



LEYBOURNE WALKING BUS NEWSLETTER - JULY 2016

Dear Walking Bus children, parents, carers and volunteers

The summer holidays are nearly here!

Before everyone disappears off to have lots of fun, Debbie and I wanted to get in touch with you all.

Firstly there are some **VERY BIG THANK YOUs** that need to be said. The biggest of all is to Simone and Neil for doing such a fantastic job of running the bus over the past ten years!!!! Their energy and enthusiasm has been astonishing. They have made the bus what it is. Under their guidance it has won awards; children on the bus have taken part in competitions, made records, been on days out – and importantly walked miles and miles in safety having fun with their friends. A huge and heartfelt thanks from everyone that's ever walked on the bus to both of them. We're delighted that Neil is staying on as a back-up volunteer and Simone will be helping Debbie and I as we learn the ropes...

Secondly a big thank you to Sara and Julie who are stepping down as volunteers next year. Thanks too to our helpers that are going to continue. There just wouldn't be a bus without volunteers – so thank you for giving up your time.

Last but not least thank you to all the wonderful children who walk on the bus. It's been a great year of fun and good behaviour. We are very proud of how they have behaved on the bus, and the good impression they make on everyone that sees them walk to school. Please pass on our thanks and praise.

We're getting ourselves geared up for September already and have some great new helpers. Dawn Philpot, Nicola Thomas, Nicola May and Vicky Hobson will be joining us. Debbie Smith and I are taking over coordinating things. If you need to reach us our numbers are:

Georgia Richards – 07930600993 Debbie Smith - 07913668462

We would be very grateful for some more adult volunteers. If you child uses the bus and you are able to help out on the days you are not working it would be great to have you on the team.

We're delighted that as they move into Year 5, Joseph M and William M will be joining the Blue Crew. They have both been so great on the walking bus so far, it will be lovely to have them assisting the adult volunteers next year.

We are hoping to offer some really fun prizes to our walking bus "ambassadors" and to those that make the most trips with us next year. If you work for a company that might be interested in funding some of those incentives please let me know. It really doesn't have to be a huge sum but it will really fire the children up and give them something to work towards.

If any parents would like their children to join the Walking Bus please give either myself or Debbie a call; we'd love to see it grow even more.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break, and look forward to seeing you in September.

Georgia & Debbie