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6 June 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

**We are calling on #litterheroes to help improve the environment on our doorstep.....**

As a Rights Respecting School, we understand the importance of a clean and healthy environment as a right for all of our children. Environmental issues have become big news with the eye-opening documentaries by the BBC such as 'Drowning in Plastic' and international calls for action by the UN/G7 this year. In our own locality we can witness the damage litter causes to the environment and the negative impact it has on plants/animals living in hedgerow ecosystems that surround our school. Caring for our planet and oceans is something we as a school are extremely passionate about as we want to make sure there is a sustainable environment in the future for our young people.

We are therefore going to stand together with our students and local community and going to launch the **Great Big River Hamble Country Park Clean** which will take place on **Saturday 11 June 2022**, starting at the **Barn at Barnfield, at River Hamble Country Park (you are welcome to park in the car park but there is a charge)**. Volunteers need to meet us at The Barn at **10.00am** and be prepared to spend two hours helping litter pick and tidy the local area. We will be splitting into 3 groups, families with younger children working in the Barnfield area, a group at topfield and a group working near the river but always keeping a 5m distance for safety.

We will provide the litter pickers, gloves and bins, but volunteers are welcome to bring their own equipment if they prefer. Volunteers would need to wear sensible footwear for muddy areas and suitable clothing and be prepared for varied weather! Cake will be provided at the end of the two hours as a thank you.

We are really keen to show the local community that we care about the environment and inspire our young people to do the same and make a difference to the world in which we live.

So please join us as we prepare to stand together and declare that litter which degrades the beauty of our environment and threatens harm to wildlife is not acceptable.

If you want to get involved please sign up at Eventbrite:

[Big Clean - River Hamble Country Park](#)

We look forward to seeing you on the day with your young people, to help make our school and local environment a better greener cleaner place.

Yours faithfully

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