



Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

As you will be aware, this academic year we have been deepening our knowledge of and responding to the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching through taking a half-termly focus on one or more of these. In the final half-term of the year we are now focusing on the final of these principles: Care for God's Creation.

In school we have looked at the importance of this and that we are instructed to care for the world around us in many passages of scripture. We have also discussed that Pope Francis regularly calls on us to act now in order to preserve our world and ensure that its rich resource is there for generations to come. In the classroom, the children will be looking further at this and undertaking their own class challenge.

We are also asking children, during these final few weeks of the academic year, to undertake their own, self-initiated challenge to 'Care for God's Creation'. This can be as big or as small as they like and involve as few or as many people as they choose. We have discussed some possible ideas within an assembly, but it would be great if the children could be as creative with this as possible. Some ideas that were suggested were:

- Grow plants / create a garden
- Litter pick in the local area
- Find ways to recycle more at home
- Find ways to reuse or upcycle as opposed to throwing away
- Finding ways to waste less – food, water, energy...
- Campaign or support campaigns for environmental issues
- Raise awareness of environmental issues with others

We do not expect the children to 'produce' anything as a result of their initiatives although, of course, would love for them to share what they have done with us. In the penultimate week of term, we will ask children, in school, to complete a short slip to explain how they have responded to God's call to care for our common home. These will then be used to complete a whole school display.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for the way in which you have supported the children, throughout the year, with their projects. We have been overwhelmed by the quality, creativity and passion that that the children have demonstrated and we know that this is only possible with your support.

As always, if you have any questions regarding this task, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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