A green background with a group of people walking

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A New School Journey

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Welcome to A New School Journey Newsletter

We are delighted to inform you that Newport Junior School have agreed to take part in a new project in partnership with the Active Travel & Road Safety Education Team at Telford & Wrekin Council.

Newport Juniors is one of four schools selected to take part in ‘A New School Journey’ pilot which is the first of its kind to take place in Telford and Wrekin.

This programme has been developed for several reasons including:

• Improving road safety outside of school

• Easing congestion

• Encouraging more active travel to/from school

• Reducing emissions

We are aware of a number of road safety concerns around Newport Juniors and we hope that by working in partnership with parents/carers, pupils and the school, we can help alleviate these concerns.

Newport Junior School has been selected due to its commitment and passion for active travel. All we are asking for is one small change. As a minimum we ask that you either Park & Stride (park away from the school entrance, ideally a 10 minute walk away) scoot, cycle, wheel or walk to/from school at least once a week.

We are always interested to hear your thoughts so please do get in touch via **roadsafety@telford.gov.uk**

More information will follow over the next few months but for now we look forward to starting A New School Journey with you.

# Be Bright Be Seen

## Be Bold and Bright Both Morning and Night

With the dark nights and autumnal weather upon us, the Travel Telford team have been in to school to talk to pupils about how to **stay safe and been seen** by oncoming traffic. We delivered a whole school assembly where the JRSO’s (Junior Road Safety Officers) introduced their first in a series of themed competitions, design your own Be Bright Be Seen school bag.

## Shine bright at night

A snowman wearing a reflective vest and sunglasses

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**Remember it’s the law to have clean and working lights on your bike.**

White at the front and red at the back as well as a rear reflector.

Our final Be Bright Be Seen activity was a **Be Bright Walk to School.**

A group of people standing in a parking lot

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Thankfully, the weather was on our side and it was a dry, albeit chilly morning! Despite the early start, we were blown away by the amount of families who decided to join us and we lit up the morning with fluorescent clothing, hi-vis jackets and Be Bright accessories. **Thank you so much** to those families who joined us!

We have future walks to school planned and our next walk will be on the **8th December**. Our theme for this walk will be Christmas! So why not put on your Christmas jumper or your reindeer headband and join us for a festive walk to school. (More details to follow

# Looking Ahead..

Example of photo placement

## Love Your Environment – Our theme for next term.

We can all help to conserve our environment by trying to live in a way that is more sustainable. Leaving the car at home once a week and **walking/wheeling/scooting or cycling** to or from school is a great place to start.

Active school runs improve both physical and mental health and helps to reduce stress and anxiety. It also helps children to arrive at school ready to learn and supports them in meeting their **recommended 1 hour of physical activity** per day.

There are various reasons why you may need to travel by car on the school run and we appreciate it’s not always possible to leave the car behind**. Park and Stride** allows families to still enjoy the benefits of walking to school, while also keeping the front of school clear and **safe** for pupils and families.

**Park and Stride Guidance**

* **Email** [**helen.smith2@telford.gov.uk**](mailto:helen.smith2@telford.gov.uk) **for your parking promise letter, map and car sticker to show your commitment to change.**
* **Park around a 10 minute walking distance away from the school entrance and walk/wheel/cycle or scoot the rest of the way!**

**Did you know**: Anti-idling?

Leaving your engine running for just 1 minute, releases enough harmful emissions to fill 150 balloons!