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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on progress and developments regarding this year's Pisa to Rome cycle challenge, and to inform you of some important upcoming dates.

As mentioned at the meeting last month, all flights and accommodation are now booked / reserved. This is a good situation to be in, though much work remains to be done. May I remind everyone that they will need a passport to travel and all students will need their EHIC card. Please contact school if unsure. Training rides will begin soon and there is the possibility of some gym/spinning training sessions. Letter regarding these will follow soon.

Thank you to those of you who have now paid the balance of the cost of the trip. Please can I encourage others to now begin to pay the remainder (in instalments should you wish) of the £200 contribution. The sooner we receive money, the sooner we can pay for essential bookings – usually at a better rate the earlier we pay.

We have been lucky to receive sponsorship for a HUGE support vehicle for our challenge by Shepley Engineering Ltd and Northgate Fleet Hire. RCG Calibration Services Ltd has supported the Challenge in the form of a sponsored people carrier whilst in Italy. These vehicles are a great help and are a significant contribution towards the challenge.

Many local businesses have supported the challenge in the form of raffle prize donations. Please do continue to ask and support us in this way; any prizes donated can be left at reception of either school. With this letter we have given your child 50 raffle tickets. Should they be able to sell more than 50 that is fantastic and they can ask for more at school. It is expected that all students cycling sell at least 50 tickets. Previously some students have sold over 350! Should this be a problem please feel free to contact me at school. In the past the raffle has been a substantial source of income and is one of the ways we have managed to keep the cost of these challenges so low. The raffle will be drawn on 6th July.

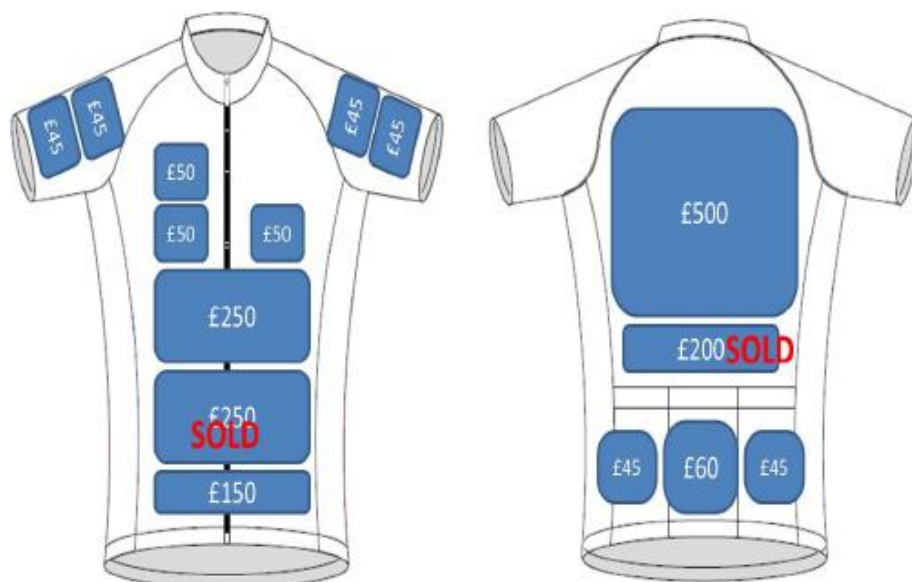
We have secured two dates for bag packing locally which are listed at the bottom of this letter. It is essential that all students attend both dates as again these events have historically proven substantial sources of funds for the Challenge. This year we will also have a static bike at the supermarket on which students will take turns cycling a single day challenge to attract further donations. Should any parents be able to support the bag packing (Asda work off a ratio of 1 adult supervising up to 4 students or every 2 tills) we would welcome the support. More details on this will follow closer to the time.

Following the popular event last year we have again arranged an evening with celebrity chef John Crouch. This will be held on 20th April at Aspatia Rugby club. Tickets cost just £12 including a three course meal and cooking demonstration. This was a great event last year

and we hope as many of you as possible can join us again this year. Tickets are available from both Beacon Hill and Solway school offices.

As with previous years we are selling sponsorship space on our custom cycle jerseys. Some spaces have already been sold. If you are interested in sponsoring the shirt please see available areas below and contact school to arrange. Available space will be regularly updated on Facebook.

Shirt Sponsorship 2018



Cyclewise (a local bike shop) are attempting a world record 'track stand' event in June. All students on the challenge will be invited to take part and this will form a part of a full day practice ride. It is important that all students can attend this ride in order to help prepare for the Challenge. More details will follow.

Bag Pack Asda Workington	21 st April, at Asda Dunmail Park
Bag Pack Tesco Workington	1 st July, at Tesco Workington
An Evening with John Crouch Meal	20 th April 1900 at Aspatria Rugby Club
Full day practice ride (including World Record attempt)	9 th June – more information to follow
Raffle	To be drawn 6 th July

If you wish to discuss further any of the information contained in this letter please feel free to contact me at school,

Thank you,

Mr Gee