

Dear families

Thank you for your efforts to reduce the amount of single use plastic in lunchboxes. Last week, on our April Plastic Free Friday, the average number of single use plastic wrappers per packed lunch was 1.5, exactly the same as we managed in March. A special mention must go to Year 1, who had only one single piece of waste plastic in their lunchboxes! Year 4 scored best in KS2, with less than 1 item of waste plastic per lunchbox, on average - well done to those children and their families! The next Plastic Free Friday will be on 28th May.

Also coming up is our Tech-free Day on 20th May, when everyone at school will be using as little technology as we can - no interactive White boards, no iPads, no computers, no photocopying (apart from the office staff). We'll be checking our electricity consumption before and on that date, to see what reduction we managed to achieve. We're hoping to do a lot of lessons outside too, to make the most of our wonderful school grounds.

WSCC are inviting West Sussex school children and their families to care for the environment by improving recycling habits and inviting them to take part in the "Recycle it Right" Pledge Challenge until 6th June 2021. It's easy to get everyone involved:

1. Families visit the West Sussex Wastebusters Home Learning website.
2. Take the Recycle it Right Pledge by completing the pledge form. West Sussex families can make one pledge and support all their children's schools (all state primary schools that the family's children attend will receive a pledge).

Families will be entered into a fortnightly prize draw with the chance to win an exclusive Wastebuster prize, including Captain Busta plushie mascots (made from five recycled plastic bottles!), sets of Wastebuster Top Trumps and Wastebuster 'Litter Things Matter' refillable water bottles. The school gaining the highest percentage of family pledges will win a year's subscription to National Geographic Kids for Schools.

Thank you for all your support in our efforts!

Mrs Ritchie and Mrs Neville