

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce we have achieved our third Eco Schools Green Flag award with Merit at Bourne Abbey C of E Primary Academy.

Pupil involvement has continued to be a key part of our journey, with children from each class being elected to form the Eco Warriors team. After completing an environmental review, the children decided on areas they wanted to improve: Waste, Litter and School Grounds. They also worked together to create an action plan which outlined their actions and next steps. The Eco Warriors led a Collective Worship and held class meetings to inform the whole school about their work, any campaigns and upcoming projects.

One of our highlights has been our application to Learning Through Landscapes for a grant to help improve our school grounds. With help from our wonderful Eco-Warriors, we won a £500 grant and were able to purchase two benches for our environmental area and some litter picking equipment, which our Eco-Warriors have used at playtimes to keep our school grounds clean and tidy. The Eco Warriors also enjoyed looking after our school wormery, ensuring that our food waste goes to good use.

Being an Eco School has helped to raise environmental awareness, create community links, improve the environment and become more sustainable. But most importantly it has empowered our pupils to lead change within our school, give them a voice and become Agents of Change. It has helped them to see their responsibility to the environment. This has resulted in increased confidence within our children and helped to develop their leadership skills.

Although we have once again achieved our Green Flag award, being an Eco School is an ongoing commitment and our work doesn't stop here. We are already exploring at our next set of targets and we are looking forward to changing the world one step at a time. Watch this space!

We would like to say a massive thank you to parents and carers for their continuous support with our projects and campaigns over the last two years.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Matthews, Miss Sandfield and Miss Campbell