



Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 6 Tackling Plastic Pollution Pledge – GREAT NEWS!

As part of the Year 6 unit on Recycling, the children focused on plastic pollution and how it affects the environment and in particular our oceans. We decided that we would look at what we could do to tackle plastic pollution within school and as you know the children set up our recycling station and started to recycle plastic bottles and bottle tops. We decided to use the bottle tops to make Maths times-table games for the different classes in school to use.

Staff never know how a new topic is going to 'go', but in this instance the idea really took off and the children were totally interested in the topic, so when Sky Ocean Rescue were challenging schools to make a pledge to tackle plastic pollution, we decided to enter our own pledge about collecting bottle tops and re-using them to make maths games.

We sent in photos of the games and the work we had done and were delighted to find out that we had been selected as the Premier League Primary Stars & Sky Ocean Rescue 'Tackling Plastic Pollution' regional competition winner!

This in itself is fantastic but we were absolutely astonished to hear that we have also won an **all-expenses paid visit to the Sky Academy Studios in London on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** to make a short film about our pledge!

As you can imagine this is a HUGE thing for Eastlea and for Year 6 in particular and it has taken a couple of weeks of behind the scenes organisation to 'make this happen'. **Today we were able to confirm the arrangements with the children and need to ask for your permission using forms from Sky Academy studios to be returned ASAP in order for your child to be able to take part in this amazing experience.** No money will be needed – just smart school uniform, a coat and a 'packed breakfast'!

The plans and outline timings for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May are shown below (\*clearly some event timings are approximate):

- **7am prompt** – Year 6 children leave school by coach to travel to Newcastle Central Station. **School uniform will be required for the day and children will need a coat and sensible black school shoes.**
- 7.57am – train leaves Newcastle to head to London – a **PACKED 'BREAKFAST' is required**
- \*10.49am – train arrives at London Kings Cross
- \*11.15am – coach booked to take the children to the Sky Academy Studios – including a sightseeing tour of some of the main London landmarks
- \*1.00pm – arrive at the Sky Academy studios where a buffet lunch is being provided
- 2.30pm – Sky Academy studios event/recording of our short film
- 4.45pm – leave Sky studios to head back to Kings Cross by coach
- \*5.30pm – McDonalds meal at Kings Cross station (funded from monies raised by pupils as part of their enterprise fund)...and a visit to the 'Harry Potter platform 9¾ exhibit' (we hope!)
- 7pm – train leaves Kings Cross
- \*9.53pm – train arrives back at Newcastle Central Station
- \*10.30pm – children arrive back at school by coach

As this is a very special and long day visit from Eastlea, we are requesting specific permission in order to take your child out of school to take part in this event. **We need the attached reply slip returned to school ASAP please! This has been provided by Sky Academy Studios and has to be completed/returned otherwise your child cannot take part.**

We are also attaching all the other information received from Sky Studios for your reference. This is a huge achievement for Year 6 and the school and we know how exciting it will be for the children. Six staff will be accompanying the children and we really hope everyone will be able to take part, but if you have any further queries about the event, then please let us know!

Yours sincerely,

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