MINI MARATHON

1 WHAT IS IT?

The mini marathon is a fun sponsored event run by the PTA where the children run set routes around Speldhurst village, cheered on by parents, friends and local residents. It usual takes place during the last week of the Spring Term (often on the last day). All children are encouraged to participate and they can either run, jog or walk around the course. It is intended to be a fun event for all children of all abilities.

2 HOW IS MONEY RAISED?

Children take home sponsorship forms a few weeks prior to the day and ask for sponsorship from friends and family to complete the mini marathon. As an incentive, children are offered rewards for raising specific amounts e.g. £15 gets a T-shirt/water bottle etc. £30 get a swim session. To assist in paying for these incentives we also get sponsorship from local business who receive marketing opportunities in return. This event raises over £2,000 in funds for the PTA each year.

3 FORMAT OF THE DAY?

- Arrive at school in the morning in school uniform as usual
- Children change into their PE kits in the classrooms (house colours may be worn)
- Approximately 9am the children take part in a fun warm up session to music in the playground
- KS2 start their race approximately 9.20am
- KS1 start their race once all KS2 have returned at approximately 9.40am
- All children are given a snack and drink after the race.
- Once all the children are back, they resume their usual school day
- At the end of term church service, awards are presented for 1st and 2nd place girls and boys by year group in addition to a shield for the winning house.
- All children receive a certificate for completing the course.

4 CAN I WATCH?

Parents, grandparents, friends etc. are all encouraged to stand around the route of the course to cheer the children on while they are running.

5 CAN I HELP?

They are many ways in which you can help:

Become a committee member:

Currently 3 parents are on the committee for the mini marathon. The planning starts around January and some of the key responsibilities are:

- Getting local businesses to sponsor the event
- Sponsorship forms & collection
- Costing & sourcing incentives for children
- Advertising in local magazines
- Printing certificates & sourcing prizes
- Coordinating safety & format of the day with teachers
- Organising marshals & helpers for the day

Each committee members spends approximately 25 hours organizing this event

Helping on the day:

There are many ways you can help on the day such as:

- Marshalling around the course to ensure the children are safe
- Cheering the children on the course
- Serving food & drinks when the children return
- Scoring
- Handing out position cards
- Manning the water station

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