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Tuesday 1st October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our efforts to raise awareness of environmental issues, in this case, maintaining the waterways and the nature surrounding it, Chesterton School's Eco Council are organising a day of events – Climate Action Day – on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Our Eco Council have come up with a number of initiatives to highlight how we can all do our part to look after the waterways. Their most recent meeting was bursting with suggestions, so there are many more ideas to come in future. If you have any of your own, please let your class' Eco Councillor know.



**Non-Uniform Day** - For a £1 donation, we would like children to wear something with a **blue** theme to fit with our chosen charity. It can be a blue item of clothing, a completely blue outfit, or something environmentally-themed (e.g. with a picture of the earth/endangered species on it). As fast fashion is a major contributor to climate change, please don't buy something especially to wear for the day!



The money raised will go to a fantastic cause, the Canal and River Trust. Please click on the link to find out more: [About Us | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](https://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)

**Favourite Waterway Photo Competition** – Under adult supervision, we are encouraging children, with their families, to visit their favourite canal/reservoir/river/stream/lake that is local to them. We would love to see your photos of you enjoying your favourite waterway! Please email your photos into: [office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk). There will be house points on offer for all entries and prizes for the best ones.



You could take part in the following activities whilst out and about too:

**Habitat hunt** - Whilst enjoying your local waterway, how many different habitats can you spot? What wildlife did you see?

**Plastic challenge** - Visit your local river or canal bank and, with adult supervision, carefully collect any plastic you see. Dispose of it safely and sustainably by taking it home to recycle. You can take pictures of your pick to encourage others to get involved! Make sure that you

have suitable clothing or footwear and please wear gloves and/or use a litter pick to collect any rubbish. Do not collect it with your bare hands!

**Walk To School –** We would like to encourage as many families as possible to leave their cars at home on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and travel to school on foot or by bike. If non-



motorised means are not practical, then we will be offering our first Park and Stride service of the year from the Community Centre (Geminus Road, OX26 1BJ). Please indicate on the slip below or email the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk) if you would like your child/ren to participate.

**Climate Action Collective Worship –** The Eco Council will be leading a special Collective Worship to spread the message of looking after our planet, especially how to take care of the marine/water environment local to us.

Kind regards,

Mr Horner, Mrs Caulfield and the Eco Council

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### Climate Action Day - Park and Stride

My child ..... in ..... Class  
would like to 'Park and Stride' on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

I understand that they will need to meet in the car park of the Chesterton Community Centre at 8.15am and that they will be accompanied by school staff and supervised until the start of the school day. We will not be able to wait for late arrivals.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

*Please return permission slip to the school office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.*

