

Chaucer 'Chuck Out' - 5th to 16th March

I hope that half-term provided the perfect opportunity for a 'Spring clean' and that some of you may have found old clothes and other items that you wish to throw out. If so, please could I ask that you keep hold of them in preparation for Chaucer Chuck Out, held between the 5th and 16th March), when we will be helping to organise a collection of textiles that will be sent for recycling. The textiles will be exchanged for money which will be donated to Tom's Trust, our chosen House Charity for this year. The more textiles that we can collect, the more money we can raise. Please see below for the items that are available for recycling and for more information about what happens to the clothes.

What can be collected?

Unwanted clothes, bed linen, towels and curtains (clean and dry items only please)

Hats, gloves, belts, scarves, handbags, swimwear and sportswear (but not sports equipment)

Paired shoes, boots, sandals and trainers (please secure each set in pairs by tying laces or fastening together with an elastic band – no single shoes)

Small electrical items e.g. mobile phones, kettles, hair driers, battery operated toys.

Unfortunately, they cannot collect pillows, duvets, sleeping bags, camping equipment, slippers, books or bric-a-brac.

What happens to the items collected?

On collection day our textiles will be picked up and taken to a factory in London, where they will be weighed and sorted. Around 63% of items collected can be reused – there's a thriving market for secondhand clothes in Eastern Europe, Africa and South Asia, and this is where the majority of your old clothes and shoes will end up. Clothes that are stained, damaged or ripped are sent off for recycling.

What next?

A leaflet will be distributed via the children during the week prior to Chaucer 'Chuck Out' and items can be brought into school in any bag – it might be a good opportunity to re-use supermarket carrier bags! Collection bins will be situated under the covered area between Newton building and the Sports Hall. Please bring in your items at any time during 5th - 16th March.

I do hope that you are able to help us in this venture as we hope to support Tom's Trust whilst also doing our bit to help the environment.

Many thanks,

Miss E Kennerley
Head of Chaucer House