

8th February 2018

Dear Parents,

Practice Walk – Exmoor challenge

We will be starting our series of walks after half-term, with a walk on Sunday afternoon (25th February). We will be meeting in the school playground and plan to leave promptly at 1:30 pm. The intention is to walk starting from school on a route of about 5½ miles, so we aim to return to school for about 3:30pm.

I am awaiting confirmation of our entries, but hope to have 3 teams entered this year. The Exmoor Challenge is about the children showing they can work together as a team and be supportive of one another. If we end up with more children than there are spaces for on the teams, then during the practice walks I will be looking out for children who demonstrate these skills, along with good listening, following instructions and determination.

Given the wet weather of late it is important the children have appropriate footwear.

Attached to this letter is a plan for all walks over the coming few weeks, these could be subject to change due to the weather but I hope not. As with previous years we will be joining with pupils, staff and parents from Sidmouth College. Please could you either complete the slip below and return to school or email exmoorc@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk to confirm, so I have an idea of numbers. All adults are welcome to join us as well as friendly dogs.

Many Thanks

Stuart Vaughan
Headteacher

..... will be joining the walk on Sunday 25th February

I/we will/won't be joining (please delete as appropriate).

Emergency telephone number.....

Plan for walks – Exmoor challenge 2018

Sunday 25th February – Local starting at Newton Poppleford – 5 - 6 miles

Sunday 4th March – East Budleigh – 7 – 8 miles

Sunday 11th March – Walk from Culmstock – 10 miles (note this is Mothering Sunday)

Sunday 18th March – Withypool, Exmoor – 12 miles

Sunday 25th March – Walk on Exmoor – 12 miles

Possible additional walk in Easter Holiday? –a local walk –12 miles

Sunday 22nd April – Exmoor challenge route – 16 miles

Saturday 29th April – a local walk – 6 – 8 miles

Saturday 5th May - EXMOOR CHALLENGE

Exact details of meeting points and times will be on letters given out preceding each walk.

Please note for health and Safety reasons walks may need to be cancelled, or changed particularly if it is deemed that either conditions underfoot or the expected weather conditions are dangerous.