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Dear Parents,

On **Tuesday 22nd April**, it is **World Earth Day** which is an annual celebration that honours the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect our Earth's natural resources for future generations.

Each year group has planned a range of indoor and outdoor activities to teach our children about the importance of looking after our environment and the part we can all play in caring for our precious planet.

Before the event and to involve you as parents, today, children are bringing home a World Earth Day Easter Holiday Challenge which contains a range of eco-friendly activities that can be completed over the Easter holidays. Children who wish to complete activities need to colour the activities they have completed and return their sheet to their class teacher after the Easter holidays. They also need to send in a photograph of one/some/all of their achievements via ClassDojo (This can be achieved in 3 ways: when your child logs in, there is a camera icon which can be used to take a photograph using the device they are on OR there is a paperclip icon where photographs can be uploaded OR you can upload a photograph using the messaging service). Any child who completes 1-11 of the activities will be rewarded with a certificate for their efforts and for those who complete 12 or more there will be a prize.

We look forward to seeing and hearing all about the activities the children have participated in when we return after the Easter holidays.

Zero Waste Lunchboxes

Did you know in the UK alone, we use an estimated 35 million single-use plastic bottles, 7 million disposable coffee cups and 16 million packets of crisps EVERY DAY! Only 9% of the plastic waste that we humans have created has been recycled.

On Tuesday 22nd April we are asking everyone who may normally have a packed lunch to come in with no single-use plastic packaging in their lunch box – so no disposable bottles, crisp packets etc. Sandwiches and other lunch box contents could be wrapped in tin foil or come in a container (plastic such as Tupperware is reusable and is acceptable!). We hope that taking part in this day will help us all to learn about how we can reduce the amount of plastic pollution endangering our wildlife and environment, and to be extra vigilant about littering and choosing to avoid single-use plastic wherever possible. It is a day of making changes to our habits that hopefully will lead to more days of being aware of how simple switches to more environmentally friendly options can make a difference.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Kind regards,

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