

## Drake's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers.

This term The Ethos Group have come together and chosen to help raise funds for a very important charity – Toilet Twinning. Our aim is to twin each of our school toilets! Lack of basic sanitation is one of the ways that extreme poverty affects a person's daily life and 1 in 4 people do not even have access to a simple loo. On average each day people in Malawi, Uganda and Zambia must travel 3.7 miles just to collect fresh water.

The children at Drake's School will be taking part in a sponsored walk on Wednesday 21st July to experience what it is like for these children and to reflect on how lucky we are to have clean, fresh water available to us so easily and sanitation that relies on water.

The younger children will walk to the Otter and back, whilst the older children will walk the Otter loop. We will have a picnic lunch and games, on our return, at the Rec. All of this will take place during normal school hours.

Your child can come to school dressed in comfortable clothing and suitable walking shoes – no flip flops or sandals please. Long trousers or leggings where skin is covered are preferable as we will be walking through some longer grassy areas. For sun protection we suggest shoulders are covered and please apply plenty of sun cream in the morning before school. Please also administer any hay fever medication prior to the school day.

They will need a sun hat, a water bottle, and a packed lunch. Their lunch will be delivered to them at The Rec, so they do not need to carry this with them on the walk.

We will be raising funds for toilet twinning and if enough is raised this will go towards other projects run by The Ethos Group. The children will bring home a sponsor form today. Please return these to school by Monday 19th July with any money collected in an envelope. We are hopeful that we can raise lots of funds to help provide a school toilet block and some families with a toilet of their own too.

If you wish to find out more about our chosen charity, follow this link: <u>Toilet Twinning - Flushing away</u> poverty, one toilet at a time

Thank you for your continued support,

The Ethos Group.



























