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Dear Cuddington Families,

Sewing Bee and Fast Fashion This has been a fascinating and useful piece of our school's ECO work since September 2023. A group of Year 5 and Year 6 children along with Ronya MacLeod and Lorna Austin have worked together to understand how to make and create their own clothes with a developing understanding of 'Fast Fashion' and the amount of clothes that end up in landfill each year. This group shared their sewing experiences and creations in our Celebration Assembly last week, where we all learned how much 'clothes waste' there is and how we can recycle what we already have as well as using our sewing skills to make our own! The biggest of thanks must go to Mrs Austin and Ronya for helping our children and dedicating their time to this important ECO subject. Thank you to all our 'fashion models' for presenting to us last week – lots for us to think about!

Attendance at Parents' Evening Thank you for all the positive engagement we had last week during our Parents' Evenings. The vast majority of parents turned up to celebrate how amazing their children are and what we all need to do together to improve outcomes for them. I was sorry not to spend as much time with parents across the school, but I had the pleasure of delivering Year 1 parents' evening with Mrs Burrows in Mrs Hall's absence. I know that my governors spoke with many of you about Behaviour in our school and our Personal Development curriculum. We will collate all of the responses and feedback any outcomes necessary to keep you informed.

Working Together to Improve Attendance As we approach 'summer holiday' season, I can already see that many families are booking holidays in term time. Whilst I really do understand the importance of family time and the reduced costs in term time, I cannot avoid the impact of large amounts of learning time lost. Please could I remind all of you that our policy asks that you meet with me or Mrs Ireland **BEFORE you book your holiday**. Thank you to those parents who have done so already. Our summer term is full of statutory and non-statutory assessments across the school – all scheduled to be delivered in May and June so we can then share with you your child's outcomes in their end of year report. If they are not here, then we are unable to carry out these assessments in a way that supports your child and ensures accurate next steps in their learning journey.

Create Trust Work Year 6 from each of the Trust's schools all joined together at Hartford Primary today to engage in a very important subject; 'Snap Trap' and the dangers of inappropriate social media use. Thank you to Hartford Primary for hosting and I do hope you can have a 'social media' conversation with your Year 6 child over the Easter holidays.

Cuddington ECO Team As the weather begins to improve many of us will be turning our attention to our gardens; tidying up, dividing old plants and planting new seeds and hoping that the sun will eventually shine. Part of our Eco plan this year, decided by our Eco team, is to improve the school grounds and increase levels of biodiversity. We are aware that we are incredibly lucky with the wonderful space that we have but we'd like to make it even better, and this is where you come in! Whilst you are gardening, if you find that you have any plants that you no longer need we would be delighted to take them off your hands. The same applies for any seeds or bulbs that you may like to donate. Please send them into school after the holidays, for the attention of Mrs Hall, and we will ensure that every class has the opportunity to enjoy gardening sessions during the summer term.

Our PTA Huge thanks to our PTA for raising **£560** from Musical Bingo and **£230** from the Easter Tuck Shop. Our thanks must go to Mrs Harvey, Mrs Clarke, Mrs York, Mr Harvey and Miss Neild – what stars you are 😊



Upcoming dates for your diary

Sports Day Wednesday 15th Mat 1.30pm start. This will be part of our Mental Health Week led by Mrs Larbey (who has recently received training on Mental Health leadership in Mrs Potter's absence).

Class photographs Friday 26th April

Have a WONDERFUL Easter break together and I look forward to seeing us altogether on Monday 15th April. remember the hour goes forward on Saturday – 1 hour less sleep BUT 1 extra hour of daylight 😊

Kind Regards, Sue Mills (Head Teacher)