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NEWSLETTER

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AND SO IT BEGINS

Hello everyone! Welcome back and I hope you've all enjoyed a well-deserved break. I'm sure you all have a very busy term ahead of you, helping students to settle in and ensuring that everything is in order moving forward. So I won't overwhelm you with tonnes of nitty gritty information and instead I thought I can just simply catch everyone up on what I've been up to over the summer and what exciting plans we have in the pipeline!

Back in mid-July I had the pleasure of completing the Brass Band Walk to School Event with class Lincoln from St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maidstone. You'll all remember me going on about the Operation Motion : Giant Steps, active travel challenge for several months before the end of the school term and this was our Brass Band was our first prize. It was a huge success that the whole school enjoyed (as well as many unknowing local residents who came out to see what all the fuss was about and enjoyed waving and bobbing along with us!). It was a great morning and I received such positive feedback from the schools that I will definitely be looking to run this again during the next National Walking Month – May 2018.

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FREE TREES

I recently received a very interesting email...Kent schools are being invited to apply for FREE TREES (- and hedges!)

How cool is that!? I personally don't know an awful lot about this scheme so I suggest you just go directly to the source – To find out more visit:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/schools/trees-for-schools/>
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/schools/trees-for-schools/> They are totally free and will be delivered to the school at no cost, ready to plant this winter.

'Trees for Schools' is funded by Defra and delivered in partnership with the Woodland Trust and Learning through Landscapes.



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What is cycle to work day?
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continued... A brand new project that is currently just in the conceptual phase is a "Parking Badge" (of sorts) for parents to display in their car whilst on the school run. The badge would not except parents from any existing parking laws and will certainly not give them the right to park inconsiderately. Many times I have responded to residents who have concerns about parking around their property/street when they live close to schools; I know that many schools report that the relationship that they have with local community is a very important one but often very difficult to maintain due to constant residential complaints relating to school runners (particularly car drivers) – it is here where we hope this new "Badge" will help.

At this stage I anticipate that the resource will be available to schools, free of charge, to hand out to those parents who are driving their children to school. The badge will clearly state they are stopping temporarily (approx 10mins) to drop off/collect their children. We hope that residents will be more patient with temporary parking in their residential roads if they can see that a vehicle is just there for a short while. The resource will also include key messages to remind parents to park safely and responsibly and to consider alternatives such as Park & Stride, Car Sharing and Active Travel where possible.

Finally for all you secondary schools – let's not forget that you now have the Responsible Parking Squad Toolkit available to you – completely free of charge. I hope to create a demo video for the website homepage to give everyone a better idea of how the resources can be used to help encourage responsible parking on and around school sites and to spread key messages about the safety implications this has on pupils and other road users. I will be continuing to push this toolkit throughout the year – especially as we have National Road Safety Week coming up (end of Nov) , so that's perfect timing! In the meantime , if you would like any advice or resources for problematic parking, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



HEADS UP:

Annual Review 2017

There's still time to get your annual reviews in. It is well worth doing and only takes a short while to complete. In completing an annual review you can maintain your existing travel plan without having to re-write the entire document. Of course, all of this is done online using Jambusters. As ever, if you encounter any problems or have any queries, just drop me a line!

Capital Grant Funding - Acceptances

A gentle reminder to all schools who were successful in their grant applications to please accept and countersign your contracts ASAP. I will start bothering people individually very soon to ensure this is completed, as any left over funding can be allocated to other schools so that funding isn't wasted (- that's the Scottish blood in me – can't stand waste).



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