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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher: Mr Iain Horner

Following the success of last year's initiative, the Eco Council are inviting you all to take part in No Mow May! This campaign aims to give wildlife a much needed boost during the summer. You can choose not to mow all of, or some of any green space that you have available. The idea is that this enables smaller plants and wildflowers, such as daisies, dandelions and clover to flower and provide much needed food for pollinators such as



butterflies and bees. Furthermore, it helps to reduce urban heat and lock away atmospheric carbon below ground.

At school, we will be dedicating a couple of areas that we will not mow during May, including an area by the outdoor classroom and by the Rowan trees. As you may also know, we leave large sections of 'The Nature Meadow' unmown throughout the summer. The Eco Council will be observing the changes in these areas over the month.



We had some fantastic contributions last year and we would again love to see pictures of pupils stood in their no mow zones sent in us at the end of May. Please email any pictures to Mr Horner: <u>head.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk.</u> House points will be awarded to every pupil who has participated in the campaign.

Please also find attached some posters for children to colour in and display to inform people that you are joining in with the campaign. These can displayed in the windows of your home, or on the grounds of your green space. You may want to make the posters weather proof by placing them in a clear wallet or sleeve. On the back of your sign, you can then add chopsticks to create legs for your sign to be planted into the ground. If you don't have a printer at home, please pop into the school office for a paper copy.

We can't wait to see your efforts. Best wishes, Mrs Leonard and the Eco Council





