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To all Parents/Carers,

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Another busy week at Markeaton, which has covered everything from discussions about Mental Health to topical debates (plus lessons about pilgrimages and a bit of computer coding – see Twitter!).

As I have often said about the curriculum, we really make sure the children have the opportunity to extend their thinking in certain subjects. Adverts and news articles about Palm Oil have been all over the news recently and our Year Fives have been really dissecting this global issue and learning more about which products contain palm oil and what we can do to be more responsible consumers.

In some ways, this is a natural follow-on from our focus on recycling and it's great how the children really question the world around them and unpick what is done that harms our planet. Last week I talked about what we can do to help recycle in a more effective way and after signing up with [www.teracycle.co.uk](http://www.teracycle.co.uk) I am pleased to say that from after half term we will be a recognised collection point for crisp packets. We have also signed up for other collections of recyclable items but I haven't heard anything back yet. I'll keep you posted but in the meantime if you do want to recycle your crisp packets then look out for the collection point in a few weeks.

In other news, in case you missed it, the most recent Parent/Carer Questionnaire analysis was published on the website this week (click on link below). Thank you for taking the time to complete it and I hope you are as pleased as we are with the results! We continue to make great progress!

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/Questionnaire-Results>

Next week is E-Safety Week and Mental Health Week so keep an eye on Twitter for updates on what has been going on in class and assemblies. We will also be visited by children who are in the Mental Health Council from Chellaston Academy on Monday and they are going to help us set up ours and give us some top tips!

Have a great weekend,

Mr I. Johnson