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Learning for Life

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## Santa Challenge

**Cycle, Scoot or Stride to Santa in Lapland** - Monday 26 November to Friday 7 December

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ardley Hill Academy are joining the SANTA CHALLENGE, a virtual Christmas trip to Lapland.

### So what is that?

This virtual race is where children and parents walk, scoot or cycle to school. Each time a child or parent travels actively, they will be credited with one mile. These miles will be used to map the school's journey to Lapland. We will be adding up all of the miles done by the schools taking part in Bedfordshire to see whether we can reach our goal of arriving at Lapland. Your child will have received a record card from the school on which to record their journeys.

### Why now?

We want to encourage as many children as possible to travel actively to school. As we get nearer to Christmas we thought it would be great opportunity to get everyone walking, biking and scooting. While this is not always an option for those travelling long distances, we want to open the competition up as much as possible, which is why we include Park and Stride or Park and Scoot as an option.

A challenge has been set for all pupils of the school to join in the virtual trip which gives everyone a focus of arriving in Lapland before Christmas. The more people who join in, the quicker we will arrive at Lapland. The main prize, which will be drawn from returned record cards, is a brand new lightweight Frog bike.

We look forward to seeing how far the school can cycle/scoot in the two weeks of the competition. Good Luck!

Yours Sincerely

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Sustrans is working with schools in Central Bedfordshire and Bedford to promote and encourage sustainable travel to school.

We would like pupils and parents to discover the benefits of walking, scooting or cycling (it can be fun, social, and healthy; it also promotes learning). Our programmes are funded by Central Bedfordshire Council and Bedford Borough Council.

