

## **West Highland Way Sponsored Walk**

The current chairman of North Ferriby Primary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) committee, Fergus Aitken, is planning to walk the West Highland Way in late April/ early May this year to raise funds to improve facilities at the school and fulfil a lifelong ambition. Andrew Hall, the husband of a PTA committee member, plus a fellow workmate will accompany him.

The trio will attempt to walk 105 miles, including an ascent of Ben Nevis on the final day, over 6 consecutive days. The walk starts in Milngavie, just north of Glasgow and ends in Fort William. The group would be delighted if anyone from the Village and beyond would be prepared to sponsor them. If you would like to sponsor the team please contact Fergus Aitken tel. 633545 or e-mail [fergus@aitkenf.karoo.co.uk](mailto:fergus@aitkenf.karoo.co.uk).

All sponsorship money raised will go to PTA funds. Money raised by the PTA this year will be used to buy stage lighting and sound equipment. The PTA also hope to contribute some funds to assist the school in their quest to offer good, wholesome food served from a new on site kitchen.

There is a general assumption that as North Ferriby is a relatively affluent village the school has all the facilities that it requires. This is not the case. Previously money raised was used to buy 'luxury' items for the school but now it is used for essentials that the main school budget cannot afford. The PTA efforts over the last few years have funded interactive whiteboards in every classroom. Recently a new mini library has been provided on the KS1 site and new atlases & dictionaries have been purchased, also thanks to PTA fundraising efforts. These new facilities are vital elements to aid and encourage IT and early reading skills.

Please help us to enhance the lives of N Ferriby schoolchildren by sponsoring the team and supporting our other events. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support given to our various fundraising efforts by the local community and local businesses.

Good news - our successes have recently been recognised by the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations (NCPTA) who have shortlisted us for a national award in the 'Changing the life of the school' category. This relates to the difference the new KS1 mini library has already made and will make in future years. We are on a shortlist of 4 and have a 50% chance of winning a £1000 prize. Even if we don't win we can take satisfaction from the fact that there were over 70 applicants and we understand that we are the only school in this area to have been shortlisted for such an award in recent memory.