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Dear Families and Board Members,

The newsletter this week is brought to you by the School Council. We would like to share with you the projects we have been working on and some of our future plans.

Buddy Bench

After a lot of thought it was decided to create a 'Buddy Bench' in memory of our cleaner John who sadly passed away last year. The Buddy Bench is there for the children to sit and enjoy a chat with friends or is a place for them to go if they would like to find a friend to talk to. In the words of one of our Year 4 children: 'The Buddy Bench is there to make us happy'. John's family have also very kindly made a donation to school to allow us to buy some playtime equipment. We collected recommendations from our classmates and are now looking into what we are going to purchase.



Healthy Dinners and Packed Lunches

We have met with Ms Vasey, our fabulous cook, to talk about healthy school dinners and packed lunches. We are very enthusiastic about promoting healthy food choices at lunch time and are going to make posters to display around the serving hatch. We are also going to carry out a survey with the children across school to find out their opinions about having a healthy starter option on some days rather than a pudding if they are on school dinners.



Improving air quality around school

One environmental issue we want to tackle is improving the air quality around school and our local area. We feel that something we could do to help is by asking parents and carers to turn their car engines off when they are parked near school. Letting cars idle releases a lot of pollution into the air surrounding our school. By turning your engine off once you have parked you can help us to really improve the quality of air. We are going to make posters to display outside school and will be writing to you to ask for your support with this issue soon.



Active journeys to school

We are looking at ways to promote active journeys to school. Not only will this help improve the environment; it will improve our health too! We will be talking to our classes in assemblies about how we can increase our active journeys to school and why it is important to do this.

Reducing Plastic Use

We are very aware of the damage that one-use plastics are causing to our environment. We would like to encourage every child to bring a re-usable water bottle to school every day. This will help to reduce our use of plastic cups in school and contribute to our efforts to help improve the environment. We will be writing to you about this in more detail soon.



We really appreciate your support in all of these areas and will be in touch with you soon about how you can help us.

Attendance

Our attendance figures this week are as follows:-

- Nursery – 93.7%
- Reception – 94.1%
- Year 1 – 94.8%
- Year 2 – 93.9%
- Year 3 – 91.9%
- Year 4 – 95.5%
- Year 5 – 95.9%
- Year 6 – 92.7%

KEY DATES

- 18th May – Class Photographs
- 28th May – Break up for Half Term

Kindest Regards
 Mrs Conway and the School Council