



Eco – Committee News



Special Edition

The Eco-Committee have two very exciting events coming up over the next few weeks and we would really appreciate your support. This letter is to tell you about our first event taking place next week. Another letter will follow soon to let you know about our 'Re-Love Our Stuff' event taking place after half term.



Walk Where You Can Week 19th - 23rd May



Every year in May, there is a national event called Walk To School Week. This is an excellent opportunity to cut your carbon emissions and get more exercise by ditching the car and travelling on foot, by scooter, by bike, by wheelchair or even halving your car journey by using park and ride. We are keen to take part as Transport is one of our Eco-Committee topics. Anything we can do to reduce our fossil fuel consumption and our air pollution levels makes a positive difference to our environment. Unfortunately, due to the location, walking to school is not an option for many of our families.



We are launching
Walk Where You Can Week
instead!



Next week from the 19th to the 23rd of May, we are setting a challenge for every family to **walk or wheel instead of drive for as many journeys as you can**. Walking to the shops, a friend's house, the park, clubs – anywhere you go in a typical week will count. The children will be asked to record the journey when they arrive at school the next day and there is a range of stickers for them to collect to celebrate their success.

The Eco-Committee have decided that as adults are the ones making the decisions about car use, **any journey you make without your children, during the school day, can also be counted**. Please provide a note with your child to tell us about your journey and that will count towards their sticker collection.

You can walk, cycle, scoot, wheel or even horse ride! **The main aim is to reduce our car use and get active whilst doing this**. If you live too far away from anywhere you can still do something to help – park at least 10 minutes away from your destination and walk the last part. If you use public transport, hop off at least 10 minutes away and it will also count.

All the children need to do is remember the journey they or you made and record it on the tracker in their classroom when they arrive at school the next day. The Eco-Committee will use this information to count and award stickers. **1 or 2 journeys with no car will earn a green sticker, 3 or 4 will earn a gold and 5 journeys will earn our special rainbow sticker.**

We hope you agree this is an exciting challenge and feel ready to see what changes you can make. Teachers and support staff are being encouraged to take part as well!

Together we can complete little acts with great love and make a big difference.