

BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited at Bourne Elsea Park to be taking part in Waste Week from the 25th - 29th March, along with more than 1,600 schools from across the UK and overseas.

This year's campaign focuses on plastic waste and we have set ourselves a challenge - **Can Bourne Elsea Park go plastic-free for a week?** We are going to try to live without single-use plastics for a whole week and reduce our plastic waste in school and at home.

Did you know? We now use about 20 times more plastic than we did 50 years ago and 95% of plastic packaging is wasted after a single use!

We will be launching our campaign with a whole school assembly and each class will be taking part in a waste audit over the next two weeks to identify how much plastic they throw away during a week. During waste week, they will then complete a second audit to find out if they have used less single use plastic. Please can we ask for your support in using less single use plastic in your child/children's lunch box during the week of 25th to 29th March.



During the week, each class will also be taking part in activities to help raise awareness of recycling and the problem with single use plastic.

Bottle Tops

As many of you will know, we have been collecting milk bottle tops over the last year and half for the air ambulance. For the next few weeks however, we would like to create a whole school mural to raise awareness of our campaign and are therefore asking children to collect any type of bottle tops and bring them in school. These can be any size, shape or colour. All we ask is they are washed before bringing them into school. Please place them in the box outside Mrs Simpson's classroom.

We hope that the week will be a whole-school community effort for reducing plastic waste. Therefore, we would love to see the children sharing what they have learnt with their parents and carers at home. Attached with this letter is a 'Waste tips for the home' poster.

Many thanks for your continued support with our Eco Schools journey and campaigns.

Yours sincerely

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