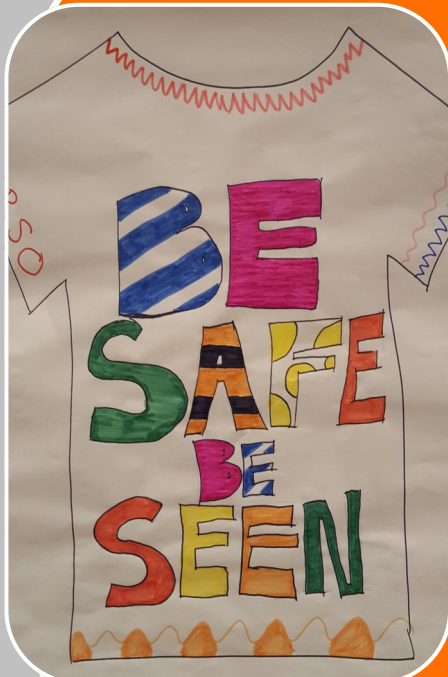


Road Safety Education in Hampshire

The Road Safety Education Newsletter for Primary School Teachers

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Junior Road Safety Officer training



The Junior Road Safety Officer scheme is going from strength to strength with 150 schools taking part this year, district training sessions booked for those schools who have missed out on the training earlier in the year as well as next year's training being booked already!

If your school missed out on the training in September and October, why not register for one of the sessions below.

Why have JRSOs in your school?

Learning to cross the road safely, ride a bike safely as well as travel safely in a vehicle are all key life skills and with traffic being the biggest single cause of accidental death for 12 - 16 year olds, it is essential that children learn the risks and dangers at an early age to embed those safer choices before they make the transition to Secondary School.

Having two JRSOs in your school (or more if you choose) means your pupils are being educated and encouraged by their peers to make safer choices. As well as ensuring children are aware of how to keep themselves safe, this scheme also gives them the opportunity to have ownership of their learning as well as their peers, supporting the idea of peer mentoring and independent learning.

What to do next?

If you would like to join the scheme and have JRSOs in your school or have a new JRSO who needs training, please email jrso@hants.gov.uk to register for a district training session below:

- Harestock Primary School, Winchester on Tuesday 23 January from 9:30 - 11:30
- Andrews Endowed Primary School, Alton on Tuesday 30 January from 13:00 - 15:00
- Northern Junior School, Fareham on Friday 2 February from 13:00 - 15:00
- Four Lanes Junior School, Basingstoke on Tuesday 20 February from 9:30 - 11:30
- Hordle Primary School, Lymington on Thursday 22 February from 13:15 - 15:15

Once registered for the training, you would then need to choose one Year 5 and one Year 6 child to attend the training with an adult from school.

Save the date

We are excited to announce that we have already booked the training for the next academic year so please save the date for the training in your area:

- Hampshire Court Hotel, Basingstoke - Tuesday 9 October 2018
- Botley Park Hotel, Boorley Green - Friday 2 November 2018



CHILD PEDESTRIAN TRAINING SCHEME

Children can be easily distracted, don't always pay attention and are also smaller and therefore more likely to sustain fatal injuries when they are hit by a vehicle. Whether children walk the entire journey to school or just a few metres from the car - they need to give the road their full attention.

Streets Ahead teaches children from a young age that they are vulnerable to traffic — near home and near school and that they need to be aware of the dangers on the road and pavement. Children may feel very safe when they are close to home and school but these are the areas where they need to focus and pay attention. Distraction, driveways and being visible to traffic are just three of the key topics covered as part of the Streets Ahead training.

In order to ensure your pupils are safe, why not give them the opportunity to experience the three practical sessions, showing them how to be more aware of the traffic around them as well as crossing the road safely. To be part of the scheme, you just need to get some volunteers trained from your school.

The Road Safety Team are now booking Streets Ahead instructor training; the two hour session provides your staff (typically LSAs) and parent volunteers with the skills and resources to deliver Streets Ahead to your students.

