

BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce we have achieved our second Eco Schools Green Flag award!

Pupil involvement has continued to be a key part of our journey, with children from each class being elected to form the Eco Warriors team. For our first Green Flag award they chose Energy, Waste and Water as their three eco topics. This time after completing a new environmental review they decided on an additional two areas they wanted to improve: Transport and Litter. They worked together to create an action plan which outlined their actions and next steps. The Eco Warriors regularly led collective workshops and held class meetings to inform the whole school about their work, any campaigns and upcoming projects.

Throughout the last two years we have continued to make links with several organisations such as Anglian Water, Lincolnshire Carbon Ambassadors Scheme, EDF Energy's The Pod, Bag 2 School, Empties Please, Big Battery Hunt, Bourne Toys (Terra Cycle Scheme), Modeshift Stars and Living Streets.

One of our highlights has been working alongside Living Streets and promoting active and sustainable travel. Through our walk to school week, WOW Wednesdays and using Travel Tracker we have seen a decrease of 6% in journeys to school by vehicles.

Being an Eco School has helped to raise environmental awareness, create community links, improve the environment and become more sustainable, but most importantly it has empowered our pupils to lead change within our school and gives them a voice. It has helped them to understand their responsibility to the environment. This has resulted in increasing the confidence within our children, helping to develop their leadership skills.

Although we have once again achieved our Green Flag award, being an Eco School is an ongoing commitment and our work doesn't stop here. We are already at our next set of targets and we are looking forward to changing the world one step at a time. Watch this space!

We would like to say a massive thank you to parents and carers for their continuous support with our projects and campaigns over the last two years.

Yours sincerely,

A Worrall and A Simpson

Miss Worrall and Mrs Simpson
(Eco Schools Co-ordinators)