



C of E Fairtrade Newsletter



Fairtrade Fortnight Special 2011

Welcome to our Spring Fairtrade Newsletter. The children have been working very hard to come up with some wonderful ideas for Fairtrade Fortnight.



It's all about the cotton traders this year! The theme for the fortnight is Show off your Label - raising awareness of the benefits of choosing Fairtrade cotton products. This can be anything from Fairtrade cotton t-shirts to Fairtrade cotton wool balls. The Fairtrade Foundation are hosting a world record attempt for the longest continuous

piece of bunting which will be made using Fairtrade cotton. We will be taking part in this attempt by making some bunting and sending it off to be part of this record length. Also we will be making our own unique set of bunting to keep in school, using recycled cotton donated by parents; every child will decorate a piece of bunting with a Fairtrade theme.

- ❖ Our first event will be **Fairtrade Make Some Bunting Open Day** on Friday 4th March, 9am - 4pm. We are opening the Art Block and inviting parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, anyone to come in and decorate a piece of bunting, which will then be added to our own bunting pieces! Drop in anytime during the day! We are looking for willing volunteers to help host this, so if you can spare any time to help please let Miss Stephens know.
- ❖ Also on Friday 4th March we will have a **Non-Uniform day**. We would like the children to dress up in Fairtrade colours only - black, bright blue and bright green.
- ❖ During the second week we will be holding our popular **PTA Fairtrade Afternoon Tea** - children will be baking delicious cakes and biscuits for the afternoon tea which will be on Monday 7th March from 2.30 - 4.30pm. You are all invited to join us in scoffing the lot! We won't be charging for this but



just asking for a donation to help us cover our costs; any profits will go to the PTA. We will be having entertainment with some of the children dancing and playing music. The PTA are also holding a Recycled Uniform Sale during the afternoon and there will be a Fairtrade stall with gifts, jewellery, accessories and produce for sale. We're excited and delighted to announce that the Co-op supermarket has agreed to make a donation towards the cost of Fairtrade ingredients! Many thanks to the Co-op for this great donation - did you know that during Fairtrade Fortnight the Co-op takes up to 20% off all their Fairtrade products? We know where to go for our Fairtrade goodies!

- ❖ The culmination of all this bunting making will be **wrapping the Old Grammar School** in our finished product on Saturday 12th March at about 1pm! So come down and join us to see what it looks like. I wonder how many times we can go around it?!



- ❖ The team are also launching two competitions during the Fortnight. KS2 can design a catwalk outfit using Fairtrade cotton, while KS1 can design a Fairtrade t-shirt. The second competition will be to create a Fairtrade game - this can be based on any existing game like snap or monopoly! The Fairtrade children will be judging and presenting Fairtrade prizes.
- ❖ The Fairtrade children will be running their own Fairtrade snack bar, offering chocolate goodies as well as healthy alternatives, on both Friday 4th March and Friday 11th March at break-time. Prices start from 20p.
- ❖ We will also have lots of fun activities in class, and a Fairtrade Trail around school.
- ❖ Finally, we hope you will all enjoy the activities planned for our Fairtrade Fortnight and support us in whatever way you can. Please remember that Fairtrade is not a charity, it is all about raising awareness and promoting fairly traded goods. We are, therefore, not attempting to raise money but if we do make any profit we will be donating it to our PTA as they have been very supportive of all our events.

Thank you,
The Fairtrade Team

