



14th June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, we are very lucky to have the start of one of the stages of the Aviva Women's Professional Cycle Tour here in Atherstone on Thursday June 16th. Of course we are very keen to get involved in this exciting event and our children have already made some beautiful, brightly coloured bunting to decorate the route.

At the beginning of the race, in the market square, eight of our children will be on stage as 'podium pals' when the cyclists are introduced before the start. We also have six children riding their bikes in a 'pre-race ride out'. The action begins around 8:30 am in the market square with the actual race itself scheduled to start at 9:45 am. Children in year five and six will be walking into the town to watch the action from there.

We are taking the children from all the other classes to line the route on Coleshill Road. They will be given flags to wave and support the 96 riders, which will include World Road Race Champion Lizzie Armistead and multiple World and Olympic Champion Marianne Vos. It will be quite a spectacle as the race comes through the town, accompanied by the National Police Escort team with around 60 motorbikes. We are all really looking forward to it.

A one-hour highlights programme will be broadcast at 9pm on 16th June on ITV and again at 12.35pm on 17th on ITV4. Don't forget to look out for your children and see some lovely shots of Warwickshire along the route. Hopefully the World Record attempt at Warwick Castle with 1017 pupils and teachers making up the image of a bike will also be broadcast!

Should you wish to find out any more about the cycle tour there is a link here:-
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/womenstour>

The children will be walking to watch the race leaving school shortly after registration on Thursday morning (about 9:10am). They will be accompanied by an appropriate number of staff and well supervised. Should you have any concerns about your child attending the race, please let their class teacher know, or telephone the school office on 01827 712372.

I am sure this will be a memorable occasion for everyone in Atherstone and we look forward to cheering on the cyclists and waving our flags!

Yours Sincerely,

B A Dandy
Headteacher

