

Kea Community Primary School

4 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Climate Change

As part of our drive to be more aware of the environment and climate change at Kea, we will be introducing a new system to reward eco-friendly snack and lunch choices.

Of course, we understand it is not always possible to avoid plastic packaging and children need to know that they do not need to be perfect. However, we would like them to be aware that single use plastic can be damaging to the planet as it is made with fossil fuels. Many plastic wrappers are not recycled. In addition to this, some plastic gets blown into the oceans and affects sea life.

With this in mind we would like you to encourage children to bring a "plastic waste free snack" or lunch items to school. We will count the number of children who manage this each day at school and these will earn points for the class. The points will be counted each week and the winning class will be awarded the Dolphin Trophy to keep for the week.

We hope you are able to support us with this whilst reassuring the children that they do not need to avoid plastic packaging completely; just to try to use less of it.

Some suggestions are to wrap a snack in beeswax wrapper or buy those packaged in paper. Or you could bring grapes or berries in a named reusable pot.

Many kind regards

Mrs McPherson