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Dear Parents/Carers,

Eco Council and Featherstone Academy

We now have our very own Eco Council looking at making our school a more environmentally friendly place. We would appreciate any support from families in educating our children on the importance of looking after the environment and if any parents/guardians would like to be part of the Eco Council themselves then please let us know. Any ideas will be welcomed. Please see below what we have in the works at the moment and what you and your children can get involved in.

Technology Club

Something very exciting we are looking to start with your help is a Technology Club. This will be a great interest to children of all ages who have an interest in technology. **All we are asking is that if you or somebody you know has some old technology or keyboards, then please could you donate them to the school.** At break and lunch times children will get the opportunity to sit and play with the technology, pulling it apart, putting it together, role play with it, etc. This will raise an interest in technology. Especially as we are in a very technological era and provide further learning opportunities for children in their own time. Just bring it into the office and we will pop it in our Technology Donations Box.

New Recycling Bins

We are in the process of arranging a new recycling service for the school, where we can recycle Paper, Plastic and Card to help reduce waste and improve our commitment towards being an environmentally friendly school.

Snack Time Plastic Bottles

We will no longer be selling the snack time drinks in the plastic bottles from after October half term. Instead, the cartons will be sold only. This is to encourage our children to bring in their own personal refillable water bottles each day. They is to help reduce plastic waste and litter around our school and community.

Litter picking Club

Children in KS2 will be involved in a litter picking club each day. Children will be chosen based on who wants to help the environment in each class and a weekly rota will be produced, whereby children who complete the litter pick, need to sign their names to say they have done it. Children love to get involved in this and work well together. One day a week, children will also be given the opportunity to walk around our local community with adult supervision to help clean up the streets.

Grow Vegetables

We also will be having a new addition to our Year 5 classroom in the form of a vegetable/plant growing tower. There will be seeds and nutrients for the children to plant. It will be a 6 week process in each classroom giving every child the opportunity to see and learn about plant growth and nurture. For now, our Year 5 children will be in charge of making sure that it is looked after, fed and watered.

Recycle Competition

To raise awareness of the importance of recycling we would like to invite every child in the school to take part in our competition, that will be judged by our Eco Councillors. **At home, children will need to produce something that promotes recycling, by only using recycled products. Eg. Cereal boxes, Milk bottles, Empty Loo rolls. There are some great ideas online. Especially one using lots of different Milk Lids.** These need to be brought into school the week before half term.

Assembly Awareness and Eco day of Lessons

Finally, we will be raising awareness around the school on the importance of the environment, through whole school assemblies and an Eco day whereby each class will have themed lessons and learning.

Many Thanks

Mr Williams

