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Dear Parents / Carers

SOS Planet Earth DoubleDay (Thursday 17th & Friday 18th October)

Our next DoubleDay is scheduled for Thursday 17th and Friday 18th October. We are calling this DoubleDay 'SOS Planet Earth'. This letter provides information regarding these two days. Your involvement at home is essential with regards to The Great Busbridge Swap Shop.

The DoubleDay will enable the children to consider their response to the following:

- This planet is our home. We have a responsibility to look after it.
- Human actions are damaging the world, and this will damage humans too.
- We can all do our bit to help, and we must.

Dressing Up

Children and adults are welcome to dress up for both days. No specific costumes are needed. We suggest the following: brown, green or blue clothes that represent colours of the Earth ; animal onesies ; clothes with colourful animal or floral designs.

Themes to be explored

The activities will explore the following four themes challenging our world :

overconsumption, global warming, pollution (focus on plastics), endangered species.

Children will explore challenges facing the whole world (near and far), coming away with ways in which they can implement positive change in their own lives.

Great Busbridge Swap Shop

Bearing in mind the slogan 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' we are running a Swap Shop on Friday afternoon. The idea is that children bring in something that they no longer need but feel someone else may enjoy. They then have the opportunity to swap this item with that of another child.

Important: Please bear in mind the following:

- (i) Do not bring anything that your child brings in. It can't be anything of great value – either monetary or sentimental.
- (ii) It must be working and something that a junior age child would enjoy.
- (iii) It must be something that your child is happy to say Goodbye to.
- (iv) It might be a toy, a book, item of clothing, etc.
- (v) Swap-backs will be almost impossible, so do please ensure that your child is happy to no longer own the item they bring in.
- (vi) We can't guarantee that your child will come back with something that they like. The idea is that we are sharing things that we no longer use rather than dumping them. **The focus is on letting someone else enjoy our cast-offs rather than getting something back.**

Parent Help

Some help may be needed. We will send a request out asap if needed.

Resources

Some activities need resources. Please can you send in the following between now and next Thursday.

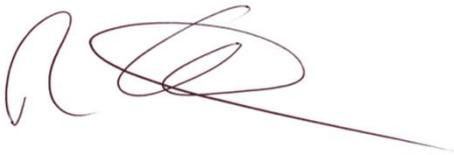
There will be bags inside the entrance hall to put these items. Please ensure they are clean as children will be handling them (please remember, nothing that has contained nuts):

- Empty small yoghurt pots (one per child, so we'll need a lot)
- Newspaper
- Empty food packets/boxes (e.g. cereal boxes, biscuit packets)
- Plastic bottles
- Crisp packets
- Bottle tops

This should prove to be another fantastic DoubleDay. Hopefully they will come home ready to challenge you and your family about living in an even more sustainable way!

Thank you for your support in helping it be meaningful and enjoyable for your child.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in dark red ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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(Headteacher)