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### **NOTICE TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 3**

Dear Parents,

#### **Locked Tap! Eco Challenge**



As part of this term's unit of inquiry, 'Sharing the Planet', we will be having an Eco Challenge Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The purpose of the challenge is for the children to experience what it is like to have a limited supply of water in order to understand that water is a scarce resource.

Your child will plan, in small groups, how much water they will need for one day. They will consider

- How much drinking water they will need
- Water uses in school
- Problem solve solutions

On the Eco Challenge day they will have to use only that amount during the day. Your child will need to provide their own drinking water as per a normal day. The school will provide water for other purposes. It will be a normal school day which includes PE lesson and a messy art activity. Your child will need to bring into school one container for 500 ml.

I would like to emphasize that the purpose of the day is to recreate, as realistically as possible, a water scarcity scenario. We will be giving them the perception that there is a lack of water. Your child's health and safety is always paramount and children will be given extra water to drink and for hygiene purposes if necessary.

Challenges are excellent for enhancing learning due to their problem solving, fun and engaging nature. You can help your child by encouraging them to problem solve creatively and think carefully about all the different ways we use and conserve water.

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