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# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Well I think everyone has been affected in some way by the nasty bugs that are doing the rounds this week. Please be vigilant with tissues and hand washing!

We've had a great week at school and have started our giant weaving project for fairtrade!

As part of our links with Uganda, we are focusing on the issue of plastic waste which affects us all. An interesting way to highlight this are Eco Bricks - plastic drink bottles which are stuffed full of waste plastic bags and wrappers which are then used to build things. Please see attached for further information. We are looking to make stools for the playground out of Eco Bricks. It would be great if every child could start making an Eco Brick using a 1 or 2 litre bottle.

Some great news—we have received the attached wonderful letter from the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP—we are in the top 1% of Primary Schools in England for attainment in Mathematics. Well done to everyone involved—another external validation that we are a great school!

Enjoy your weekend together.

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 12th**

8 pm Library Fundraising Committee—Queens Head

**Thursday 14th**

Schools Education—Fire Safety

11 am Kestrels

1 pm Kingfishers

3.45 Yr 6 Netball match vs Ditcham— therefore

**Netball club Cancelled**

**Friday 15th**

Hérons Cake Sale

**18th—22nd**

Half Term

**w/c 25 Feb**

Yr 5 Bikeability

**Tue 26th**

3.45 Yr 4 Dodgeball at Bo-hunt

**Wed 27th**

Yr 1/2 Trip to Petersfield Museum

**Thur 28th**

6 pm Year 6 SATS Presentation evening

**Mon 4th**

Yr 5 Netball Tournament at the Royal School

**Tue 5th**

11— Pancake Racing on the playground—all welcome

**Wed 6th**

3.30 pm onwards

## Library/ New Space Fundraising

Please do try and come along to our Fundraising Committee Meeting—all welcome

**8 pm this Tuesday 12 Feb in the Queens Head**

The Waitrose tokens raised £301 and we have just signed up for the Tesco ones too so will let you know when they are in store.

**Next big fundraisers— BAG PACK AT TESCO— Saturday 20th April.**

**Sheets to sign up will be up on Monday**



Emily Miles

## House Points



1320



735



980



475



## Cluster Schools Briefing Notes

# Plastics and Waste

Plastic waste is an issue in both Uganda and the UK. Most plastics cannot biodegrade but they do break up into ever smaller pieces which in turn creates a real waste and health hazard for the humans and wildlife of both Queen Elizabeth Parks.

It is a material that is designed to last forever, however a third of plastics are only ever once. So, the Queen Elizabeth Parks Project is keen to highlight this issue and encourage schoolchildren to explore practical solutions that deal with existing plastic waste and ideas for alternatives to plastics.

An interesting way of highlighting the plastic waste issue is Eco Bricks.

Eco Bricks are plastic drink bottles which are stuffed full of waste plastic bags and wrappers which are then used as 'bricks' to build all manner of things from furniture to schools!

The plastic waste material needs to be rammed tight into the bottle using a suitable stick.

If Eco Bricks are to be used to build furniture and big structures, it is important that they are of good quality. So first, avoid any biodegradable materials. Over time these will break down and release methane. You don't want your Eco Brick to blow up and compromise the structure that it is a part of.

Secondly, each Eco Brick has a minimum target weight so that it is dense enough (0.33g/ml) to support constructions it will be a part of. Usually, you can find out the minimum weight by dividing the bottle volume by 3. The more you can stuff in your bottle, the better.

### How much should an Eco brick Bottle weigh?

Bottle Size	Weight
330 ml	110g
420 ml	140g
500 ml	167g
800 ml	266g
900 ml	300g
1 litre	333g
1.5 litre	500g
2 litre	666g

### What type of plastic can be stuffed into an Eco Brick Bottle?

Everything must be clean and dry
Biscuits wrappers, black plastic trays, bottle label wraps, bread bags, bubble wrap (must be popped), bottle tops
Cat food pouches, cable ties, carrier bags, capri case packaging, cereal packets, cellophane bags, chocolate / cereal bar wrappers, cling film, crisp and snacks packets, cups and cutlery (plastic).
Dish washer tablet wrappers, document packets from parcels, drinks and yogurt pouches,
Flower bouquet, frozen chips, fruit and veg packets, fruit and meat tub tops, fruit and onion nets,
Gravy granules lid
Ice lolly / cream wrappers,
Lego toys / animals
Magazine bags, multi bag wrappers,
Packing tape, peanut / nut bags wrappers, pens, pegs, plastic wire / bag ties, polystyrene, polythene bags, popcorn packets, pringles tube lid,
razor caps / disposable handles,
Silica gel packets, smarties tube lid, stickers, straws, Styrofoam, syringes (Capri type no needles)
Tablet blister packs (foiled removed), take away coffee cups lid, tea bag foil, tetra packs, toothbrushes, plastic toothpaste tubes
Wrapping paper foil type
Yoghurt pots, plastic yoghurt tops,