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Dear Parents/Carers

This year, to mark National Environmental day on the 5 June and National Ocean day on the 8 June we will be spending the next couple of weeks in assembly looking at how we can reduce, reuse and recycle the amount of plastic we use. On Monday 10 June we are asking that all children and staff go plastic free for the day.

Many of you will have seen coverage over the last couple of years about the dreadful levels of plastic pollution in our oceans, which is harming wildlife and even getting into our own food chain. In the UK alone, we use an estimated 35 million single-use plastic bottles, 7 million disposable coffee cups with their plastic lids and lining, 8.5 million plastic straws and around 16 million packets of crisps EVERY DAY! Only 9% of the plastic waste that we humans have created has been recycled, and around 8 million tonnes of it enters the oceans every year, from littering, dumping and mishandling and can hang around for hundreds of years.

To help our children understand the impact of plastic on the environment, we are going to have a day of refusing single-use plastic. We will be learning about the issues surrounding plastic pollution and ocean health and how we can make a difference in our day to day lives by making more sustainable choices.

On Monday 10 June we will be writing letters to manufacturers and local MPs to ask them to try to cut back the amount of pointless packaging that we see every day on shop shelves. We are asking that children who have a packed lunch at school 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 a beeswax wrap, tin foil or come in a container (plastic such as Tupperware is reusable and is acceptable!) and please make sure your child has a reusable water bottle with them. We have talked to our caterers to ensure that they use no or minimal plastic packaging for school dinners on the day. In school, we have already started to look at different ways to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic.

We hope that taking part in this day will help our children 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.

As always, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher