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Dear Parents/Carers,

Barnes Farm Juniors hosts its first Green Day Friday 14th February



What is Green Day?

Green Day is a one-day event for schools about climate change, sustainability and the built environment. It is a fun and flexible way to integrate these themes into lessons and school-wide activities and aims to make schools more sustainable in the long term.

How will we celebrate?

Children may wear green themed non-uniform on Friday 14th February and they will be taking part in a variety of activities in class including:

- Upcycling Art/DT projects (class teachers will instruct children on what they will need to bring in for this and when)
- 'Switch-off monitors' - elections in classes to choose representatives responsible for turning off electrical devices and lights when not in use in order to reduce energy waste
- Class climate pledges - children will pledge to demonstrate how they will support greater sustainability in school
- 'Paperless' lessons
- PSHE work linked to climate change and sustainability
- Writing/speaking and listening activities linked to climate change and global warming.

3PR

In addition to this, we will be having a 3PR-focused week starting on Monday 10th February where children are encouraged to walk or cycle to school where possible. We ask that parents please use the car park at Asda if driving their child to and from school to ease congestion in front of both schools.

Home learning

Children are challenged to make their home greener for one week, record what they have done and whether it can be continued easily by their family. Certificates will be awarded to the 'greenest' homes in each class! Children can decide how to best present their findings (e.g. a graph, PowerPoint presentation, diary, table, poster etc.) **The homework deadline is Friday 28th February.**

Waste-free packed lunches/ snacks

As part of our drive on improving sustainability, we would like your help to ensure your child's packed lunch/snacks are as 'waste-free' as possible by reducing the amount of single use disposable food wrappings such as cling film, foil or sandwich bags. Instead, opting for Tupperware boxes and water bottles, which can be re-used, will really help to reduce the amount of plastic waste. There are already some great examples of this!



Book trading

Children may bring in a book from home that they no longer read and are happy to trade for a different book. **Books must be in good condition and age appropriate. Books can be brought in from Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th January.** Those with books to trade can do so on Thursday or Friday in their year groups.

Donation

In exchange for wearing some green non-school uniform, we kindly ask for a small donation of £1 which will go towards improving the recycling facilities at Barnes Farm Junior School (e.g. multi-option recycling bins in the playground). Payments can be made via Parent Pay.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Smith
Eco-club leader

