**How can we reduce energy costs as a school?**

* Use natural light as much as possible and only turn lights on when necessary.
* Use the flipcharts more often instead of the Interactive Whiteboard.
* Turn things off when not using them (not just into standby) including at break times if this is convenient – lights, whiteboards, laptops.
* Turn off all switches at the end of each day, including the water fountains.
* Make more use of outside learning, where electronics/lights/laptops are not involved.
* Use resources more sparingly – paper towels etc.
* Teachers to use and print fewer worksheets.
* Look into using energy saving lightbulbs and the cost of solar panels.
* Keep doors and windows shut to keep the warmth in and teachers and children wear enough layers so that they are warm in class.
* Turn off the ipads and laptops when we are finished so that they don’t need to be recharged as often.

**How can we encourage and support children in attending school every day?**

* More mindfulness sessions to reduce anxiety and give children the tools to keep themselves mentally healthy and happy.
* Movement/brain breaks frequently throughout the day so that children feel happy and comfortable at school.
* Enjoyable and calming entry routines – colouring/ calming activities on arrival.
* Move a mile in the morning as a calming entry routine.
* Time to talk in the mornings to an adult if you’re feeling sad/tired.
* Access to the calm corner throughout the day to support mental health.
* Reminders on hygiene and hand washing from teachers and possibly in the form of posters so that germs spread less easily.
* Suggestions for morning routines and schedules for children who struggle to get ready in the mornings, possibly in the form of a poster or leaflet.
* Advice on sleep/eating/exercise to stay healthy for parents and children.
* Shared time with parents in school such as shared reading mornings to strengthen the home/school link.
* Posters to encourage and explain why attendance is important up around the school all year round.
* Ongoing attendance awards and charts throughout the entire year.
* Booking more visitors and WOW days to promote a love of learning.
* More extra-curricular classes and groups to encourage children to come to school and be part of these – one idea was a nature club.
* Making school fun – engaging lessons and interesting topics to look forward to each day.
* Teachers telling children the fun things that will be happening in school the next day the night before.
* Consistent use of stickers/raffle tickets/ rewards so that children are encouraged with their learning.
* Bring back Free Time Friday as a reward for our hard work.