Welcome JRSOs to the February & March edition. I have put these 2 months together because the messages are more for parents and adults – so maybe we need think about something a bit different to get the message across to the adults who bring your pupils to school.

The themes are about car seat belts & child restraints and school gate parking. Both of these topics are very important!

School Gate Parking is a very important and common problem as many schools have a school gate parking problem.

When cars are parked, or dropping off/picking up near to school entrances it makes it dangerous for both children and adults.

What if….?

In an emergency, fire engines and/or ambulances may need to get to your school.

They may find it difficult because of all the cars parked or all the traffic outside school.

Do you know how tall children need to be for the correct seat in a car?

Do you know the height/age when a child does not need to sit on any form of booster seat.

Many adults forget the answers to these and so it is a great time to make sure your fellow pupils know the answer, and then they can pass the information on to their adults.
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Ideas to get these important messages across

Measure – do you have a height chart? Measure children in school to find out which seat they need when travelling in a car.

Survey – how about doing a small survey to see how many children travel to school by car. What are their reasons for going to school by car? Do a chart with the information you get for your notice board

Leaflet – do some research on the different type of car seats. Create a small leaflet or poster for parents, to pass on this important information.

Get creative – get children in your school to design posters that can be displayed for parents to see asking them to park safely.

What about designing your own school parking tickets?

Write a letter – write a letter to parents reminding them not to park on the yellow school crossing zig-zags. Ask them to sign a school parking pledge – promising NOT to park close to school.

Useful Publications

There are lots of different sources of information for parents to make sure that their children are safer when travelling in vehicles.

• The Good Egg Guide
  http://www.goodeggcarsafety.com/ukincar/incar/the_law/

• THINK!
  http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/pupils/

• Safer Roads
  https://sysrp.co.uk/parents/seatbelts/

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Dates for your diary
25 March – 4 April - Sustrans Big Pedal – cycle or skoot to school - https://www.sustrans.org.uk/bigpedal

3 May – Barnsley Start of Tour de Yorkshire

6 – 12 May – UN Road Safety Week
https://www.who.int/roadsafety/week/2019/en/

The UN Road Safety Collaboration is pleased to announce the theme of the 5th UN Global Road Safety Week: “leadership for road safety.”

As JRSOs you are the leaders of road safety in your school...........

3 – 9 June – Child Safety Week
Child Safety Week is run by Child Accident Prevention Trust to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented.

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