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Dear parents,

With the onset of Fairtrade fortnight fast approaching, (27th February – 12th March), we would like to tell you about some of the events that we have planned for both you and the children! The theme this year is:

“It’s Time to put Fairtrade in your Break”

With this in mind, we intend to hold two break time events:

1. **Friday 3rd March Fairtrade Snack for children** – instead of our usual toast and biscuits, we will be selling a special selection of Fairtrade break time products – fruit, biscuits and juice – which we hope that all children will enjoy. Following this, there will be a Fairtrade treasure hunt on the school field.
2. **Friday 10th March Fairtrade coffee morning 9 – 10.30 open to all parents, grandparents and friends of the school.** If you are able to provide us with some Fairtrade cakes and bakes for this occasion, we would be most grateful. As long as they include some FT ingredients, (sugar, chocolate, cocoa powder etc.), they will count as Fairtrade!

We are always looking for ways to spread the Fairtrade message far and wide and this year we would like to enlist your help. Attached to this letter is **a Fairtrade pledge**. We would like you to encourage as many of your friends, family and colleagues as you can to put Fairtrade in their break! This could take the form of a cup of Fairtrade coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice or a Fairtrade biscuit or snack etc. We would need evidence of this in the form of a photograph of each person you manage to encourage to enjoy the Fairtrade break. There will be a prize for the person with the most converts! We would like to display as many of the photographs as we can at the coffee morning on 10th March. If you would like to take part, please complete and return the form to school before half term.

In addition to these events, we will also be liaising with the Brampton Fairtrade Town group. Firstly, we will all be making a collage of the Fairtrade logo in school which will then be displayed in the Moot Hall in Brampton for the duration of the fortnight. It would be much appreciated if you could send in to school any unwanted paper, card, tissue, fabric, buttons etc. in blue, green or black colours in order to supplement what we have in school.

We will also be sending home a Brampton Banana trail which many of you took part in last year. The event was such a success that it will be repeated again this year. The idea is that you hunt the Fairtrade bananas in shop windows in Brampton. There will be a prize for the winner from each school that takes part.

I hope that you will be able to take part in as many of these activities as possible. We believe that Fairtrade fortnight is a very effective way of helping children to understand where some of their food comes from, how Fairtrade can help food producers in developing countries and to become compassionate and caring global citizens.

Thank you,

Fiona Sweetman

