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Dear Parent / Carer,

Eco Week/Outdoor Learning Event

Our Eco committee have planned an exciting Eco Week which will take place 28th – 31st May. Children from Nursery to P7 will be exploring a range of topics linked to sustainability and the environment, and participating in exciting visits and workshops.

We have a few particular highlights, which include:

Waste Free Day, Tuesday 28th May: please send your child to school with a reusable water bottle and try to minimise single use plastics and waste in lunchboxes. It would be great to see this continue throughout Eco week and beyond, if you can!

Throughout the week, we will be welcoming several visitors, including **Professor Eco, Starling Learning** and **Hessilhead Rescue Centre**. Hessilhead are an animal rescue charity and they rely on donations from the public to support their work. We will be collecting items such as old towels, bedding, clothes and blankets which they can use as bedding/warmth for the injured animals. Please drop off any donations at school **no later than Tuesday 28th May**. (see attached flyer)

Outdoor Learning Day and Afternoon, Thursday 30th May

On Thursday 30th May, all classes will be getting outside for a period or more of outdoor learning. We are hoping that the lovely weather continues, but please ensure your child has a waterproof just in case, as we will be out come rain or shine!

We would like to invite pupils, parents and carers to join us after school on **Thursday 30th May between 3.15 and 4.15pm** to get a flavour of some of the outdoor learning opportunities on offer. There will be a mix of activities suitable for all ages linked to various curricular areas. This will be a relaxed event and we would like to encourage as many of you as possible to come along – there is no need to sign up in advance.

In the infant playground and MUGA we will have learning linked to Literacy, Numeracy, Technology and Drama, and in the field we will have Muddy Movers, STEM activities and gardening. There will be something for everyone, so please do drop by!

House Challenge, Friday 31st May

To round off the week, the Eco committee and the House Captains have planned an Eco House Challenge to design the planters that are situated beside the carpark and MACS entrance. The winning design will be recreated in the planters. *(this is also a dress as you please day for the parent council fayre)*

We hope that this will be an exciting and engaging week for the children and we look forward to seeing lots of you at the Outdoor Learning event on the 30th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Paisey

Class Teacher



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