

# Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School

## Eco Action Team Meeting

Minutes for meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Members present: all members were present at the meeting. Mrs Stopps also welcomed Mrs Gill, School Governor, (and Phoebe's Mum!) to the meeting.

### Monitor reports from eco action team members:

- Energy - *Ollie and Abigail*. The February start reading has been recorded, and will be displayed on the notice board.
- Lights, computers - *Joseph, Ellis*. The boys are being very vigilant and checking that lights and computers are turned off when rooms are empty.
- Fruit waste: *Millie and Cameron* are continuing to do an excellent job of collecting fruit waste. They reported that the compost bin by the mobile is now full so the other bin will now need to be used.
- Bird seed - *Daniel and James*. It was noted by the boys that the bird seed is disappearing quickly and that during this cold winter, the birds had appreciated the extra food provided in our school feeders. Mrs Gill suggested that we could also make "fat" balls for the birds.
- Bird Bath - *Victoria and Phoebe*. With all the freezing weather, the girls reported that they have been regularly checking and changing the water. They will clean it next week.

### Generation Green:

As a school, we have achieved our goal for the second time and can choose some more rewards! There are lots of exciting prizes to consider. Mrs Gambrell will bring information to the next meeting, so preliminary decisions can be made by the eco team. Then the whole school will need to be consulted before purchase, using leaves.

### Fundraiser: Eco "swap" table (at the Christmas Bazaar).

Mrs Stopps reported that £72 had been made by the "swap" table and the children agreed it had been very popular. It was decided to

do it again in the Summer Term. Mrs Gill suggested we could have an Eco Market, and the team discussed lots of eco initiatives that could be included ( eg: nearly new school uniform and other clothes, vegetables and flowers from the school garden, home made cakes and lots more!) The eco team were very enthusiastic about the idea. The team agreed that the second half of the summer term would be a good time to hold the eco market and Mrs Stopps will negotiate a date with Mrs Milton.

#### Ideas for future fundraiser:

Ollie and Joseph were keen to do a Sponsored Run and the rest of the team thought it would be a good way to keep fit and raise funds. Mrs Stopps will speak to Mrs Milton regarding a date towards the end of the Spring Term. Cameron would like to do a bike ride and it was decided to do this at a later date.

#### Funds raised:

The team discussed the fact that children in years 3 and 4 are learning about life in Kenya. As part of their research work, they have been finding out about the problems in getting clean water to all families living in the poorer areas. It was decided that funds raised should go towards helping others less fortunate, and specifically to help to provide clean water to African families.

#### Walk, ride, car share to school week:

Mrs Gambrell organised this event last term, and lots of parents and children took part. Eco team members had provided publicity through posters and mentioned it in assembly. We hope that people will continue in their efforts.

#### Design and make your own water butt - eco competition!

The eco team will produce posters and we hope children from across the school will take part in this competition, using recycled materials, having fun, whilst learning and highlighting our "eco" message.

Any other business: Mrs Stopps explained that we have registered our school to take part in "Low Carbon Day" on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Further details at future meetings and on the eco notice board.

Mrs Stopps thanked everyone at the meeting for their great ideas and enthusiasm. 2010 is going to be another busy and exciting "eco" year! Date of next meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> March.

