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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce we have achieved our third Eco Schools Green Flag award at Bourne Elsea Park C of E Primary Academy.

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. After completing an environmental review they decided on areas they wanted to improve: Transport, Litter and Healthy Living. They worked together to create an action plan which outlined their actions and next steps. The Eco Warriors led Collective Worship 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, EDF Energy's The Pod Switch Off Fortnight and Waste Week, Inspire+, 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 and using Travel Tracker we have seen a decrease of journeys to school by vehicles. The Eco Warriors also enjoyed helping the Elsea Park Community Trust with Mr Giddings planting trees for the Queen's Green Canopy.

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, give them a voice and become Agents of Change. It has helped them to see their responsibility to the environment. This has resulted in increased confidence within our children and helped to develop their leadership skills and ultimately make adults of the future.

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 looking 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 D Newnham

Miss Worrall and Miss Newnham
(Eco Schools Co-ordinators)