, bringing together nearly one million schoolchildren, teachers and parents.

This year's Walk to School Week runs from Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May and is all about the health benefits of walking.

Witton Church Walk School is a strong supporter of walking to school, and Walk to School Week gives us an opportunity to celebrate walking in the community, ease congestion and take part in some fun activities.

We are encouraging children and their parents or carers to leave the car at home and give walking a go. Walking to school is a brilliant way to get active and healthy. It's also a great opportunity for children to learn vital road safety skills and make sure they're alert and ready to learn at the start of a new day. The national charity, Living Streets, which runs Walk to School Week, says parents who walk find the journey to school less stressful, their petrol bill goes down, their children perform better at school and that they, and their children, feel healthier and fitter. Teachers even report that those pupils who walk to school are more attentive once they reach their desks.

We understand that some children live further away from school and but perhaps you could park at the memorial car park, Lidl or B&M and walk some of the way. To celebrate walking to school, on the mornings of walk to school week there will be ribbons for children to tie to a tree if they walked that morning. Hopefully by the end of the week, our playground will be full of colourful ribbons to show our achievements.

As part of this week we are also having a Happy Shoesday- on Tuesday 16th May. On this day children can come to school in their favourite shoes and can even decorate them if they would like. The more bling the better! Staff, parents and children are welcome to meet at 8:30am on May 16th at the back of the Northwich Memorial



Lifestyle Centre where we can enjoy a morning walk together. Please ensure the children's shoes are sensible for walking and the playground.

Kind regards

Mrs L Westron

