

Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Following my letter before the half-term break, I thought I would write once again to update you on the school's Environmental Plan.

I can now confirm that the 11 air purifiers that have been ordered will arrive in school next week and will be placed in Pre-School and the Reception and Year 1 classrooms. The decision has been taken to place the air purifiers in these classrooms in the first instance due their proximity to the main road and because our youngest pupils are educated in this part of the school. Studies have shown that it is very young children who are most affected by air pollution due to their higher breathing rates. Moving forward, it is hoped to install air purifiers in every classroom as soon as money has been fundraised.

Due to the continued hard work of a number of parents who are working in partnership with the school, I am pleased to announce that the school has now secured two more funding streams. The first is the Co-op Local Community Fund and I have attached the information sheet which explains how we can all help support this initiative to raise money to support the school's Environmental Plan. The second is the green token scheme at Waitrose Beckenham with Valley Primary School environmental work being one of the chosen causes for the month of November. The more green tokens collected in store for our school, the greater our share will be of the available £1,000.

Finally, I would once again like to thank all the parents who have worked tirelessly and achieved so much in a short space of time in order to support the school's environmental work. All of this work has only been made possible as a result of fundraising initiatives such as the recent Prosecco and Pre-Loved event, donations and grant applications. No money from the school budget is being used to achieve the objectives set out in our three-phase Environmental Plan. I have attached the Greening Our Valley document which outlines all of the current funding streams and I must point out that, due to the success of the fundraising work so far, we are not pursuing the Space-hive Crowdfunding option at this stage. If any parent has further fundraising suggestions, please do get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Jackson
Head Teacher