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### Big Schools' Birdwatch 2022 & classroom plants

Dear Parents/Carers,

Two enterprising members of our school's Eco Club, Emily Warrick and Maddison Cripps have come up with the super idea of holding an own clothes day on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** for all children in order to raise some money towards purchasing indoor plants for each classroom.

There are countless benefits to having suitable, non-irritant plants within school and here are the top 5 reasons why we would like to get some:-

- 1)Plants freshen the air, removing pollutants by absorbing them into their roots and leaves. Through photosynthesis they also absorb carbon dioxide, releasing oxygen into the air which can help improve brain productivity.
- 2)They improve children and staff's mental well being by creating a feel good factor. Infact there is a special term for this, biophilia = human beings having a love of life and the living world around them.
- 3)They raise environmental awareness, teaching children about how much time and care is involved in order for plants to thrive.
- 4)It is great to have real life specimens (plants) within the classroom for science lessons.
- 5)Plants encourage responsibility as the children will be responsible for caring for them not the adults.

Children should come into school on 11<sup>th</sup> February wearing their own clothes. Please (if they can), bring in a £1 coin or whatever you can afford towards purchasing the indoor plants. If it is your child's PE day on Fridays, they will need to bring their PE kit in a separate bag.

Thank you and we hope to have some lovely plants to brighten up our learning environment very soon.

Next week, some time will be set aside for members of the Eco Club to take part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch 2022 event. However everyone can take part in their own Big Garden Birdwatch at home.

Simply choose any hour between 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January to spot and record the different types of birds which land on your balcony or in your garden or yard. You can then use the rspb (The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) online portal to submit your findings.

Later in the week, children will bring home “What did you see?” bird spotting sheets if they would like to use them.

For further information please see the link below:-

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-part/>

Yours sincerely,

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