The following dates are already booked for 2018 – if you would like to reserve spaces for your new instructors, please contact the Road Safety Team.

- **11th January 2018 from 13:15 at Gomer Infant School, Gosport**
- **23rd January 2018 from 09:15am at Kings Worthy Primary School, Winchester**

If there isn't any training currently booked in your area and you would like to find out more about hosting the training at your school, please contact Aaron Gallimore on 01962 846100 or road.safety@hants.gov.uk.



MINIBUS REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

Due to a change of regulations at the start of 1997, many current teachers who need to drive a minibus are finding that they don't have the required D1 category on their driving licence. Although they may still be able to drive smaller minibuses under 3.5 tonnes, there are restrictions under the circumstances they can do this. Drivers of minibuses over that weight must have D1 on their driving licence. The Road Safety Team deliver minibus training to drivers aimed at passing a D1 test. If you would like to find out more, please contact Graham Mylward on 01962 846100 or road.safety@hants.gov.uk.





Road safety teaching resources for different age groups

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The Department for Transport are in the process of relaunching their primary road safety resources site and the key stage one resources are already available. We are excited to announce that the resources include two videos, showing children how to behave near the road and whilst crossing - focusing on the key message of stop, look, listen and think. As well as the video, there is also a song which can be learnt in class or as part of an assembly - a great resource to use during Walk to School Week! To view the resources, please visit www.think.gov.uk/education/.



Walk to School



Living Street's national Walk to School Week will be from **Monday 21st— Friday 25th May** this year and the Road Safety Team are supporting it again with our own material. This is available to every school free of charge and can work alongside the WOW (Walk Once a Week) scheme, encouraging your school community to make walking to school a habit each day that week! We are also making it easier for schools to manage the scheme this year with a change from the individual sticker cards to a wall chart. Watch this space for more updates.

The scheme is an ideal way of encouraging children and parents to switch from the car to walking for the school journey; reducing congestion outside your school as well as helping the environment (see the air quality update overleaf) and promoting a healthier lifestyle for both children and parents.

The Road Safety Team also see it as the best opportunity to teach children about using the green cross code when crossing the road, one of our essential key messages. We will be sending out activity ideas nearer the time for your school to use to promote this message.

The registration email and schools communication will be sent out during the Spring term so please keep a look out - let's try and beat the total of 94,000 children who took part last year!



@HantsRoadSafety



Does your school have a twitter account? If so, please take the time to follow us **@HantsRoadSafety** and retweet any road safety messages you would like to share with your school community. Also don't forget to tweet about any road safety activities that are taking place in your school - and tag us too!

We always tweet about visiting a school and in order to share our work and key messages, we would appreciate as many retweets and likes as possible!



Sustrans and My Journey are encouraging children, teachers and parents to jump on their bikes and scooters for The Big Pedal 2018 - a national challenge to get more young people cycling and scooting to school.

The Big Pedal 2018, which runs from Monday 23 April to Friday 4 May, will see participants across Hampshire leave their cars at home and get on their bikes and scooters for their journeys to and from school. To get involved and register, please visit myjourneyhampshire.com/events/.



Scooter Challenge



The ever popular Scooter Challenge is back again for 2018 to get as many children as possible scooting to and from school every day from 18-22 June 2018.

The school with the highest average number of children scooting will win a Scooterpod and everyone participating will receive a My Journey sticker and two lucky pupils with the highest number of scooter journeys that week will win a family day out in Hampshire. To get involved and register visit myjourneyhampshire.com/events/



Air quality resources



Air pollution is unpleasant to breathe in but it currently harms the health of millions. Unlike other risks to our health, many people don't know what causes air pollution, the effects it has on our bodies or how to reduce our exposure to it. The journey to school in particular can have an impact on pupils' health and the environment.

The good news is there are lots of simple things we can do to help to improve air quality on the school run. The My Journey schools' team is working with schools across Hampshire to monitor and raise

awareness of air quality and promote ways of creating cleaner air through sustainable travel initiatives and resources. To find out more and get involved visit myjourneyhampshire.com/education/air-quality-schools.

