



ABINGDON

From: Mrs Victoria Pradas : Master in charge of Charities

12 September 2014

Dear Lower School and Middle School Parents

Charity Sponsored Walk 2014

The biennial sponsored walk will be taking place on Thursday 25 September and will involve every boy in the school. It has been decided that the proceeds from the walk will be split between three charities:

Blue Skye 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.

On the day the boys will be transported to Dorchester-on-Thames by Baileys, Blusdons, Whites and Plastows coaches who are generously giving their services free of charge and then walk back along the Thames Path to Abingdon. Plastows coaches are also supporting The Choir of Winchester Cathedral & Readers' concert at the Dorchester Abbey which is raising money for the Oxford Children's Hospital. A picnic lunch will be provided at Clifton Hampden- but boys are welcome to donate some money if they wish to do so; all proceeds will go to the above-mentioned charities.

Your son has already been given a sponsor form by his tutor and it would be much appreciated if you could encourage him to collect as much money as possible - perhaps you could take it to your place of work on his behalf? The last sponsored walk raised over £28,000, this year we are aiming for £38,000.

Many thanks for your support of this event.

Yours sincerely

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