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Dear Parent/Carer

Shropshire Primary Schools Half Marathon 25th April

The Shropshire Primary Schools Half Marathon returns this year on Saturday 25th April at The Shropshire County Showground. Timings will be released by the organisers nearer the time. With a Half Marathon representing 13.1 miles, the challenge sees children complete the first 12 miles at school over the course of a term or half term, 1 mile at a time, before running the final 1.1 miles on event day in front of family and friends.

The children are treated to a dedicated "full race" experience including race bibs, a marshalled route, music and a start and finish line gantry, allowing them to enjoy and experience the thrill of a big sporting event and to be cheered on as they complete the final leg of their challenge. They receive rewards as they progress through their mileage including a fantastic medal and t-shirt for their efforts.

It is important to explain that this is not a race for the children and will therefore not be chip timed, nor will there be prizes for the 'fastest' children. It is an inclusive challenge where over a period of time they are developing increased activity levels to encourage leading an active and healthy lifestyle. Children will not be under pressure to compete, and at the same time will complete something as challenging as a half marathon which can be a wonderful boost for everyone taking part.

A member of St George's staff will be there on the day as school representatives; however, the children will be the responsibility of parents/carers as staff will be helping the event organisers.

If you would like your child to enter this fun-filled and active event, please log onto your **Arbor** account to **pay £12 by 9am on Thursday 12th February 2026**. It is important to keep to this deadline as this is when the organisers of the event need the correct allocated number of participants from each school. Applications received after this time/date cannot be included.

If your child is unable to take part on the day, we will be unable to initiate a refund.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Constantine and Miss C Quigg