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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our efforts to raise awareness of environmental issues, in this case global warming and climate change, Chesterton School's Eco Council are organising a day of events – Climate Action Day – on the 11th October. As last year, our Eco Council have come up with a number of initiatives to highlight how we can all do our part to look after the planet. Their most recent meeting was bursting with suggestions, so there are many more ideas to come in future. If you have any of your own, please let your class' Eco Councillor know.



Litter Picking – The Eco Councillors will be litter picking in the local community. School staff will be taking the Eco Councillors out for a walk around the village during the day to do our bit to keep it clean and tidy. If you know of an area (not too far away and safe to access for children) that needs our attention, please let Mrs Caulfield know.

Park and Stride – We would like to encourage as many families as possible to leave their cars at home next Wednesday and travel to school on foot or by bike. If non-motorised



means are not practical, then we will be offering our first Park and Stride service of the year from the Community Centre (Geminus Road, OX26 1BJ). **Please email the school office by Monday 9th October if you would like your child to participate.**

The Big Switch Off – At a certain point in the school day, we will be conducting an experiment to see how much difference it makes if we live without electricity for a set period of time. We will think about alternatives to our usual ways of working and the Eco Council will monitor the impact

on our usage.

Non-Uniform Day - For a £1 donation, we would like children to wear something with a green theme. It can be a green item of clothing, a completely green outfit, or something environmentally-themed (e.g. with a picture of the earth/endangered animals on it). As fast fashion is a major contributor to climate change, please don't buy something especially to wear for the day!



The money raised will go to a fantastic cause, Just One Tree. Please click on the link below to find out more.

[JUST ONE Tree - £1 plants 1 Tree. Combat Climate Change through reforestation.](#)

Scavenger Hunt – There will be an optional tree leaf scavenger hunt for children to complete outside of school should they wish. Along with an Autumn treasure hunt. More details to follow soon.

Climate Action Collective Worship – The Eco Council will be leading a special Collective Worship to spread the message of looking after our planet and will be making a special announcement!

Lots, lots more.....

Kind regards,

Mrs Caulfield and the Eco Council



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