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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Walk to School Week 21st – 25th May 2018

Walk to School Week is a chance to celebrate the health and social benefits that walking, scooting and cycling to school can bring. In addition to reducing congestion around our school, it enables children to benefit from increased opportunities to exercise and time to talk with their parents/carers and friends. For children who come by car each day because they live more than a reasonable walking distance from the school, we suggest parking a short distance away from the school and walking the rest of the way.

In conjunction with "Walk to School Week", Poole Borough Council are launching an annual competition for Poole schools to see who has the highest percentage of children walking, scooting or cycling to school that week. This will be calculated by a hands-up survey each day of that week. The winning school will be the first to win the prestigious 'golden boot' trophy presented by the Mayor of Poole. The winning class in every participating school will also receive Strider badges and certificates to celebrate their achievement.

To add to the fun of the week, Tuesday 22nd May will be '**Happy Shoesday**'. Take this opportunity to wear your favourite pair of shoes that make you feel happy. For Health and Safety reasons, these shoes will need to be appropriate for indoors and outdoors. No Heelys or shoes with heels etc. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 towards charity. The chosen charity is 'Living Streets' which is a charity that supports walking and healthy lifestyles.

Please note that if your child intends to scoot or cycle, there are Health and Safety issues to consider. If your child wishes to come to school on a scooter, they **must** walk with their scooter as soon as they are on the school site. Children who would like to cycle can do so providing they have achieved their Bikeability certificate; however those who have not yet achieved this award can still cycle but they **must** be accompanied by an adult. All children using scooters or bicycles **must** wear a protective cycle helmet.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R. Evans
School Council Leader

Miss H. Willis
School Council Leader

Every Child, Every Day, Every Possibility

Hamworthy Park Junior School is proud to be part of the Hillary Trust

