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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our efforts to raise awareness of environmental issues, in this case, reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation, Chesterton School's Eco Council are organising a day of events – Climate Action Day – on the 15th October 2025. For our fourth year, our Eco Council have come up with a number of initiatives to highlight how we can all do our part to help plant trees in areas affected by deforestation.



Climate Action Collective Worship – The Eco Council will be leading a special Collective Worship to spread the message of looking after our planet and explain just how important trees are.

Our most recent meeting was bursting with suggestions for Climate Action Day, so we have had to narrow it down to just a few! If you have any of your own ideas, please let your Eco Councillors know for future events.

Non-Uniform Day - For a £1 donation, we would like children to wear something with a **green** theme to fit with our chosen charity. It can be a green item of clothing, a completely green outfit, or something environmentally-themed (e.g. with a picture of the earth/endangered species on it). As fast fashion is a major contributor to climate change, please don't buy something especially to wear for the day!



The money raised will go to a fantastic cause - JUST ONE Tree, an official partner in the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. It is an award-winning non-profit, removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation. Please click on the link to find out more: <https://www.justonetree.life/>

Favourite Tree Photo Competition – Under adult supervision, we are encouraging children and their families to visit their favourite tree. We would love to see your photos of you enjoying your favourite tree in a creative (and safe) way! Please email your photos into:

office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk. There will be house points on offer for all entries and prizes for the best ones.

You could take part in the following activities whilst out and about too:

Habitat hunt - Whilst enjoying your local walk amongst the trees, have a look for signs of animals living amongst them. What wildlife did you see?

Make a birdfeeder – Encourage more wildlife into your garden!

Step 1: Choose an item that you wish to use as a birdfeeder, for this example we'll use a toilet roll, but feel free to be creative. You could even build an entire cardboard bird house!

Step 2: Smother your object in peanut butter (no added salt and sugar versions are suitable for birds to eat).

Step 3: Roll, cover or decorate your item in bird seed and then thread your string through the hole.

Step 4: Tie the birdfeeder somewhere in your garden or outside space, making sure that it is positioned somewhere the birds will feel safe eating. Watch as your birdfeeder attracts a wonderful array of birds!

Write a poem – Can you name five different types of foods that trees provide? Can you name five different animals that live in trees? When you have your answers, use them to write a poem. Please send them to Mrs Leonard in Beech Class. We will be awarding house points for every entry, and would love to share our favourite one in our up-coming Climate Action Collective Worship!

Walk To School – We would like to encourage as many families as possible to leave their cars at home on Wednesday 15th October 2025 and travel to school on foot or by bike. If non-



motorised means are not practical, then we will be offering our first **Park and Stride** service of the year from the Community Centre (Geminus Road, OX26 1BJ). Please email the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk) if you would like your child/ren to participate. All you need to do is drop your child/children off at **8.15am**, where they will be met by school staff. Unfortunately, we won't be able to wait for late arrivals.

Kind regards,

Mr Horner, Mrs Leonard and the Eco Council