



September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Sponsored Walk Friday 24th September 2021

Our pupils will be joining Balcarras School in completing a sponsored walk on **Friday 24th September 2021**. This is a well-established event at Balcarras School and will provide an opportunity for our pupils to mix together in a very positive way. We are encouraging the pupils to get as much sponsorship as possible. The money raised will be split between THSL and a charity decided by the House Council. Pupils will bring home a sponsorship form today.

Please check the weather forecast and ensure they arrive with sun cream or a coat! It is a good idea for pupils to wear some sturdy trainers as the terrain is very weather dependent. They are not required to wear school uniform on this day.

The pupils will follow a circular route starting from Balcarras school, heading up Timbercombe Lane and coming back down via Balcarras Lane. It is approximately 4.5 miles in length. All pupils and teachers will be walking together, with additional teachers stationed along the route to guide the pupils along the way. Pupils will be told to ensure that they are always behind the lead teacher and teachers will have first aid kits in case of emergencies.

On the morning of 24th September, the pupils will go to morning lessons as normal, until the end of period 3. They will then have an early lunch at 12:20 and Year 7 pupils will start walking at 13:10. They should leave their belongings at school and carry a water bottle with them. Once pupils finish the route, they will be asked to register in their tutor base and stay there until the buses arrive. We have been advised by the experienced Balcarras team that there is enough time for every child to complete the route and still arrive in plenty of time to catch their bus if they walk at a steady, sensible pace.

Our team of Tutors will talk through the route and our expectations during Tutor period, and they will be walking the route themselves. If you have any specific queries relating to your child or require any additional information, please contact your child's tutor.

We then hope to see pupils again for the **Icebreaker Disco** that evening (7pm -8:30pm) in the Hall, organised by our PTFA. Parents are warmly invited to socialise in the Common Room whilst the disco takes place.

It will no doubt be a busy and exciting day for them.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher