

## Following the Star

We can't wait to start our journey as a school to Bethlehem tomorrow! We hope to do this with the children in the morning, when it is supposed to be lovely and sunny! It would have been great to do this as a community with parents coming into the school. However, with the current circumstances, we are unable to do this. But not to worry - you can 'join us' on the journey virtually by walking with members of your household, and logging the distance walked. All distances travelled will be added together and you will be able to see our progress as a community and where we are along the journey on social media.

Please spread the word about this event and ask your friends and family to sponsor us as a school on the Just Giving page to raise funds for the Shephard's Hut. Please read below for further information.

<b>What do we need to do?</b>	We need to travel 3090 kilometres on land and 34 kilometres by water to reach Bethlehem in time for Christmas.
<b>Why are we doing it?</b>	To raise money to buy and furnish a Shepherd's Hut for the school.
<b>When can I start?</b>	Thursday 22nd October from midday
<b>Who can take part?</b>	The whole school community  All current pupils, staff, helpers and governors and their immediate families. If someone lives with any of these people then they are part of the community and can take part. If you walk together simply multiply the kilometres covered by the number of people walking or swimming.
<b>How should I record how far I have walked?</b>	<p>Where possible distance walked should be recorded on a mapping app. For example, Strava, Map my Walk or if you have an iPhone - on the Health app. These are all free and easy to use. You will then be able to send an image of your walk, similar to the one shown below, to the email address below.</p>  <p>If you are unable to track your walk in this way, please complete the attached sheet and email to the address below.</p>

<p><b>Can my family and I pledge to walk so many miles?</b></p>	<p>Yes, of course. You would then be able to ask family and friends to sponsor you for your target miles. If you would like to do this please email your details to <a href="mailto:followthestar2020@gmail.com">followthestar2020@gmail.com</a></p> <p>If you would rather just walk and see how far you get, that's fine too.</p>
<p><b>How should I record how far I have swum?</b></p>	<p>Please swim lengths at Chesham Open Air Pool if at all possible. The lifeguards will be happy to log your progress.</p>
<p><b>How do I sponsor the school?</b></p>	<p>You and your friends will be able to sponsor the school on a Just Giving page set up especially for this event. Details will follow.</p>
<p><b>How will you know how far we have travelled as a family?</b></p>	<p>Please send your progress to our specially dedicated email address at <a href="mailto:followthestar2020@gmail.com">followthestar2020@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>How will I know how far we have travelled altogether as a community?</b></p>	<p>Your children will be given information frequently.</p> <p>You will be able to track our progress on Facebook and Twitter. Details to follow</p>
<p><b>What will happen when we arrive in Bethlehem?</b></p>	<p>We are planning to hold an open-air nativity / carol service when we have arrived, hopefully, just before Christmas.</p>
<p><b>What must we never forget when taking part in 'following the star'</b></p>	<p>The Government guidelines on COVID-19. These may well change during the coming weeks and we don't want anyone to put themselves or others in danger.</p>