



# DEAN PARK TRAVERSE CLIMBING WALL

Dear Parent

The purpose of this letter is to let you know about plans for an exciting new playground resource, and to invite your child to take part in our fund-raising challenge event.



**Please note, the permission slip overleaf must be returned to the school by Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April, if your child wishes to take part in the challenge event.**

Dean Park PTA is planning to install a traverse climbing wall in the school playground, which will be a wonderful addition to our existing playground resources. A traverse climbing wall is a series of moulded hand and foot grips attached to a wall along which children love to climb (see picture below). The good news is that it is a very safe activity because the children are never more than 40cm (bench height) above the ground. Our wall will be 11m in length, with a variety of possible climbing routes – this is a significant size of traverse wall and will provide lots of fun and exercise for our children.

We still need to raise a little more money to buy the wall, and so we have arranged a fantastic fund-raising event (see overleaf for details and permission slip)



# CHALLENGE EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE TRAVERSE WALL

On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** a mobile climbing wall will be erected in the playground and we will run the “**Dean Park Twin Peaks Challenge**”. Every P4-7\* class will have the opportunity to climb the wall during the course of the day and each child’s sponsored climb of 6m will contribute towards our target total height of 1152m - the combined height of the two highest peaks in the Pentland Hills; Scald Law and Carnethy Hill.

The mobile climbing wall (see picture on right) will be staffed by qualified climbing professionals, and full safety equipment and gear will be provided. The climb will take place during school hours, however if demand is high, it’s possible that some P7 classes may do their climb up to half an hour or so after school hours (we will be able to confirm this once we know how many children are participating).



Climbing the wall will give your child a real sense of achievement, and raising funds – even a few pounds - will give them pride and ownership in the traverse wall itself. We hope you will encourage your child to take part.



**Please sign the permission slip below and return to school as soon as possible - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the latest** (the week that the school returns after the Easter holiday).

Please be aware that if demand is high and we are over-subscribed, then we may need to select names out of a hat. We will send confirmation if your child is participating, along with further details about the Dean Park Twin Peaks Challenge and sponsorship form at the start of May.

*\* the company supplying the mobile climbing wall (for the fund-raising event) has advised us that it is best suited to older pupils (P4-7) The traverse wall that we are raising the funds for however, will be enjoyed by pupils throughout the school.*



**Return this permission slip to the class teacher by WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL if your child wishes to participate.**

Child’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to participate in the sponsored climb, “Dean Park Twin Peaks Challenge” on Wednesday 13th May..

Parent or Guardian’s name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_