



Dear Parents/Carers,

Switch Off Fortnight

We will be taking part in a “switch off” campaign beginning Monday 21st November until Sunday 4th December. It is a nationwide campaign that has the potential to save up to 20% of our schools energy costs not only during the fortnight but also for the foreseeable future.

Its aim is to encourage youngsters and teachers to focus on energy efficiency in their school, getting everyone involved - carrying out energy audits and making energy-saving changes that will save money, energy and carbon emissions the whole year round. We also feel that it is a great way to involve parents too. In addition to making learning fun for pupils, the activities that will be taking place during the fortnight support many areas of the National Curriculum including Maths, PSHE, English, ICT and Geography.

During the fortnight the Eco-Council will be busy carrying out secret audits and finding and researching ways of making our school more energy efficient. The Light Savers will be ensuring that all electrical equipment is turned off when not in use and not just put on standby and the whole school will develop a special code to inform pupils whether they are allowed to switch off particular electrical equipment after using it, or if they need to tell an adult.

There will be some class based activities that the children will be taking part in and a whole school competition. On the reverse of this letter you will find a quiz that I hope you will enjoy completing with your family. You will notice that the answers have not been supplied! One lucky winner with all answers correct will receive a prize. Please return your completed quiz to the collection box opposite the Eco-Council Board. When the winner has been announced correct answers will be displayed on the Eco-Council board for all to see. We will also be collectively “switching off” for 30 minutes (saving an average sized school up to 5 units of electricity!) at a set time during the fortnight and will encourage you to join us at home too!

Whole School Competition

We really want to draw attention to our light switches around the school to encourage people to use them properly, especially now that the days are getting darker and more lighting is required. Can you design an eye-catching light switch cover to go around a light switch with 1,2,3 or 4 switches on (For example, an animal’s mouth that you have to reach into to switch off the lights) The winning entries will be made and displayed around the school!

Closing Date: Friday 2nd December. Please write your full name, age and class on the reverse of your entry and place in collection box opposite the Eco-Council board.

We hope you enjoy the fortnights activities and realise the importance of “switching off”.

Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Marrable, Mr Green and all of the Eco-Council